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First and foremost, let us extend our gratitude to Allah SWT for giving us the opportunity and good health to come together for this important event – “E-learning Award Ceremony and MOOC Seminar 2017”.

To our Invited Keynote Speaker, Prof. Dr. Abd. Karim Alias - The Director, Centre for Development of Academic Excellence, USM, we are indeed honoured to have you with us on this auspicious occasion.

Prof. Karim, I am very sure your enthusiasm and passion will help to ignite and inspire our lecturers to use technology for enhancing academic productivity.

I would like to express my thanks to the organizing committee, headed by the Director, Centre for e-Learning, Prof. Fong Soon Fook, in the successful organization of this "E-LEARNING AWARD CEREMONY AND MOOC SEMINAR".

I am happy to note we have successfully complied with the 3 KPIs concerning - Blended Learning, MOOC and OER.

Congratulations to all our lecturers, coordinators of e-Learning, Coordinator for MOOC@UMS, Dr. Liew Thor Seng; the coordinator for OER@UMS, Prof. Fong Soon Fook and the former Head of E-learning unit, Prof. Madya Dr. Tan Choon Keong.

A special word of Thank you to Dr. Tan Choon Keong for your excellent contribution to the e-Learning agenda of UMS.

Our Coordinators of E-Learning for all the faculties and Institutes – Congratulations and Thank you for helping in the achievement of the KPIs.

I am pleased to know the completion and launching of our OER@UMS repository. In the coming months, this Centre for e-Learning (CeL) will introduce the use and creation of OERs (Open educational resources) and how they are copyrighted under Creative Commons licensed. I hope that this repository will help increase the visibility and the quality branding of UMS.

Ladies and Gentleman

The Malaysia Education Blueprint 2015-2025 (Higher Education) outlines ten shifts that will drive continuous excellence in higher education. The first four focus on outcomes for graduates in the higher education systems. The other six focus on enablers for the higher education ecosystem, covering critical components such as funding, governance, innovation, internationalization, online learning, and delivery. This Blueprint in itself is insufficient. Implementation is what matters most.

Shifts No. 9 focus on the success of higher education through Globalized Online Learning (GOL). I am encouraged to observe the realization of this shift through our staffs' efforts in using technology to enhance the acquiring of knowledge and skills among our students and preparing them to be market-ready and relevant for the 21st century workforce.

Responding to the call to Redesign our Education for Industry 4.0, I trust that our new Centre for e-Learning will reestablish new directions with new strategic and action plans to enhance the widening access to online learning, improving the quality of online learning and teaching, improving cost efficiency in delivery of courses and promotion of UMS's niche areas globally.

Achieving this manifestation will only be possible with a strong focus on strategic planning, aggressive implementation and on the concerted collaborative efforts of all our UMS staffs and students.

Let us in oneness, continue to advance forward and spontaneously we shall be Soaring Upwards!

I hereby officiate the opening of this “E-Learning Award Ceremony and MOOC Seminar 2017” and I wish everyone a very productive time.

THANK YOU.

*Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum
Warahmatullah hiwabarakatuh.*