

WELCOME SPEECH

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**Signing Ceremony
Memorandum of Understanding
between
Universiti Teknologi MARA
and
Dexcom (M) Sdn Bhd**

30 November 2023

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Honourable guests:

Mr Columba McGarvey
Vice-President (Operations)
Dexcom (M) Sdn Bhd

Mr Basker Maniam
Head of Talent Acquisition
Dexcom (M) Sdn Bhd

Mr Su Yang Ooi

Director of Process Engineering
Dexcom (M) Sdn Bhd

and

Ms Amira Haifa Rahizan

Recruiter - Campus and Branding
Dexcom (M) Sdn Bhd

UiTM colleagues who are also in attendance today:

Professor Ts. Dr Norazah Abd Rahman

Deputy Vice-Chancellor
(Research and Innovation)
Universiti Teknologi MARA

Professor Ts. Dr Hajah Hamidah Mohd Saman

Assistant Vice-Chancellor
College of Engineering
Universiti Teknologi MARA

Top management and heads of schools

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, praise be to Allah S.W.T. for His abundant blessings and the opportunity to gather here today for another significant endeavour for UiTM, especially for the **College of Engineering**.
2. A warm welcome I bid to all in attendance for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony between **Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and Dexcom (M) Sdn Bhd**.
3. It is indeed a pleasure to be here this morning as this MoU marks a valuable collaborative venture in the student development programme, promoting student talent globally and community work.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

4. Links and partnerships with the industry are essential to not only ensure that UiTM development programmes remain impactful for UiTM students but

are also viable for our strategic partners and the community, with the possibility to expand in other areas.

5. I am pleased that UiTM has forged a productive relationship with Dexcom through the College of Engineering. This relationship is strengthened through the selection for the internship programme and community work for the **Hospital Angkatan Tentera Tuanku Mizan (HATTM) “Happy Children's Day”**.
6. The programme is a feasible kickstart for future programmes, especially in implementing workshops, staff exchange, and knowledge transfer.
7. I understand that Dexcom has been a pioneer in **Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) since 1999** and is leading in developing innovative technology that has transformed how people manage diabetes.

8. The company operates internationally with headquarters in San Diego, California and has **19 branches** around the world including manufacturing facilities in Mesa, Arizona, and in **Batu Kawan, Penang Malaysia** where it is the largest factory involved in manufacturing and production outside the United States.

9. With more than **8000 employees** across the globe dedicated to creating life-changing CGM solutions, Dexcom has received recognition awards as a **sustainable company** in various categories such as **100 Fastest Growing Companies 2022, Fortune Future 50, and WSJ Management Top 250.**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

10. Over the last 6 decades, UiTM has earned recognition by providing the highest quality of education to produce competent and employable graduates among the Bumiputras to meet the needs and demands of the industry.

11. Many of our graduates hold prominent executive-level positions in the country and around the world.
12. Supported by solid achievements and vast experiences, this MoU commits **UiTM and Dexcom** to work more closely together towards our common goal of vigorous student talent development, active community collaborations, and advancing joint initiatives in other related areas.
13. I am confident that both parties will be able to leverage the diverse expertise in our midst and harness new resources and technologies to address the common challenges that confront us.
14. It is also hoped that this undertaking will contribute to translational research and development, innovation, and commercialisation to ensure quality education, global excellence, and value creation, expediting UiTM's quest to become a **Globally Renowned University by 2025**.

15. With that, thank you to all involved in the making of this MoU, especially to **Dexcom Sdn Bhd** for embarking on this journey with us.
16. Let us work diligently to expand our offerings to build up capabilities and capacities to meet the market demand and our students' aspirations.
17. My best wishes to everyone and I look forward to many more worthwhile ventures together in the future.

Thank you.

**Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum
Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.**