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Distinguished Guests, Ladies & Gentlemen.

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh, Salam sejahtera.

1. Alhamdulillah, praise be to the Almighty for giving us this opportunity to gather here for the Officiating Ceremony of Engineering Knowledge Transfer Unit (EKTU) UTeM Erasmus United.

2. On behalf of UTeM, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Edutech Supply & Services for your tenacious support to UTeM and those who have contributed to the setting up of the first of such Academic Unit at UTeM.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

3. As the 1st technical university, UTeM is profoundly committed towards enhancing staff and students' competencies and trainings especially in the field of engineering and technology - in ensuring that UTeM

continues to be competitive and maintains sustainable excellence, specifically in the era of Industry 4.0.

4. We are indeed honored that FH JOANNEUM, Austria together with European partners under the Erasmus+ United Capacity Building in Higher Education grant from the EU has initiated this strategic approach – through the establishment of the Engineering Knowledge Transfer Unit among the South East Asian institutions, inclusive of UTeM. This initiative extends the opportunities for active participation and collaboration from eminent industry partners especially in the automotive field.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

5. I've been informed that this 36-month's course which is fully funded by the European Commission at a value of £980,841.00, has started in January 2019 and will continue until January 2022. Sincere thanks to the European Commission for your fervent support.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

6. I sincerely hope that EKTU will be recognized as a strategic one stop course and training centre in the respective fields

for our students. For your information, in our endeavour to elevate the quality of our academics and students, we encourage and support all staff and students to continually strengthen their knowledge in high-impact and high-demand areas and to secure at least one professional certification in their relevant field of expertise and studies.

7. This approach will unequivocally contribute as add-on values to our staff and students who will eventually be referred to in their field of expertise and as for our graduates, this certification will most definitely escalate their employability.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

8. At this juncture, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to FH JOANNEUM, Austria together with our European partners and Edutech Supply & Services for your generous and steadfast support to UTeM.

9. I would also like to thank the committee, especially of whom has rendered much effort in ensuring the smooth running of this course.

10. I hope that the knowledge acquired from this course will be utilised in our daily operations to the benefits of all. Thank You.