

**Officiating Speech by
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Vice Chancellor**

5TH TEACHING & LEARNING INNOVATION FESTIVAL (TLIF2019)

**Friday, 4 October 2019
9.00 am at Multipurpose Hall, CETaL, UTP**

Bismillahirrahmanirrahim

Professor Dr Hilmi Mukhtar
UTP's Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic

Dr Subarna Sivapalan
Director of the Centre for Excellence in Teaching & Learning

Members of the UTP Executive Management Committee and Senate

Distinguished Guests and Respected Judges

Ladies and Gentlemen

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh, salam sejahtera and a very good morning.

On behalf of Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS (UTP), it gives me great pleasure to warmly welcome our distinguished guests, participants and everyone here today to this auspicious event, the 5th Teaching and Learning Innovation Festival or TLIF 2019 with the theme; 'Sustaining Teaching, Empowering Learning'. This event is the opportunity to get inspired, hear new ideas, and share examples of new teaching and learning concepts, ideas and innovation. We must recognise that the most important changes have already taken place in teaching and learning as the education system around the world transforms. Hence, this annual TLIF centres on learners at the heart of the transformation journey whilst

empowering educators to do more and be better. We cannot sit back and let our students enter a drastically shifting employment market without transforming the pedagogy, culture and approach to technology that is a legacy of the previous century.

With TLIF, we provide this platform for academics to showcase their creative teaching and learning innovations and practices. We also recognise the well-deserved educators for their outstanding efforts and their invaluable contributions in improving the future of higher learning education. With academics and practitioners from across the nation convening here, we hope that there will be a sharing of knowledge, experiences and idea amongst all of us. Thus, this event is the perfect avenue to keep ourselves updated with the current development of teaching and learning.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the heart of all our efforts is a firm commitment to providing a transformative educational experience that will equip our graduates with the knowledge and skills to make a positive national and global impact. The world is changing rapidly for universities with the overall decline in the student population, particularly those opting for STEM fields. With technology advancing at a dramatic speed, we need to meet the needs of a generation of young people that will function in a very different workplace.

Moving forward, we need to put in place strategies that will position ourselves for future success through strong governance structures, forward-looking academic programmes, innovative research and enriching student experiences. UTP's Centre of Excellence in Teaching and Learning or CETaL, which was established in November 2014 aims to advance and innovate teaching and learning practices in UTP. CETaL provides advanced facilities such as green room, virtual reality room and experiential learning room to encourage lecturers to use technology to diversify their delivery methods in order to meet learners' varying needs.

Other than providing state-of-the-art facilities, CETaL has established three clusters which are, The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SOTL), Enabling Technologies (ET) and Enabling Learning (EL) to provide research opportunities and also to facilitate lecturers and researchers in developing effective and innovative teaching methodologies. These are among the initiatives put forward by CETaL to ensure teaching and learning excellence in UTP.

We are highly conscious of the need to future proof the university in the face of the current forces of disruption. Therefore, it is my fervent hope that all of us are onboard in this journey to plant the seeds now for a better future tomorrow.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I wish to congratulate Dr Subarna Sivapalan, the Director of CETaL, Associate Professor Dr Nurhayati Mellon, Head of Academic Central Services (ACS) and the organising committee for successfully organising the 5th Teaching and Learning Innovation Festival. It is my sincere hope that this event will raise awareness and serve as an eye opener on the importance of innovation in teaching and learning. I also hope that this festival will broaden our knowledge and inspire us to continuously contribute to the betterment of our higher education system. Let us continue to strive to provide the best learning experience for our students, because after all, they will be the next generation who will inherit the education system we are currently building.

Without further ado, In the name of ALLAH, Most Gracious, Most Merciful, it now gives me great pleasure to officiate the 5th Teaching and Learning Innovation Festival. May all of you experience the most wonderful time in UTP today.

Thank you and Wabillahitaufikwalhidayah,
wassalamualaikumwarahmatullahiwabarakatuh.