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Esteemed delegates, respected 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*, we give thanks to Allah SWT for His grace and blessings, which have allowed us to assemble on this auspicious day for the **International Conference on Islam and Global Issues (ICIGI) 2024**.
2. I am pleased to welcome everyone joining us today. Thank you for your invaluable contributions to the success of this momentous event. I am grateful for your active participation and unwavering commitment to the spirit of **ICIGI2024**.
3. Today, we shall witness an extraordinary exchange of ideas, collaboration, and intellectual discourse that will undoubtedly leave an indelible mark on this year's conference theme — **The Future of Islam: Navigating Challenges in Local Values and Global Interconnectedness**.

Ladies and gentlemen,

4. The **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030** outline a global roadmap for a more equitable and sustainable future. While these goals encompass diverse challenges, a significant part of the solution lies within the rich tapestry of Islam.
5. Islam's core values of social justice, environmental stewardship, and compassion resonate deeply with the SDGs, offering ethical directives and practical pathways to achieve them.
6. We academics play a crucial role in illuminating this profound connection through research, education, and public engagement, bridging the gap between Islamic principles and their real-world application in addressing global issues.
7. Studies and analyses can demonstrate how Islamic principles like *zakat* (or obligatory charity) can translate into concrete mechanisms for poverty reduction and fostering economic inclusivity.

8. Essentially, UiTM — with its unwavering commitment to collective values embodied in **Excellence, Synergy, and Integrity (ESI)** and the application of personal values of **Knowledge, Discipline, Trust, Diligence, and Responsibility (IDART)** — possesses a unique opportunity to lead this initiative.

9. We can integrate **SDG-focused modules** into our academic programmes within relevant fields and enable our students to comprehend the nexus between their studies and global challenges.

10. We can also implement **dialogues and community outreach initiatives** to raise awareness of how Islamic principles contribute to the SDGs, fostering collaboration and a shared vision for a brighter future.

Ladies and gentlemen,

11. The words of our Prophet Muhammad (SAW),
حَيْرُ النَّاسِ أَنْفَعُهُمْ لِلنَّاسِ **"The best of people are those who benefit others,"** serve as a guiding light and remind us that our knowledge and understanding have no meaning unless they translate into action and service to humanity.
12. By embracing this spirit, academics and the university can become catalysts for positive change, harnessing the power of Islam to pave the way for a more just and sustainable world, aligned with the aspirations of the SDGs 2030.
13. It is crucial to emphasise that promoting this connection should be done with the utmost respect in which the focus should be on shared values and practical applications, fostering unity and collective action towards the common goal of a better future for all.

14. I also firmly believe that the seeds of ideas planted here will grow into actions, shaping our shared future.
15. As a closing remark, I thank and congratulate everyone involved in making this significant event, particularly the conference host **Akademi Pengajian Islam Kontemporari, UiTM Kelantan Branch**, and its esteemed strategic partners and collaborators.
16. Also, my best wishes to all conference participants. May your endeavours continue to leave a lasting impact globally, and may Allah's blessings be upon us all.

**Without further ado,
with *Bismillahirrahmanirrahim*,
I officiate the opening of
the 2nd International Conference on Islam and Global
Issues (ICIGI) 2024.**

Thank you.

Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum

Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.