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**DEWAN CANSOLOR, UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI PETRONAS**

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Chairperson of Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS Board of Directors  
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Yang Berbahagia Datuk Dr Zainal Abidin Hj Kasim,  
Rector Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS

Members of the Senate and Management of Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS

Vice Chancellors, Rectors and University Representatives,

Distinguished guests, lecturers, parents and graduates

Assalamua'aikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh dan salam sejahtera.

Let us first of all thank Allah s.w.t. for his Blessings, enabling us to gather at this Dewan Canselor Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS to celebrate the successful graduation and commemorate the 9<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremony of Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS.

On behalf of UTP, I would like to congratulate all graduates for their success. I am indeed pleased with the achievement of UTP graduates all these years. The curriculum of UTP that has been designed to meet the needs of the industry, and the 8-month internship training has been proven to have been successful in making UTP graduates a sought after asset by potential employers in Malaysia and abroad. This success is a result of strong cooperation between UTP staff

and lecturers, as well as with examiners and specialists from other universities and industry all over the world. These people have worked hard to ensure that this success is yours and I am pleased that you have successfully risen to the challenge.

To parents, the management of UTP and me share your joy in witnessing the success of your children. My congratulations to all of you and I hope you will continue to encourage them to become a responsible person and always ready to contribute to the society.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today is a historic day for all graduates as you have now reached a critical juncture in your journey in life - a journey that will require more sacrifices to help develop the people, the nation, and civilization. What you have learnt at the university is basic knowledge and skills to help you in this journey. While the basic knowledge and skills are important, what is more important are the noble and ethical values that you must subscribe to as one of your guiding principles in life. I believe you have been given the guidance to become a successful person based on knowledge, ethics and noble values.

At this juncture, let us reflect on the good life that we have enjoyed so far that probably some of us may have taken for granted. We must remember that success does not come on a silver platter. We must put in a lot of effort and work hard, we must be patient and resilient, and we must acknowledge that success cannot be achieved overnight. We must also remember that a blissful life is not dependent on material wealth, power and position. A good life is also dependent on many other factors that may have often been overlooked, such as peace of mind and soul.

Peace of mind comes from three main virtues. Firstly, compassion, especially towards the less fortunate. Second is love, not only among people but also towards all creation of God. The third virtue is integrity, sincerity and honesty in our relationship.

Indeed, the progress and development that we have achieved thus far are based on hard work, sacrifices, dedication and struggles based on integrity. This principle now appears to be threatened. I am concerned that if we no longer want to work hard, If we no longer emphasize on integrity and responsibility, the success that we have achieved thus far may be destroyed.

I would like to call on all graduates to never compromise on integrity in your pursuit for success. If not, you may very well have chosen the path towards destruction – to yourself, family, the society and the nation.

The society and the nation look forward to your contribution and leadership . You can contribute in so many ways, and with your diligence and dedication, I am sure you will be succeed. When you have become successful, I hope you will not become arrogant. Be humble, respect the elders and do not look down on those below you.

I hope this small advice will be of some help to you in your life journey. Your hard work, commitment and sacrifices are important in determining the future of the society and the nation. Each and everyone are capable of making a meaningful contribution and it is entirely up to you to do it. Please choose the right path. You are a graduate of an esteemed institution that has provided you with solid foundation to be able to make a difference.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Education and capability building are the key elements of PETRONAS' Corporate Social Responsibility programs.

Our Education Sponsorship Scheme and various education and training institutions have been specially designed to create human capital especially in the oil and gas industry with an investment of about RM200 million a year. PETRONAS also strives to ensure that its education initiatives will result in the development of capable individuals with high integrity and resilience to contribute to the society.

To date, more than 32,000 students have benefited from our education sponsorship programme to further their studies in Malaysia and abroad, including at Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS. PETRONAS has also sponsored more than 700 students from our various host nations to study at Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS since 1998.

To the management and academic staff of UTP, I hope you will enhance your efforts and role by steadfastly subscribing to the noble values to further enhance the status of UTP. As an engineering and technology based university, UTP must continuously evaluate its role and position in an increasingly challenging environment to remain relevant.

Efforts to enhance research activities through the technology agenda that has been crafted must be continued to ensure that UTP will become the pride of the nation and be recognized and well-known internationally.

UTP must also continue to find ways to attract more private students and not merely depending on sponsorship from PETRONAS and other agencies. The academic and research programmes offered must therefore be always competitive and relevant to the industry, in line with the vision of the university.

Emphasis must be placed on quality, and not the quantity of the students. UTP must proactively attract top researchers and academicians from all over the world to continuously enhance its capability, leadership and credibility. Research collaborations with the industry and international funding must also be enhanced.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Before I conclude, I would like to once again remind all graduates to preserve and enhance the reputation of UTP, your family and the nation. Never forget the deeds of your parents and family, teachers, lecturers, sponsors and other relevant parties. Be humble and courteous.

I hope you will be able to use all the knowledge that you have learned to contribute towards a better world and may you continue to be blessed.

Thank you.