

WELCOME ADDRESS

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**Signing Ceremony
Memorandum of Agreement between
Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM)
and
Vocational School Universitas Gadjah Mada**

20 September 2023

**Bilik Mesyuarat Aras 6, Canseleri Tuanku Syed
Sirajuddin, UiTM Shah Alam**

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Esteemed and honourable guests:

Dr -Ing Ir Agus Maryono
Dean of the Vocational School Universitas Gadjah Mada,
Indonesia

The top management of Universitas Gadjah Mada

Yang Berbahagia
Prof. Dr Yamin Yasin
Rector of UiTM Negeri Sembilan Branch

UiTM colleagues, especially from the UiTM Negeri Sembilan Branch

Distinguished guests, 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 which permit us to gather for the signing of the **Memorandum of Agreement (MoA)** between **Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM)** and the **Vocational School Universitas Gadjah Mada**.
2. Allow me to extend my gratitude and appreciation to the **Vocational School Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia** headed by **Dr -Ing Ir Agus Maryono** and

his team, for making our virtual signing event today a reality.

3. We truly appreciate the dedication and readiness of your university to work with us and we are tremendously excited with the wonderful prospects ahead.
4. Not forgetting, congratulations to the **College of Computing, Informatics, and Mathematics, UiTM Negeri Sembilan Branch** for the initiative and noble effort towards the success of this collaboration.

Ladies and gentlemen,

5. Active collaborations with international strategic partners enable UiTM to implement more joint networks and synergies to engage with globally renowned universities.

6. Being the largest comprehensive university in Malaysia, UiTM plays a very significant role as a means for disseminating knowledge for innovative teaching and learning to promote better engagement in education.
7. Therefore, it is crucial for us to strengthen our collaboration with reputable institutions that excel in strong curricula and effective delivery, cutting-edge research, and continuous development of education to produce quality professional graduates.
8. We greatly acknowledge the experience of Universitas Gadjah Mada as the **oldest university** with **74 years** of experience and **the largest higher education institution in Indonesia**.
9. The exceptional academic achievements of Universitas Gadjah Mada and its recent placement in the **Top 300** for **QS World University Rankings**

also inspired UiTM to enter into this bilateral cooperation.

Ladies and gentlemen,

10. *Alhamdulillah*, this year, this bilateral relationship is further developed and strengthened with the Memorandum of Agreement that was made possible through the efforts of the **Information Science Studies, College of Computing, Informatics, and Mathematics Studies UiTM Negeri Sembilan Branch**.

11. It is expected that the knowledge and expertise of the Vocational School Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia in the field of teaching and learning innovation will guide the direction of the Memorandum of Agreement activities that will take place from this year to **2026**.

12. Not to mention, UiTM has also reached remarkable milestones in the past few years and looks forward to many more achievements.
13. A recent exploit is the **information coordination innovation for teaching materials** known as the **Electronic Course File Management System (E-COF)** developed by the College of Computing, Informatics, and Mathematics UiTM Negeri Sembilan Branch which won the **Champion Award in the UiTM Operational Excellence Competition 2020**.
14. As a university with the largest number of students in Malaysia, UiTM is not only keen on producing the most number of graduates in the country but also in ensuring **Quality Education**.
15. Thus, UiTM is hopeful that this collaboration will fuel efforts and develop an innovation culture among its students and staff, championing excellence in

teaching, learning, and research in line with the goal of becoming a **Globally Renowned University**.

Ladies and gentlemen,

16. We hope that this boundless synergy of collaborations will generate new knowledge and ideas for a **sustainable ecosystem**.
17. We also anticipate that this partnership will elevate both institutions' innovation and research endeavours on the global front, leading to positive and beneficial impacts on the community and our respective countries.
18. On that note, thank you once again to the Top Management of the Vocational School Universitas Gadjah Mada, and everyone involved in this initiative.
19. I hope that our noble efforts will inspire others to strengthen the network of cooperation between universities in this region and beyond, Insya-Allah.

Thank you.

**Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum
Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.**