

WELCOME REMARKS

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**Signing Ceremony
Memorandum of Understanding
between
Universiti Teknologi MARA
and
Siirt University, Türkiye**

1 February 2024

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

**His Excellency
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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. Greetings to all.

1. *Alhamdulillah*, praise be to Allah S.W.T. for His blessings and the opportunity to gather here today for a momentous occasion for UiTM, especially for the **UiTM Centre of Foundation Studies**.
2. Allow me to extend a warm welcome and *Selamat Datang* to everyone attending the **Memorandum of Understanding Signing Ceremony between Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and Siirt University**.
3. It is an honour to address everyone today and to witness and celebrate a great beginning to a new partnership.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

4. As we progress, we must continue to appreciate the value of cultivating global partnerships in the realm of higher education.
5. It is, therefore, an honour to have **Siirt University** on board with us for this vital undertaking, as the university is recognised for its excellence in education, research, and community engagement.
6. With its vision **to innovate solutions that promote the convergence of ideas towards a sustainable world**, Siirt University is the right choice for a partnership with us.
7. As the largest comprehensive university in Malaysia, UiTM has always championed excellence and innovation in line with the **Global Sustainability Agenda**.

8. Hence, acknowledging our shared goal of providing **students with high-quality education and research opportunities**, the MoU sealed today guarantees that both institutions will continue to promote academic and research cooperation.

Ladies and gentlemen,

9. This partnership will facilitate mobility between our faculty members and students, ensuring collaboration on research projects and joint academic programmes where we can learn and grow academically and culturally.
10. I am optimistic that this MoU will advance education and research in our respective institutions by leveraging each other's strengths and resources and working together towards common goals.

11. Additionally, this collaboration will help bridge the gap between academic institutions and the industry and contribute to the development of our society and economy.
12. I also hope this academic collaboration will contribute to UiTM's aspiration of becoming a **Globally Renowned University by 2025** and support efforts to produce **globally marketable** graduates and staff for both institutions.
13. Before ending my speech, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the leadership of **Siirt University** for their willingness to collaborate with us and to everyone who has contributed their time and effort to making this partnership a reality.
14. Let's embrace this new partnership, working toward advancing higher education and research and gaining truly enriching experiences that will benefit our staff and students.

15. Best wishes to everyone, and may blessings
abound for all.

Thank you.

**Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum
Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.**