

**OPENING REMARK**

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Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Taala Wabarakatuh and  
Salam Sejahtera,

1. Alhamdulillah, praise be to the Almighty for giving us this opportunity to be here at the the opening ceremony of the **Malaysia Technology Expo- MTE 2021 Virtual Edition, International Innovation Awards.**

2. As we all know, this is the first MTE virtual event which has taken the mode of a new normal in light of the on-going scenario of the COVID-19 pandemic. As the Movement Control Order is still in effect, travel is curtailed, and physical restrictions are strictly observed; consequently, the safety of our participants and attendees becomes our top priority.

**Ladies & Gentlemen,**

3. First and foremost, on behalf of UTeM, and the organizing committee, I would like to thank all the participants for your undoubting support to the MTE 2021 Virtual Edition. I hope

that this five days' event will provide considerable opportunities for participants from various backgrounds, to not only display their innovations and inventions, but also to seize the opportunity to interact, discuss, and exchange ideas on the latest techniques and technologies that eventually proffers mutual benefits.

**Ladies & Gentlemen,**

4. I am indeed glad to be informed that this annual event has succeeded, in attracting 330 participations from numerous local and international education institutions, agencies as well

as industrial participants. My sincere thanks to all participants for your unstinting trust, and support towards the MTE.

5. Although this year's event is organized virtually, I believe this approach provides even more opportunities to researchers from all around the world to participate at the convenience of their own location worldwide. This is the privilege of technology – we are connected regardless of physical and geographical distances.

## **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

6. The Fourth Industrial Revolution, Artificial Intelligence, innovation, automation, Internet of Things and other technological advancements have and will continue to change the nature of jobs required across the globe. In advocating creativity and development of innovations, we aspire to nurture and develop skilled, knowledgeable, innovative and futures thinking human capital that meets the needs of the dynamic employment market. MTE provides ample platforms and opportunities for the discussion and

exchange of ideas that may lead to broader perspectives and benefitting all.

**Ladies & Gentlemen,**

7. It is my believe, that MTE 2021 Virtual Edition will be the catalyst in encouraging innovators and inventors to share and inculcate innovativeness and sustainability in their research. Through this platform, I hope more new ideas and innovations within the realm of sustainable development will emerge.

8. Innovation is not just about making new and better products. It encompasses all aspects of ideas. Besides products, innovation can be clearly manifested in processes, systems, services, methods, and models. MTE 2021 has encapsulated this concept by successfully championing innovative and scientific progression for the past 20 years.
9. I also encourage all participants to have an open and constructive dialogue and would like to reiterate that we need to act now, we need to act strong and we need to act together – to make sure that our prototypes will see the light of day in



commercialization as well as contributing to the betterment of the industries and society.

### **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

10. At this juncture, I also would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate all the relevant parties who have worked hard in preparing and executing the work plans in ensuring the smooth running of this virtual event especially to the panel of judges, PROTEMP and SIRIM Tech Venture, for their relentless commitment.

11. With the engagement and support from all, I am fully confident that MTE 2021 Virtual Edition will culminate into yet another triumphant year. I take this opportunity to wish you the best of luck. May this be an insightful and highly immersive experience for all.

Thank you and Good Luck to all. Stay safe and take care.