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AWARDS CEREMONY

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ASSALAMUALAIKUM WBT, A VERY GOOD EVENING TO YOU AND
SALAM 1MALAYSIA.

1. LET ME BEGIN BY THANKING STANDARD CHARTERED BANK
MALAYSIA BERHAD FOR INVITING ME TO BE PART OF THE
STANDARD CHARTERED ICT COMPETITION 2013 AWARDS
CEREMONY.

2. I ALSO WANT TO EMPHASISE THAT IT IS A PLEASURE FOR MY TEAM AT THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION (MOSTI) TO WORK WITH STANDARD CHARTERED ON THIS PROGRAM AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEE MORE OF THESE INITIATIVES IN THE FUTURE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

3. UNDOUBTEDLY, THE SCICT COMPETITION WILL PRESENT AN UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS TO APPRECIATE THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION IN OUR DAILY LIVES. IT IS MY FERVENT HOPE THAT ALL THE ACTIVITIES PLANNED IN THIS COMPETITION WILL SIGNIFICANTLY BOOST OUR UNIVERSITY STUDENT'S CREATIVITY IN BRINGING INNOVATIVE IDEAS TO THE COMPETITION WHICH IN TURN WILL CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE INVENTORY OF INNOVATIONS AND KNOWLEDGE CREATED IN THE COUNTRY.

4. AT THIS JUNCTURE, I WOULD LIKE TO REINFORCE THE GOVERNMENT'S RECOGNITION ON CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION AS VITAL ELEMENTS THAT WILL SUSTAIN THE GROWTH AND PROGRESS OF THE NATION THUS MAKING THE COUNTRY MORE RESILIENT, ROBUST AND COMPETITIVE GLOBALLY.

5. AS SUCH, WE HAVE TO CONTINUOUSLY PREPARE OUR WORKFORCE TO BE MORE INNOVATIVE AND CREATIVE BY EMBRACING THE INNOVATION CULTURE. I AM CONFIDENT THE COMPETITION WILL FURTHER REINFORCE OUR STUDENTS' MINDSET ON INDUSTRY RELEVANT SOLUTIONS AND IMPROVE THEIR KNOWLEDGE IN IT WHICH IS IN-LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S DIGITAL MALAYSIA INITIATIVE – A PROGRAMME AIMED AT PROMOTING THE PERVASIVE USE OF IT ACROSS ALL SEGMENTS AND SECTORS IN THE COUNTRY.

6. I WAS MADE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE COMPETITION AIMS TO DISCOVER TECHNOLOGY BASED INNOVATIONS WHICH INCREASES EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS THAT WILL ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE. THIS AUGURS WELL AS IT WILL EQUATE TO THE ABILITY OF OUR NATION TO PRODUCE NEW PRODUCTS, SYSTEMS, SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AND CREATING NEW JOBS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

7. AS I CONCLUDE MY REMARKS, I WISH TO REEMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE ON THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION IN ACHIEVING MALAYSIA'S ASPIRATIONS OF A HIGH INCOME, KNOWLEDGE-BASED AND INNOVATION-LED ECONOMY BY 2020. IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT FOR OUR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS COMPETITION AND EMBRACE IT FOR A BETTER FUTURE.

8. ON THAT NOTE, MY HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS GO TO
ALL THE WINNING TEAMS OF STANDARD CHARTERED ICT
COMPETITION AWARDS 2013.

THANK YOU AND HAVE A WONDERFUL EVENING.