

## **WELCOME SPEECH**

Yang Berbahagia  
Prof. Datuk Dr Hajah Roziah Mohd Janor  
Vice-Chancellor  
Universiti Teknologi MARA

**Signing Ceremony  
Memorandum of Agreement  
between Universiti Teknologi MARA  
and  
St. Thomas College of Engineering and Technology,  
Kerala, India**

18 May 2023

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**Esteemed guests and delegates from St. Thomas  
College of Engineering and Technology, Kerala, India:**

**Dr Shajan Kuriakose**

Principal of St. Thomas College of Engineering &  
Technology (STC)

**Er (Engineer) Jose Thomas**

Manager and CEO of STC

**Assoc. Prof. Dr Vipin Gopan**

STC Manager of MoU and MoA between UiTM and STC

**Esteemed UiTM colleagues:**

**Yang Berbahagia**

**Prof. Dr Hamidah Mohd Saman @ Haji Mohamed**

Assistant Vice-Chancellor,  
College of Engineering, UiTM

**Yang Berusaha**

**Assoc. Prof. Dr Valliyappan David**

Manager of MoU and MoA between UiTM and STC

**Respected deans, ladies, and gentlemen.**

**Salutations**

**(To be confirmed by the organiser on the day of the event)**

**Assalamualaikum      Warahmatullahi      Wabarakatuh.**

**Greetings to all.**

1. Alhamdulillah. Praise be to Allah S.W.T. for the blessings that have allowed us to gather here today for the **Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) signing**

**between Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and St. Thomas College of Engineering and Technology, Kerala, India.**

2. I am here on behalf of the **Vice-Chancellor, Yang Berbahagia Prof. Datuk Dr Hajah Roziah Mohd Janor**, who could not be with us today. Prof Datuk Roziah sends her warmest regards to everyone and wishes the event a great success.
3. It is indeed an honour to witness the beginning of an exciting venture between **Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and St. Thomas College of Engineering and Technology (STC)**, Kerala, India.
4. My heartiest congratulations to the **UiTM College of Engineering**, and the organising committees for their hard work and dedication in hosting this momentous event.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

5. This MoA is an initiative under our existing MoU that represents the commitment of both institutions to work towards common goals in staff mobility and student exchange programmes.
6. It represents a shared vision, mission, and responsibility that will positively impact our institutions.
7. The partnership with **St. Thomas College of Engineering and Technology** is indeed fitting and timely.
8. **STC** is a leading engineering institute in India with world-class facilities that cater to **SEVEN (7)** undergraduate courses that include **Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Electronics and**

**Communication Engineering, as well as Computer Science and Engineering.**

9. STC aims to adapt proactively to the changing needs and challenges of time as well as to become a catalyst for positive change.
10. These aspirations are parallel to what UiTM College of Engineering stands for as one of its objectives is to **fulfil market needs** and **promote global prosperity**.
11. More importantly, UiTM would benefit tremendously from these forthcoming international exposure, academic collaborations, and exchanges of students and staff as they support the **university's goal** for **Global Marketability**.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

12. The signing of this MoA is an important milestone for both academic establishments and marks the

beginning of a new chapter in the relationship between **UiTM** and **STC**.

13. Our research and academic strengths, skills and resources that complement each other signify that we can achieve remarkable things together.
14. Considering everything, the signing of this MoA is a solemn pledge to honour our commitments and work together for a better future for our staff and students.
15. As we embark on this journey together, let us commit to a spirit of partnership, collaboration, and mutual respect.
16. Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in negotiating and drafting this **Memorandum of Agreement**.

17. I also want to express my gratitude to the leaders of both parties for their vision, leadership, and commitment to excellence.
  
18. Congratulations and best wishes to all on this new endeavour and working towards a common goal.

**On that note, thank you.**

**Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum  
Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.**