

# WELCOME REMARKS AND OFFICIATING SPEECH

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ITM Jalan Othman Heritage Walk  
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UiTM Jalan Othman Campus, Petaling Jaya

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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. Good morning, everyone.***

1. *Alhamdulillah*, all praise to Allah S.W.T, the Merciful and the All-beneficent, for His grace and blessings that led to this momentous occasion.
2. I am happy to be here today at the first-ever **ITM Jalan Othman Heritage Walk**, an initiative organised by the university and the UiTM alumni. The event is significant as it is part of the **UiTM Alumni Day celebration**, which falls on **19th December**.
3. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the **Office of Industry, Community and Alumni Network (ICAN)**, the **Alumni Network Centre (ANC)**, the **PTAR Library, UiTM Archives**, and the **College of Creative Art Studies** for their unwavering support, dedication, and effort in making this one-of-a-kind event.

4. Not forgetting, a warm welcome to everyone who is here to participate in the **Heritage Walk**, with the hope that it will be an invaluable experiential journey and enhance appreciation of what makes ITM / UiTM Jalan Othman special.

### **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

5. The organisers of the **ITM Jalan Othman Heritage Walk** have diligently put together an event to **take a walk down memory lane** to reminisce about the good old days at ITM / UiTM Jalan Othman.
6. The event is also a tribute to our esteemed alumni and former staff members who played pivotal roles during the **formative years of ITM Jalan Othman in the 1960s**, with a special focus on the period spanning from **1965 to 1975**.
7. Furthermore, the event aims to highlight the **historical significance** of the Jalan Othman

Campus, which was once and still is a pioneering hub for academic endeavours, leaving an enduring imprint on the educational landscape of the 1960s and 1970s.

8. Today, we hope to expand our UiTM Alumni network by encouraging all ITM / UiTM Jalan Othman former staff and alumni to sign up for the **MyAlumni UiTM Virtual Card**. This virtual card serves as a valuable tool to facilitate continued connections and engagement within our very large UiTM family.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

9. I was informed that today's event has assembled around **70 alumni and former lecturers and ITM / UiTM Jalan Othman staff**. Notably, among them are:

1. **Prof. Dr Zaini Abdullah – our former UiTM Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Research and**

**Innovation** from 2008 to 2011, and **Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Industry, Community, Alumni and Entrepreneurship Network (ICAEN)** from 2016 to 2018. Prof. Zaini was also the **Assistant Vice-Chancellor for the College of Creative Art Studies** from 2020 to 2022.

- II. **En. Kasmuri Sukardi** – UiTM alumnus with a **Diploma in Planting Industry Management in Agricultural Business and Management (1973)**. En. Kasmuri currently serves as the **Director, Principal Consultant, and Trainer at KaZ Corporation Sdn Bhd**. He is actively involved with UiTM, particularly through the **UiTM Plantation Alumni Association (PAPU)**, and I've been told that he has generously contributed **RM5,000** to our event. Thank you very much, En. Kasmuri for your continued support and commitment to UiTM.

- III. Last but certainly not least, **Dr Junid Abu Saham** – one of the **longest-serving former lecturers** at the Jalan Othman campus. Born in 1942, Dr Junid is among the most senior participants in this year's Heritage Walk.
10. We are all very pleased and honoured to have these distinguished individuals with us today, whose exceptional contributions and staunch commitment to UiTM fortify our motives for organising this commemorative event.
11. And so, together with our special guests, participants will have the opportunity to revisit the campus and its surrounding locations that hold a special place in their hearts.
12. Covering approximately **2 kilometres** around the campus area, our Heritage Walk today will include a trip to the nearby mosque, **Masjid Jamek Sultan Abdul Aziz, Petaling Jaya**, as well as **Taman Selera Jalan Othman**.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

- 13.** The UiTM family has grown to an impressive number of **710,239 alumni** (as of 1st October 2023, 9:25 AM). This remarkable achievement is a testament to the enduring legacy of UiTM and the contributions of our graduates in various fields and industries.
- 14.** Looking ahead, I am delighted to inform you that we are gearing up for another momentous event involving our alumni – the inaugural **UiTM Alumni Day celebration**, scheduled for **19<sup>th</sup> December 2023**.
- 15.** This event will mark a significant milestone in our history, providing a platform for our alumni to come together and celebrate their shared journey and achievements.

16. One of the highlights of this upcoming event is the **UiTM Alumni Fun Run** which is set to take place on the **28th of October 2023**.
17. This unique event will involve the **entire UiTM system**, with the running events happening simultaneously at **UiTM Shah Alam and 12 campuses across the states**, exemplifying our unity and the alumni network spirit.
18. We also eagerly anticipate the **UiTM Alumni Homecoming 2023** event planned for the **16<sup>th</sup> of December**.
19. This gathering will serve as a grand reunion for our alumni, providing them with the opportunity to reconnect with their alma mater and fellow graduates and to celebrate UiTM alumni who have made remarkable contributions to the community and their fields of expertise.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**



20. Before I end, allow me to express my gratitude to everyone for their participation and contributions to this event, especially the dedicated volunteers from various quarters whose responsibility is to guide participants during this walk.
21. Today we honour our rich history and legacy, celebrate our beloved alumni, and indulge in this exceptional opportunity to strengthen the bonds that tie us together as part of the big UiTM family.
22. I wish you all a fun and nostalgic experience as you relive the past down memory lane around Jalan Othman this morning.

**Without further ado, with *Bismillahirrahmanirrahim*,  
I hereby officiate  
The ITM Jalan Othman Heritage Walk 2023.**

**Thank you.**

**Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum  
Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.**