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Fellow academicians,
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning and Salam 1Malaysia.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Taylor's 6th Teaching and Learning Conference, jointly organised in partnership with Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM). For our conference delegates from overseas, "Selamat Datang ke Malaysia", or welcome to Malaysia and also welcome to Taylor's University.

Chosen specifically to inspire transformation through a robust exchange of knowledge and research, the central theme of this year's conference is "*Transformative Higher Education Teaching and Learning in Practice*". In order for transformative teaching and learning to thrive in higher education, we need an environment that encourages and rewards intellectual openness. Thus, the Taylor's 6th Teaching and Learning Conference is the ideal forum to encourage active intellectual discourse and significant engagement on the three core themes:

- Technology integrated in teaching and learning

- Pedagogy learning, teaching methodologies and assessment
- Global issues and researches in higher education

It is expected that this conference will serve as an avenue for stimulating and substantive exchanges that will contribute to meaningful paradigm shifts in teaching and learning practices amongst our delegates.

On behalf of the conference committee, I would like thank Taylor's University for the opportunity to organise the conference and UiTM for this successful partnership. I am confident that the conference will exceed your expectations in building fresh perspectives, opening the space and dialogue to different and challenging ideas as well as highlighting critical but enriching lessons from informed and innovative higher education teaching and learning practices and research.

I do not wish to give a lengthy speech thus would like to end by wishing you every success in your scholarly pursuits and a fruitful and transformative experience at the conference.

Thank you.

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