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2023 Virtual Three-Minute Thesis Competition

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Our honourable guests of this year's national 3MT competition,

Fellow participants from numerous universities in Malaysia,

Media representatives, ladies and gentlemen.

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh dan Salam Sejahtera.

(Salutations)

To be confirmed by the organiser on the day of the event.

1. Alhamdulillah, praise be to Allah S.W.T for His blessings which made it possible for us to gather today at this year's national-level **Virtual Three-Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition**.
2. First and foremost, I would like to thank **Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)** for joining hands with UiTM to host this meaningful event.
3. A very warm welcome and '*Selamat Datang*' to all eminent guests, distinguished judges, and participants to this **Virtual 3MT Competition**.

Ladies and gentlemen,

4. I would like to begin by thanking everyone for attending the event and doing your part to empower Doctoral students to pitch their research confidently in under three–minutes.

5. It is also an honour and our utmost pleasure to get the chance of collaborating with UKM to make this competition a success.
6. **3MT** is an international research and academic communication competition to help students improve their academic presentation and professional communication skills.
7. In three minutes – and using only one PowerPoint slide – Doctoral students are required to give a persuasive and engaging presentation about their dissertation and its importance.
8. Moreover, our students could develop a mastery of crucial skills to engage with the audience. They can flex their ability to organise their thoughts with greater clarity and demonstrate the unique selling point of their product.

Ladies and gentlemen,

9. The **3MT** competition provides the opportunity and platform for Doctoral students to further develop and refine their communication skills. This is not just any public speaking competition, but an avenue for these Doctoral students to explain complex research concepts in an accessible and engaging manner.
10. The task at hand is equally rigorous and is no less intense than in any other competition. I am certain that the skills required to complete the task are also exceptional and impressive.
11. Moreover, participation in competitions such as these will accentuate Doctoral students' resumes. It demonstrates their excellent communication skills which are very much needed in many professions.

12. Most importantly, it means that the students have experience in pitching ideas to a diverse audience in a concise and convincing way.
13. I will say that winning this competition would suggest that the student has achieved a level of expertise in their field of study, and this would help distinguish the student from other job applicants, especially for academic or other research-related jobs.

Ladies and gentlemen,

14. Participation in competitions such as these also benefits the universities. Apart from fostering a culture of innovation, it raises the profile of the university by showcasing its research and intellectual strengths.
15. Universities can leverage their position as an education hub, consequently enhancing education and graduate employability.

16. For UiTM, this also means ensuring **Global Marketability** for our graduates and staff and being in line with the University's goal of becoming a **Globally Renowned University by 2025**.
17. My advice to everyone is to continue to challenge yourselves in pursuing excellence and pushing boundaries in your chosen field.
18. Also, best wishes and good luck, especially to the three main contenders from UiTM:
 - **Nur Damia Iwani Zulkiflee,**
 - **Iman Nabilah Abd Rahim,** and
 - **Nur Atharah Kamarzaman**
19. A special thanks to the judges who have been exceedingly diligent in carrying out their duties. I would also like to express my gratitude to both secretariats from **UiTM** and **UKM** for their hard work and support to ensure the success of this event.

Without further ado, in the name of Allah,

**Most Gracious, Most Merciful,
it gives me great pleasure to officiate the
2023 Virtual Three-Minute Thesis (3MT)
Competition - National Level.**

Thank you.

**Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum
Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.**