

## **OPENING REMARKS**

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**MoA UTeM – ZEM**

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**UNIVERSITI TEKNIKAL MALAYSIA MELAKA**

Good afternoon,

**Mr. Xu Gaoshan**

CEO of Zhongxing Education Management Co. Ltd, WUXI

**Datuk Tan Yew Sing**

President of Malaysia-China Chamber of Commerce

**Mr. Tan In Fong**

Director, Asia Pacific Innotech Learning Centre Sdn. Bhd.

**Prof. Dr. Zulkifilie bin Ibrahim**

Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic and International, UTeM

**Mr. Ahmad Kamal bin Sharifuddin,**

Chief Executive Officer, UTeM Holdings Sdn. Bhd.

Delegates from Zhongxing Education Management Co. Ltd, WUXI, Senior Officers of UTeM, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.



- i. First and foremost, let me extend my warmest welcome to the delegates from **ZHONGXING EDUCATION MANAGEMENT CO. LTD., WUXI** to this special virtual occasion – the signing of Memorandum of Agreement between UTeM and ZEM, for 10 years up till 2032.
- ii. UTeM is very honored to be chosen by ZEM as a strategic university partner.
- iii. As the first public technical university in Malaysia, UTeM pioneers the practice and application oriented teaching and learning methodology for higher technical education in Malaysia.

- iv. UTeM has eight distinct faculties which provide in-depth specialization in engineering, engineering technology, ICT and technology management disciplines at the Diploma, Bachelor and Post Grad levels.

### **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

- v. Advancing towards its 3rd decade of establishment, UTeM has built numerous formidable ties with international corporations and renowned universities across the globe specifically from Asia, Middle East, Europe, United States, and many more.
- vi. Prior to this, UTeM has established strategic networking with higher education institutions from China, namely Shenzhen Polytechnic and Zhenjiang University of Technology.

- vii. However, the MoA between UTeM and ZEM is the first of such smart partnership with our international counterparts.
- viii. This MoA with ZEM will undoubtedly open up avenues for UTeM to be recognized globally as one of ASEAN's hub of technical higher education through students' enrollment across ASEAN countries and exclusively from China.
- ix. As a focused University specializing in technical and technology programs, UTeM believes, through three mutually-agreed programs - Bachelor of Technology in Internet of Things (IoT) with Honours, Bachelor of Technology in Telecommunications with Honours, and Bachelor of Technology in Cloud Computing and Application with Honours, with the first intake in September 2022, we will

be able to produce the next generation of ICT leaders who are talented, knowledgeable and employable.

- x. They will have an advantage to contribute greatly towards realizing our nation's aspirations to be a world-class digitized nation and sustainable economy.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

- xi. On behalf of Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM), I express my sincere appreciation for your steadfast support to the University.
- xii. I hope this high impact initiative and contribution will catalyse to many more similar ventures in the future. With that, I thank you.