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**The Well Of Being, Empowered Ceremony**

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Ladies and Gentlemen

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

Alhamdulillah, all praises are for Allah for it is with His blessings that we are able to gather this afternoon. It is my pleasure to be here with all of you to give due recognition to the well-deserved cafeterias and to launch the E-Wallet Friendly on campus. I believe all of us share the same feeling of excitement and optimism today through this event – The Well of Being, Empowered Ceremony – in enhancing our well-being, empowering as well as enriching our experiences here on campus. Congratulations to the team in Residential Village and the Centre for Student Services for all these initiatives.

As an institution of higher learning, UTP's reputation has been continuously strengthened, and we have quickly gathered significant momentum and grew by leaps and bounds. We have always been committed to providing an inclusive learning ecosystem that maximises the opportunities for everyone. The university could not have done it without our stakeholders which includes not just our students but also our partners, vendors and all of our collaborators. On this note, I would like to express my heartiest appreciation to all present here for your continuous support to UTP.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As a campus resident, our students learn to live independently, develop time management skills, and communication and interpersonal skills – all of which will stand in good stead when students commence their career. Through the Division of Student Affairs and Alumni and its various initiatives to enrich students' experiences and empower student's wellbeing, we have not forgotten one of the most important elements of life on campus – food and beverages!

Thus, as part of our initiative to enhance and improve the living experience here especially in cafeterias, we have worked with the Ministry of Health to ensure our cafeterias provide Clean, Healthy and Safe or Bersih, Sihat dan Selamat (BeSS) food services. As of today, we have 4 cafeterias granted the BeSS certificate and Insha'Allah the others will be on board soon. Well done to those who have risen to the challenge.

Another commendable initiative is the implementation of the E-Wallet Friendly at the cafeterias and our An-Nur Mosque. We are in a world that

is in the process of being constantly reinvented hence no organisation or institution is immune from the waves of change. Through the rapid growth of information technology and artificial intelligence, mobile applications such as this E-Wallet Friendly have helped satisfy the demands of the 21st century, by making payments seamless, effortless and secure. We hope to not only bring UTP forward into the age of the cashless society, but also spread awareness about this remarkable age of financial technology, also known as fintech. It is indeed exhilarating to see UTP, as a renowned science, engineering and technology university, marching into the age of a cashless society. A big thank you and congratulations to our participating vendors!

Before I end my speech, I would like to thank all of our partners and collaborators again for joining us on this adventure. Today's collaboration is only the tip of the iceberg; there will be more partnerships to come between UTP and many more of our stakeholders. We will work tirelessly, explore all possible avenues and do whatever it takes to benefit the UTP community.

In closing, congratulations once again to the Centre for Students Services for all these initiatives and achievements. Without further ado, in the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful, I hereby launch the E-Wallet Friendly in UTP. Thank you and Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.