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**Malaysia Technology Expo
Sustainable Development Goals International
Innovation Awards (MTE SDG IIA 2023)
Briefing**

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Distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen

Salutations

(to be confirmed by the organiser on the day of the event)

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh. Salam Sejahtera. Good afternoon to everyone.

- 1) *Alhamdulillah*, praise be to Allah S.W.T whose grace and blessings made it possible for us to gather for this significant occasion.

- 2) A warm welcome I bid to everyone in attendance. It is an honour to stand before you today as we delve into the awards briefing for the **Malaysia Technology Expo (MTE) 2023 Sustainable Development Goals International Innovation Awards**.

- 3) I am Professor Datuk Dr Hajah Roziah Mohd Janor, the Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Teknologi MARA and the **Chair of the Awards Committee for the MTE Sustainable Development Goals 2023**.

- 4) My sincere thanks to the organisers for extending their invitation to me once again to address everyone as an Awards Partner.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

- 5) Universiti Teknologi MARA remains steadfast in its efforts to support the **United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.
- 6) We also believe that knowledge and innovation are essential to ensure sustainability in all aspects of life and are, therefore, the driving forces behind positive change.
- 7) As we gather here to discuss and focus on these **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, we also acknowledge the urgency of addressing the global challenges that have come to define our times.
- 8) These **Goals** underscore our collective responsibility to create a more equitable,

sustainable, and prosperous world for current and future generations.

- 9) Hence, the **MTE 2023 Sustainable Development Goals International Innovation Awards** is established to stand as a testament to our commitment to fostering innovation that aligns with these essential goals.
- 10) Corresponding to what I just mentioned, I am pleased to announce that we have received **more than 120 award submissions** to date, and more entries are still coming in.
- 11) As you can see, innovation knows no bounds. By promoting the convergence of ideas from diverse disciplines, cultures, and backgrounds, we pave the way for groundbreaking solutions that have the potential to transform societies and shape a brighter future.

- 12) As we proceed with the briefing, I urge you to focus your attention on our **MTE SDG IIA 2023** (Malaysia Technology Expo Sustainable Development Goals International Innovation Awards 2023) **Chief Juror, Professor Dr Wong Tin Wui's guidance** on the **evaluation criteria** and **insights** into common pitfalls during presentations and submission of entries.

- 13) I assure you that this will be instrumental in warranting that your innovation achieves the highest possible score.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

- 14) Before I conclude, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all participants, panel of judges, and partners who have come together to make this event possible.

- 15) It helps to be reminded that the road to sustainable development is not one that can be travelled alone as it requires collaboration, partnership, and an

unwavering dedication to translating innovative concepts into actionable realities.

- 16) On that note, I wish us all a productive and insightful briefing session ahead.

Thank you.

**Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum
Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.**