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DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS AND GUESTS

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STUDENTS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

1. LET ME START BY THANKING THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE  
AND HELP UNIVERSITY FOR INVITING ME TO DELIVER THE  
OPENING ADDRESS AT THE HELP UNIVERSITY TECH DAY 2012 .

2. I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND SUCH NOTEWORTHY INITIATIVE IN WHICH HELP UNIVERSITY IS EMBARKING TO RAISE AWARENESS ON THE IMPORTANCE AND RELEVANCY OF ICT .

3. DURING THE LAUNCH OF THE MALAYSIA EDUCATION BLUEPRINT LAST WEEK , OUR BELOVED PRIME MINISTER THE RIGHT HONOURABLE DATO SERI MOHD NAJIB TUN RAZAK EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR MORE INTEGRATION OF ICT IN THE EDUCATION SYSTEM IN ORDER TO PREPARE OUR CHILDREN FOR JOBS OF THE FUTURE . WHEN INTEGRATED WITH THE PROPER ICT FACILITIES , THE CLASSROOM LEARNING EXPERIENCE WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVE AND REWARDING AND AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDE TEACHERS WITH EASIER ACCESS TO TOOLS TO ACHIEVE BETTER OUTCOMES .

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4. OVER THE YEARS THERE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT DROP IN THE INTAKE OF STUDENT IN ICT WHICH POSES A CRITICAL AND CRUCIAL ISSUE FOR MALAYSIA DUE TO THE LACK OF ICT TALENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE .

5. IN ORDER TO TACKLE THIS ISSUE , WE HAVE TO GROOM OUR CHILDREN FROM YOUNG BY PROVIDING THEM WITH THE NECESSARY RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE TO HARNESS THE POWER OF ICT WHICH HAVE NOW BECOME PERVASIVE IN OUR DAILY LIVES . THIS IN TURN WILL HELP CREATE A POOL OF STUDENTS WHO DO NOT SEE THE POTENTIAL ICT AS A CAREER OF CHOICE MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION .

6. ANOTHER ISSUE IS THAT NEW TECHNOLOGIES ARE BEING INTRODUCED TO THE WORLD SO FREQUENTLY THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT TECH SAVVY TENDS TO FALL BEHIND . UNDOUBTEDLY , THE YOUNGER GENERATION MAY HAVE THE NATURAL SKILLS TO ADAPT TO THESE CHANGES HOWEVER WITHOUT PROPER GUIDANCE AND PROGRAMMES WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAXIMIZE THEIR FULL POTENTIALS IN EMBRACING AND ADOPTING THESE NEW TECHNOLOGIES .

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7. THE GOVERNMENT IN RECOGNISING THESE CHALLENGES IS CONSTANTLY EVOLVING IN CREATING INITIATIVES THAT WILL HELP DRIVE THE NATION TO HIGHER LEVELS AT THE GLOBAL STAGE . THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE , TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION (MOSTI) WHICH IS THE FOCAL POINT FOR OUR NATIONAL ICT AGENDA , CONDUCTED SEVERAL LABS LED BY ITS AGENCY THE MULTIMEDIA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MDEC) AS SECRETARIAT AND THE CULMINATION OF WHICH WAS DIGITAL MALAYSIA (DM) , A UNIQUE PROGRAMME BASED ON THREE STRATEGIC THRUSTS .

8. THIS IS WHERE DM WILL CREATE AN ECOSYSTEM THAT PROMOTES THE PERVASIVE USE OF ICT IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE ECONOMY TO CONNECT COMMUNITIES GLOBALLY AND INTERACTING IN REAL TIME RESULTING IN INCREASED GROSS NATIONAL INCOME , ENHANCED PRODUCTIVITY AND AN IMPROVED STANDARD OF LIVING RESULTING IN A DEVELOPED

DIGITAL ECONOMY THAT CONNECTS AND EMPOWERS OUR GOVERNMENT , BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS .

9. ULTIMATELY , THIS DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME AIMS TO GENERATE INVESTMENTS OF UP TO RM 31.2 BILLION THROUGH PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS , CREATE 160,000 NEW JOBS AND PUSH THE OVERALL DIGITAL ECONOMY CONTRIBUTION TO 17 PERCENT FROM THE CURRENT 12.5 PERCENT OR OVER RM 294 BILLION OF THE GROSS NATIONAL INCOME (GNI) BY 2020 .

10. AS SUCH , I URGE ALL OF YOU TO SERIOUSLY EMBRACE THE DIGITAL MALAYSIA PLAN LAID OUT BY THE GOVERNMENT AND TO MAKE THIS TRANSFORMATION PLAN A SUCCESS AS WE FACE THIS COMPLEX AND COMPETITIVE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT .

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11. TOWARDS THIS END , HELP UNIVERSITY IN PLAYING ITS ROLE OF CREATING INITIATIVES TO MITIGATE AND MANAGING THESE CHALLENGES IS LAUDABLE . THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HELP IT INDUSTRY ADVISORY BOARD IN APRIL 2012 COMPRISING OF SENIOR INDUSTRIALISTS AND PROFESSIONALS WHO WILL HELP ENSURE THE CURRICULA AND PROGRAMMES OFFERED ARE UP TO DATE AND INDUSTRY RELEVANT FURTHER ADDS VALUE TO THE HELP TECH DAY WHICH AIMS TO ALERT STUDENTS AND CREATE AWARENESS ON THE VAST OPPORTUNITIES ICT HAVE TO OFFER .

12. THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE IS CLEARLY SEEN BY THE NUMBER OF ORGANISATIONS WHICH ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE EVENT . I LOOK FORWARD TO THE INSIGHTS THAT WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE SPEAKERS AND BE SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION IN OUR VARIOUS TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMMES . I ALSO HOPE THAT ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION ABOUT THE POTENTIAL OF THE ICT WILL BE DISSEMINATED WIDELY IN A SYSTEMATIC MANNER TO ALL THOSE IN SEARCH OF A GOOD PROGRAM TO TAKE UP .

13. I AM CONFIDENT THE HELP TECH DAY WILL SUCCEED IN ITS AIM OF INSPIRING AND NURTURING A NEW GENERATION OF PROFESSIONALS AND LEADERS IN THE ICT INDUSTRY IN OUR JOURNEY TOWARDS HIGH INCOME AND DEVELOPED NATION STATUS BY 2020 AND WISH EVERYONE INVOLVED EVERY SUCCESS IN OUR CONTINUOUS NATION BUILDING EFFORTS .

THANK YOU .