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Assalamualaikum wbt., and a very good morning

1. I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to His Excellency for graciously organising a visit to our campus Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM) in Melaka. **Welcome to Malaysia and specifically to the historic city of Melaka.** I hope that all of you have a pleasant stay in Melaka and have the opportunity to visit all of the interesting locations around Melaka.
2. Firstly, allow me to provide a brief introduction again about our university. UTeM, previously known as Kolej Universiti Teknikal Kebangsaan Malaysia (KUTKM), was established on December 1, 2000.
3. In a significant rebranding exercise on February 1, 2007, UTeM transformed into Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM), becoming Malaysia's first technical university and the 14th public university. UTeM is renowned for pioneering a "practice and application-oriented" approach to higher technical education.
4. As a Focus University, UTeM boasts strengths in technical fields – namely Engineering, IT, and

Management Technology. UTeM has cemented a reputation of being a source of high-quality engineering graduates with the capability of meeting the requirements of high-tech industries. UTeM also has research competencies in areas that it has identified as being key to enhancing the University's unique proposition and also contributes to the nation such as Green Technology, Systems Engineering, Human-Technology Interaction, and Emerging Technology.

5. The curriculum of UTeM is developed closely with industry experts and aligned to the national agenda for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) to ensure its quality and relevance meet the needs of the thriving industrial sectors and further produces highly-skilled human resources for the development of Malaysia.
6. Currently, UTeM has 6 faculties and 3 centres where the majority of the faculties are technology and engineering faculties. UTeM caters to approximately 19,000 students, encompassing undergraduate and postgraduate programs. Since 2005, we have proudly produced 45,192 graduates, with a remarkable 97.7% graduate employability rate in local private and multinational companies.

7. Emphasizing our commitment to international recognition and relevance, UTeM actively engages in initiatives fostering research, innovation, and teaching collaborations in areas of mutual interest with other institutions abroad. This approach enriches our research, consulting, and academic excellence capabilities, ensuring mutual benefits.
8. Not only that, UTeM also actively establishing relationships with domestic and foreign industries. Among the industries involved is Infineon Technologies (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd., Petronas Lubricant International Sdn. Bhd., Hiilse Global Sdn. Bhd., and many more.
9. We aim to establish UTeM as the leading university in higher TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training) education, specializing in **Advanced Manufacturing and Computing Technology**. We provide a transformative and experiential learning environment through a flexible industrial-based curriculum and the latest technology.
10. For your information, in UTeM currently there are 35 students from the Palestine, 9 are undergraduates' students and 26 are postgraduates' students. We also

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provide monthly allowance of RM900 for one year to 17 of the Palestinian students in hoping to help them during their study.

11. We really hope that this visit from His Excellency is a good sign in establishing closer relationship in the future. Hopefully a collaboration will be able to be worked out between universities and agencies from the Palestine universities in dignifying the university's and further forging a name on the international arena.

With that, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved.

