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Being part of me is what you're. Now, here I'm going to bid a 'goodbye' note to you. But, before that, I'm going to recall all your good deeds to me. Throughout years, thinking back, I've been being thankful to you, UiTM, and ITM, which you've been formally known. You were my first step I've made on my long and winding road to the 'menara gading' and you're also the last step I've made in ending my career.

Back in 1979, you were known as ITM. That was the year I stepped into your life after holding my MCE. Business Studies was the diploma I've pursued at your premise for three years. Being the chosen one to a well-known public higher institution has made

me a thankful person. Among my bright Sultan Sulaiman school friends, who've always talked of getting enrolled at ITM if they've obtained good MCE grades, it's never occurred to me to dream of you as a place to continue my studies as I've considered myself not as bright as they were and, furthermore, everything has been in English. We, Terengganuans, have always feared of speaking English. Due to all these, I've never dreamed of going to ITM to pursue my studies. To me, you've not been within my reach.

However, luck has been in my way. I was offered a Business Studies diploma programme instead of the Art and Design diploma, which I'd applied and had more interest in. From here

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onwards until now, I'm always with you except in a few intervals. The first interval has been when obtaining my Bachelor's Degree. I've left you for quite sometimes to the United States to get my BSc Degree in Business Administration; for 2 years. Having been a diploma student of ITM, I've got quite a lot of credit transfers on certain subjects. There has been no doubt that your diploma has been quite powerful here at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

I reacquainted with you once more when I was continuing my Master's Degree in Dungun.

Immediately after giving birth to my third son, I was once again enrolled in Master in Business Administration in 2000. At that time, lecturers have all been from Shah Alam. Some of them have even got my ride back to the airport since I was from Kuala Terengganu. The decision to further studies for my master's degree hasn't been a long-dreamed decision. Having taught at Kolej Yayasan Terengganu, known as the KYT, which has been a 100% UiTM franchise college, I've felt bored of teaching the same subjects over and over again, but, surprisingly, the KYT has offered money prize for those who wanted to pursue master's degree. The time has been right for me to revolutionise myself by upgrading my knowledge, so I've taken the offer and got enrolled at

UiTM Dungun.

I've still remembered meeting the late Assoc. Prof. Dr. Siti Haryati asking me to join UiTM after I'd finished my MBA. We were both at the KYT before. What I could reply to her has just been a big smile as I've known that I've not been able to fulfil certain requirements. So, I've still been with the KYT until it has been sold lock, stock, and barrel to UiTM. Ironically, my acquaintance with you, UiTM, has seemed fated from the beginning. I've remembered vividly being interviewed by the late YM Assoc. Prof. Tengku Yusoff Tengku Mahmud and Prof. Dr. Mustaffa Mohamed Zain when the KYT was taken. Luckily, I was already holding my Master's Degree when I was being interviewed. As for others, they've to continue pursuing their master's degrees. For sure, the road has been a long and winding one for them, I guess.

My last acquaintance with you was when I was accepted as a UiTM lecturer in 2008. I'm so happy as I can give the service back to you reciprocally parallel with what you give and have given me. This 10th July 2021 would be my last day with you. I'm indeed sad. As my days with you are now numbered, to properly bid you goodbye, this is why I come out with this snippet of writing as a humble souvenir for you. Thank you, thank you, and thank you. Lastly, my deepest thanks go to Allah for making UiTM a part of sources where I derive income for my family, where friendship is made, and where knowledge's acquired. I'm indeed proud to be a UiTM breed.

"UiTM sentiasa di hatiku".

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