

# **SPEECH**

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**MoU UTeM – SilTerra**

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Assalamualaikum WBT and a very good day.

**Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri Dato' Sri Haji Syed Zainal Abidin Syed Mohamad Tahir**

Executive Chairman, Silterra Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.

**Yang Berbahagia Professor Dato' Dr. Faisal Rafiq Mahamd Adika**

Vice Chancellor Universiti Sains Malaysia

**Yang Berbahagia Professor Teknologis Dr. Zaliman bin Sauli**

Vice Chancellor Universiti Malaysia Perlis

## **Dr. Albert Pang**

Chief Executive Officer, Silterra Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen

1. Praise be to Allah swt for his blessings and compassion has enabled us to gather for this meaningful ceremony.
2. Special thanks to SilTerra Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. for your effort and commitment in making this event a reality.
3. UTeM is very honored to be chosen by SilTerra Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. as a strategic university-industry partner.

4. This special occasion of the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UTeM and SilTerra Sdn. Bhd. marks the beginning of many more successful and fruitful partnerships between both parties in the future.
5. Prior to this, UTeM has had a very dynamic synergy with Silterra Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. since year 2012 with one MoU and two MoAs. Various strategic initiatives and beneficial collaborations, have been carried out, through vigorous engagements such as sharing knowledge and expertise in technology management studies and innovation, sharing of facilities related to research topics without limits and restrictions, and offering a Post-Graduate Program among SilTerra staff which is Engineering Doctorate at UTeM.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

6. Based on the third strategic goal underneath the UTeM's Seven Strategic Goals (SSG) 2021-2025, the University has marked Solution Provider for Industrial & Community Development as one of crucial agenda in University's strategic direction. To accomplish this aspiration, UTeM needs to develop expertise in diverse initiatives specifically in consultation projects, corporate social responsibility (CSR) programs, graduate marketability training, and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics or STEM programs through intensify vital collaborations and networking under significant

impact of quadruple helix concept - government, university, focused community and industry, and industries.

7. As a focused university, emphasizing on high TVET, UTeM looks forward to and applaud that strong University – Industry relation, between UTeM and Silterra Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.
8. I believe the MoU we are signing today will be an impetus to many more long-term collaborations. Smart partnerships between university-industry are vital towards translating academic and research output into products and services which will eventually benefit respective parties and will continue to be the focal points in preparing universities to face the challenges of Industrial Revolution 4.0.

9. This MoU is highly substantial and timely as our nation strives towards attaining its vision of an advanced nation. With SilTerra Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. on board, it will undoubtedly catalyze towards more impactful academic, research and commercialization ventures by UTeM experts.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

10. I do hope through the MoU signed today this networking will continue to proliferate into many more mutually beneficial ventures in the future. Thank you. We look forward to empowering available students and workforce from both parties through structured, immensely beneficial activities together. With that I thank you.