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STARTUP EXPOSITION (STARTX) 2018
and **41ST SCIENCE & ENGINEERING DESIGN EXHIBITION (SEDEX 41)**

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Exhibitors, Students, Ladies and Gentlemen.

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

It is my pleasure to be here to officiate two big student events, the Startup Exposition or STARTX 2018 and the 41st Science & Engineering Design Exhibition or SEDEX 41. I am happy to see a large turnout for these two events, which has brought together the most innovative and disruptive startups and inventions. This is a testament of UTP's aspiration in preparing

students not to become job seekers, instead, we want you to become job creators.

For the past 21 years, UTP continues to develop its infrastructures, staff and students to ensure we are able to produce the best graduates in the country. Launched in 2015, the Technopreneurship Centre was implemented to embed entrepreneurship values among UTP students and graduates. The university hopes that with this centre, you are able to harness your creativity and business acumen and be inspired to bring technological ideas and innovations to the business sphere. You will be given a helping hand to expand ideas and identify business possibilities and potential. I am very proud to see how far it has come in providing a platform for emerging student startups from different sectors like technical, manufacturing, apparels and services.

In this recent UTP 18th convocation ceremony, our Gold Chancellor Award Winner, Abdul Qayyum Halid, proves that you can still achieve First Class even while juggling a startup!

It is my hope that under the stewardship of Encik Mohd Zamri, Techno Centre will continue to provide seed funding, incubation space, and guidance to UTP students. I strongly believe that UTP students are hungry to make a difference in the startup ecosystem in this country.

Dear Students, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As the world is transitioning towards Industrial Revolution 4.0, careers in engineering, science and technology are getting more challenging each day. Graduates need to have an extra edge to show their future employer why they deserve their jobs. Events such as STARTX and SEDEX guide our students towards creating those qualities which employers seek. These events are also very much in line with UTP's vision to be a leader in Technology Education and Centre for Creativity and Innovation.

On this note, I like to congratulate all the students who have participated in both STARTX and SEDEX 41. UTP is very proud of your determination in completing these startups and for your projects in SEDEX. Who knows, your inventions and innovations might be the next unicorn! Show the world what you're worth!

Finally, I would like to wish all the participants the very best. No matter the outcome of these events, there is always room for improvement for your projects. The road to success may be long and arduous, but the reward will be there for those who persevere. In the end, STARTX and SEDEX will definitely benefit all the participants. I would also like to convey my heartiest appreciation to the organising team of both events, STARTX and SEDEX 41 for all of your effort.

Without further ado, with Bismillahirrahmanirrahim, it now gives me great pleasure to officiate the STARTUP Exposition (STARTX) 2018 and 41st Science & Engineering Design Exhibition (SEDEX 41).

Thank you.