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**Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Exchange
between
Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM)
and
Jerash University (JU), Zarqa University (ZU), Ajloun
University (AU), and Amman Arab University (AAU)**

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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 and good afternoon.

- 1) *Alhamdulillah*, praise be to Allah S.W.T for His abundant blessings, which made it possible for us to gather today to witness the beginning of a meaningful collaboration.

- 2) I extend a cordial welcome and *Selamat Datang* to all eminent guests. I am delighted to have the honour of joining you today for the **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) exchange** between **Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM)** and **four (4)** Jordanian universities, namely the **Jerash University, Zarqa University, Ajloun University, and the Amman Arab University.**

- 3) Allow me to express my profound thanks to **Prof. Dr Hamidah Mohd Saman, Assistant**

**Vice-Chancellor of the College of Engineering
UiTM**, for the partnership that will be sealed today.

- 4) I also want to acknowledge and thank UiTM's **School of Civil Engineering** and everyone else involved in materialising this vital undertaking.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

- 5) Over the years, UiTM has formed meaningful partnerships with various higher learning institutions to benefit students and academics.
- 6) The formalising of the MoU today corroborates our institutions' strong support and commitment to expanding and strengthening research and academic capabilities, not only in the area of engineering but in other areas of interest.
- 7) Thus, we are very excited and look forward to the wonderful possibilities derived from this collaboration with these four esteemed Jordanian Universities.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

- 8) For the benefit of our respected guests, allow me to give a summary of UiTM.
- 9) The university offers **522 academic programmes**, from Foundation studies and Pre-Diplomas to PhD and Professional Programmes in **Business and Management, Social Sciences and Humanities, and Science and Technology**.
- 10) Located at **34 campuses** nationwide, we currently cater to more than **180,000 students**.
- 11) Our reputation as a comprehensive university can facilitate the implementation of a wide range of activities across many disciplines.
- 12) Therefore, the platform created by the MoU formalised today can further enhance the interchange of ideas between our two institutions, allowing the academic staff to demonstrate their

expertise and extend it to a broader community, bringing long-term benefits to both parties.

13) I am also optimistic that this collaboration would benefit our academic community – the staff and students alike – in line with the aspirations to develop professionalism and to become **Globally Marketable**.

14) Most importantly, I hope that these upcoming collaborative academic programmes and activities will encourage our students to learn and think in an interdisciplinary manner and develop curious minds that will lead to ingenious and unconventional ideas.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

15) The challenges we face today propel us to move forward and look for innovative solutions that align with our aims and goals.

- 16) I anticipate this new partnership will allow our institutions to work on our vision together to become a **Globally Renowned University** for UiTM and uplift our esteemed partners and Jordanian universities towards becoming **world-class research technical universities**.
- 17) Let's join hands to create impactful synergies and explore new areas and ideas to benefit our institutions and nations.
- 18) Once again, thank you to the organiser and committees for making this event possible, and a sincere thanks to **Jerash University, Zarqa University, Ajloan University, and Amman Arab University** for embarking on this endeavour with UiTM.
- 19) My heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to everyone, and I look forward to an extensive and fruitful alliance between our institutions.

Thank you.

**Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum
Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.**