

## WELCOME SPEECH

Yang Berbahagia  
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**ACIS Postgraduate Open Day for Middle Eastern  
Universities**

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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 and greetings to all.**

1. Alhamdulillah, praise be to Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful. It is with His blessings that we gather here for this momentous occasion.
2. A warm welcome, *Ahlan Wa Sahlan*, and *Selamat Datang* to all guests, representatives from Middle Eastern Universities postgraduate, and potential candidates from Jordan, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, and Saudi Arabia to **ACIS Postgraduate Open Day**.
3. Congratulations to the organising committee from the **Academy of Contemporary Islamic Studies (ACIS) UiTM**, under the leadership of the **Dean, Associate Professor Dr Mohd Afandi Mat Rani**, for successfully initiating this international collaboration.



**Ladies and gentlemen,**

4. As Malaysia's largest and most comprehensive public university, UiTM offers more than 500 academic programmes with state-of-the-art infrastructure and technology at 34 campuses all over the country.
5. We continue to expand our initiatives in providing **quality education** through international partnerships to strengthen our curriculum and academic development.
6. Our goal is to produce **well-balanced and globally marketable** professionals who will contribute to and ensure the well-being of their religion and society.
7. The **UiTM Academy of Contemporary Islamic Studies** or better known as **ACIS** started as the university religious unit before expanding as an academic centre.

8. Today, ACIS provides courses in **Islamic Studies** for Pre-Diploma and ***Muamalat*** or **Islamic Finance**, and **Halal Industry Management** for Diploma and Degree levels.
9. The centre also offers **Contemporary Islamic** studies at Master's and PhD levels for research and coursework.
10. Not to mention, ACIS also offers the holistic **Plus Tahfiz Programme** to provide opportunities for graduates of *Tahfiz* study centres in Malaysia to further their studies in various programmes at UiTM.
11. Through a systematic **Plus Tahfiz programme**, *Huffaz al-Quran* can preserve and enhance their memorisation and understanding of the Quran.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

12. In line with our aspiration of becoming a **Globally Renowned University by 2025**, ACIS offers opportunities for international-level education to all leading Middle Eastern universities through its programmes.
  
13. This undertaking promotes the making of distinguished international institutions by providing educational, research and community services while deepening local, regional, and global knowledge.
  
14. Such synergy will strengthen our **academic** and **research excellence** through innovative education projects that will further advance Islamic scholarship and understanding to help solve challenges and build a more sustainable future.
  
15. I hope that more strategic partnerships can be materialised from this Open Day programme that will support educational development and establish a cooperation framework in areas of mutual benefit

which include academic activities like research, workshops, conferences, staff and student exchanges, and many more.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

16. I have no doubt that this programme will benefit all institutions and expand our focus areas and institutional values.
17. Once again, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all guests, participants, and potential candidates for your presence today.
18. I trust that this alliance will be strengthened and improved through expertise and human capital development for the benefit of all institutions.
19. My best wishes to everyone. God bless and have a fruitful and pleasant experience.

**Thank you.**

**Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum  
Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.**