

Welcoming Speech by
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Forum

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Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh, Selamat Sejahtera and a very good morning.

On behalf of Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS (UTP), it is my pleasure to welcome our prominent forum panellist and distinguished guests to today's forum on "Digitalisation – Distinct and Disrupt: Rethinking Operations". To our fellow international guests, "Selamat Datang".

I would like to begin by commending the Centre for Advanced and Professional Education, known as CAPE, as well as the Malaysian Oil & Gas Services Council or MOGSC for coming together in organising this forum. It is great how a collaborative effort such as this creates a space for all of us to convene and confer.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today's forum is organised for us to gain insights into this new era of game-changing innovations. This is so that we stay in trend and in line with the Fourth Industrial Revolution, otherwise known as IR4.0. As we embark in this day and age, there is a need to conceptualize the notion that digitalization has given way to the growth and success on the globality of our nation. New digital capabilities are taking centre stage – enforcing upon us the need to leverage and take a stance on what's changing.

At UTP, we recognise this urgency to meet the expectations of our young generation. A few years ago, the university embarked on the 21st century learning approaches which is driven by digitalized classrooms with information technology. Traditional classrooms no longer appeal to our students now. With this new method of teaching and learning, students can have online access anytime and anywhere.

Emphasis is also given in developing the entrepreneurial mindset amongst our students, which is focused in developing independence and pro-activeness. We no longer prepare students to become job seekers, instead, we want them to become job creators. These are the people, who we aspire to contribute significantly to the economy of the nation.

Through forum such as this, we hope to put our heads together in understanding the efforts that are present, and hatch new ideas as we move forward. This is so that we can spur innovation, boost more inclusive and sustainable growth and enhance overall well-being.

Before I end my speech, I would like to thank the organisers of the Digitalisation – Distinct and Disrupt: Rethinking Operations” Forum – CAPE and MOGSC – for their extended initiatives in progressing towards a digitalized future. I would also like to express my deepest appreciation to the organising committee for their efforts in dedicating this platform for our participants. May this also be the start to many more programmes as such in the future.

Thank you.