

## WELCOME ADDRESS

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**Signing Ceremony  
Memorandum of Agreement between  
Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM)  
and  
Daffodil International University, Dhaka, Bangladesh**

**18 September 2023**

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**Our esteemed and honourable guests:**

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**Distinguished Professors, ladies, and gentlemen.**

**Salutations**

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

***Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.***

***Salam Sejahtera. Good afternoon, everyone.***

1. *Alhamdulillah*, praise be, by the abundant grace of Allah S.W.T, we gather here virtually at the Signing Ceremony for the **Memorandum of Agreement (MoA)** between **Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM)** and the **Daffodil International University (DIU)**.
2. Regardless of the distance, this simple ceremony will mark and celebrate the close ties between our institutions.
3. A very warm welcome I bid to everyone joining us from near and far. It is a great honour for me to be here with you on this momentous occasion to

commemorate a new academic collaboration between **UiTM and DIU**.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

4. UiTM is Malaysia's largest comprehensive university, with a current population of **over 160,000 students** across **34 campuses** throughout Malaysia.
5. With **over 500 academic programmes** facilitated and delivered by knowledgeable and dedicated local and international academic staff, we have a lot to offer as a university.
6. I am pleased to note that **DIU** also prioritises international exchange programmes and other forms of cooperation for the mutual benefit of both institutions.

7. We are, therefore, confident that partnerships with your reputable institution will put UiTM on course to becoming a **Globally Renowned University**.
8. As outlined in the MoA which we will formalise today, both **UiTM and DIU** will benefit through an exchange of faculty and students.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

9. These MOAs are between the **Accounting Research Institute (ARI) of UiTM** and the **Daffodil International University**.
10. The collaborations consist of **SIX (6)** research projects encompassing **Islamic Corporate Philanthropy, Financial Fraudulent Activities, Money Laundering Risk Management, and Financial Technology**.

11. Hence, through this virtuous effort, both parties will benefit from alliance research values totalling **30,000 USD** which is equivalent to **140,000 Malaysian Ringgit** and **3.298 million Bangladeshi Taka**.
12. As we know, collaboration between **ARI and DIU** is not new. We embarked on a joint effort in **2022** to conduct the **International Conference of Financial Criminology**.
13. Hence, I am confident that our determination to embark on other collaborations will enable us to further realise our shared goal of internationalising education.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

14. Our institutions will pursue many significant activities such as promoting educational and academic exchanges, promoting study opportunities, and

organising seminars, workshops, and conferences for knowledge sharing.

15. On the research front, I am happy to learn that DIU has already started working closely with the Accounting Research Institute (ARI).
16. I understand that both institutions are already initiating **SIX (6) matching research grant projects** involving fellows and postdoctoral scholars of both institutions.
17. Kudos on this endeavour and I wish the research team the very best in their pursuit of knowledge.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

18. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone whose dedication and effort have contributed to the signing of this MoA.

19. I would like to thank **Professor Dr Jamaliah Said**, the **Director** of the Accounting Research Institute, for her initiative in making the signing of this MoA a reality.
20. I am confident that through our joint effort and commitment, we will be able to achieve more by continuing to develop even stronger relations between UiTM and Daffodil International University.
21. Ultimately, I hope that all our cooperative undertakings will contribute to attaining the status of institutions that deliver **Quality Education**.

**Thank you.**

**Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum  
Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.**