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SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM 2025**

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Thank you, Ms. Chairperson,

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Honorable members of the audience,

Professor Dr. Yarina Ahmad

Director of the Institute of Biodiversity & Sustainable
Development (BSD) (TBC)

Professor Madya Dr. Mas Suryalis Ahmad

Dean of Faculty of Dentistry

Professor Dato' Dr. Abu Bakar Abdul Majeed

Dean of Faculty of Pharmacy

Professor Dr. Fazah Akhtar Hanapiah

Dean of Faculty of Medicine

Professor Dr. Zulhairi Hj Amom

Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences

Heads of Academic Centres, Professors, Lecturers,
Ladies and Gentlemen, Students of the Faculty of
Dentistry UiTM, and all attendees.

**Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh,
Salam Sejahtera, Salam Malaysia Madani and
Salam UiTM di Hatiku. Greetings, everyone.**

1. *Alhamdulillah.* With profound gratitude, we acknowledge Allah's grace and blessings that have made this auspicious event possible.
2. On behalf of the UiTM Selangor Rector, Professor Dr Ahmad Taufek Abdul Rahman, it gives me great pleasure to be here today to officiate the **15th UiTM International Dental Student's Scientific Symposium 2025.**

3. First and foremost, I would like to congratulate the **Faculty of Dentistry** and the organising committee for their unwavering commitment and dedication in hosting this annual event – an event that has grown in both prominence and significance over the years.

4. This year's theme, **“From Inquiry to Impact: Revolutionizing Dentistry Through Research”**, is both timely and thought-provoking.

5. It reminds us of the critical role that scientific inquiry plays in shaping the future of dentistry.

6. More importantly, it underscores the responsibility we bear as educators, practitioners, and future dental professionals to transform curiosity into innovation, and into real-world solutions that improve oral health, and enhance lives.

Ladies and gentlemen,

7. As we stand on the brink of exciting advancements, it is clear that research is no longer a supplementary endeavour.
8. It is at the heart of everything we do. It drives clinical excellence, informs best practices, and ensures that our patients receive care that is not only effective, but ethical, evidence-based, and future-ready.
9. To our students, you are not merely participants of this symposium.
10. You are the future of dentistry. You are the thinkers, the doers, the trailblazers.
11. Let this symposium be more than a platform for presenting findings. Let it be a spark.
12. A spark that ignites your passion for lifelong inquiry, collaboration, and impact.

13. To our international guests and collaborators, we are honoured by your presence.

14. Your contributions and perspectives enrich this symposium, and reflect our shared commitment to global progress in dental education and research.

15. At Universiti Teknologi MARA, we are proud to support such initiatives that foster excellence, innovation, and international collaboration.

16. I am confident that this symposium has inspired new ideas, forge new partnerships, and strengthen the research culture that is vital to the growth of our profession.

17. **Without further ado, in the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful, it is my great honour to officially officiate the 15th UiTM International Dental Student's Scientific Symposium 2025.**

18. May it be a resounding success.

Thank you.

Wabillahi taufiq wal hidayah

**Wassalamualaikum warahmatullahi
wabarakatuh.**