Bismillahirrahmanirrahim,

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh, Salam Sejahtera, and a very good day.

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Yang Berusaha **PROFESOR DR. MOHD RIZAL BIN SALLEH**

Dean, School of Graduate Studies

Distinguished guests, the respectful Faculty Deans, esteemed faculty, proud families, and most importantly, our remarkable doctoral graduates.

Today, we gather to celebrate a momentous achievement. A culmination of dedication, brilliance, and an unyielding quest for excellence. This Doctoral Hooding Ceremony marks not just a milestone in your academic journey, but a significant chapter in your lives. Congratulations to each of you on this momentous occasion!

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It is with immense pride that I announce a historic milestone for UTeM. This year, we celebrate 120 doctoral graduates. The highest number in our university's history! You stand at the forefront of UTeM's legacy, embodying the strength and vision that

propel us as a leading institution of knowledge and innovation.

What makes this achievement even more extraordinary is the rich tapestry of diversity within this cohort. You represent a global community, hailing from Malaysia, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), China, Jordan, Indonesia, Lebanon, Yemen, Pakistan, Iraq, and many other nations. Each of you brings unique cultures, perspectives, and ideas that have profoundly enriched our academic community. This global presence affirms that UTeM is not just a national university, but a vibrant hub of excellence on the international stage.

As you step beyond these halls, remember that your journey as a doctoral graduate carries a profound responsibility. You join an elite community. The finest minds of UTeM. We urge you to remain connected, to

give back to the university that has nurtured you, and to engage as active alumni. Whether through research, industry partnerships, or mentorship, your contributions will help UTeM soar to even greater heights.

Dear Graduates,

Carry UTeM's name with pride wherever your path leads. You are the ambassadors of this esteemed institution, and your successes are our shared triumphs. Lead with integrity, uphold the torch of knowledge and innovation, and let your careers reflect the excellence that UTeM embodies.

As you embark on this new chapter, remember that the world yearns for more than just knowledge. It seeks transformative leaders who can turn that knowledge into meaningful change. Be those leaders. Whether your journey takes you within Malaysia or across the globe. Let UTeM's values guide you, and may your accomplishments shine as a testament to the greatness of your alma mater.

Once again, congratulations to the doctoral graduates of the 20th UTeM Convocation. You have made history, and we could not be prouder of you.

Thank you.

Professor Datuk Ts. Dr. Massila Kamalrudin UTeM Vice Chancellor

8th November 2024