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Signing Ceremony Memorandum of Understanding between Universiti Teknologi MARA and Corporate Secretaries International Association Limited (CSIA) Hong Kong

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**Distinguished guests from UiTM and MAICSA, 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 to Allah S.W.T for His abundant blessings and the opportunity to gather here today for a momentous occasion for UiTM and its esteemed partner.
2. Allow me to extend a warm welcome and *Selamat Datang* to everyone in attendance for the Signing Ceremony of the **Memorandum of Understanding between the Corporate Secretaries International Association Limited (CSIA) Hong Kong and Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM).**

3. It is truly a pleasure to stand before you on this auspicious day to witness the start of another vital partnership that I believe would yield exceptional outcomes for all parties involved.

4. My sincere gratitude to everyone whose efforts have led to today's event, especially to CSIA, for embarking on this meaningful collaboration with UiTM, fostering a closer relationship with the university and celebrating the proliferation of knowledge through academic cooperation.

Ladies and gentlemen,

5. A successful developmental agenda requires inclusive partnerships at global, regional, and national levels built on shared principles, values, and goals. Hence, the relationship sealed today is an effective strategy for fostering innovation, driving economic growth, and addressing the challenges of a rapidly changing world.

6. At UiTM, we eagerly welcome such collaboration as it contributes to and is in tandem with the mission of becoming a **Globally Renowned University by 2025**.
7. In essence, this MoU signifies the commitment to maintain and intensify cooperation between UiTM and CSIA, especially in education, emphasising academic and research expertise and collaboration in governance.
8. With that in mind, I truly hope that this collaboration will invigorate knowledge sharing and increase exposure to related industries that will benefit staff and students.
9. I also anticipate that the scope of this collaboration will not only have a positive impact on the production of publications to improve scholarship but also strengthen strategic planning, especially in improving the marketability of students through soft skills, effective communication, confidence, and leadership development.

10. Considering that universities are also talent and education hubs, this partnership can also lead to the establishment of talent development programmes and cooperative education initiatives.

Ladies and gentlemen,

11. I hope that we can also leverage the diverse expertise and resources from both parties to address various challenges and pertinent issues affecting society.

12. With CSIA on board, the university can even embark on meaningful endeavours such as community educational programmes and development projects to fulfil our **University Social Responsibility**.

13. Nevertheless, I am sure UiTM and CSIA will continue to look at other opportunities that can be explored to be realised optimally.

14. Hopefully, we can help each other in every programme and activity and successfully achieve objectives for the greater good.
15. In closing, I would like to congratulate and thank the secretariat for working hard to ensure that this event runs smoothly and thank you again to the management of the Faculty of Administrative Science and Policy Studies and CSIA, **especially to the CEO, Ms Zahra Cassim**, for the continuous support and commitment.
16. My best wishes to all and thank you.

Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.