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السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

and Greetings To All

Thank you, Master of Ceremony.

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**12. SENIOR OFFICIAL OF UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI
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13. PROGRAM COMMITTEE

14. PARTICIPANTS;

15. MEDIA PARTNERS;

16. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

1. First of all, I deeply honoured to be a part of this auspicious launch of the Malaysia-Japan Industrial and Innovation Expo 2024 and Malaysia- Japan Linkage (MJL) office alongside the MJIT Career Fair, organized by MJIT.
2. As the Deputy Minister of Higher Education, I am filled with excitement and anticipation for the opportunities that lie ahead. This event signifies a significant step forward in our mission to foster collaboration and innovation between Malaysia and Japan.
3. The Malaysia-Japan Industrial and Innovation Expo, or MJIX 2024, is not merely an event; it is a catalyst for progress and transformation. Through activities such as industry-driven knowledge sharing sessions, innovation competitions, networking lunches, premier lectures, and the MJIT Career Fair, we aim to create a dynamic platform for knowledge exchange, idea generation, and partnership building.
4. One of the key pillars of this event is the collaboration between industry and universities. This partnership is crucial for driving innovation and advancing our economies. By bringing together academia and industry, we can leverage the expertise, resources, and insights on both

sectors to address real-world challenges and drive meaningful changes.

Ladies and gentleman,

5. The official establishment of MJL as a sustainable window unit at MJIT, collaboration expansion with Japanese industry and Japanese universities in education and research. The special laboratories will be utilized as International Open Research Centre in the ASEAN region, contributing to promoting R&D capabilities in Malaysia, promoting joint research with researchers and assisting in providing advanced science and technology to other ASEAN countries.
6. At this stage, the laboratory in MJIT is equipped with the most advanced technologies in Malaysia. By 2028, MJL aims to heighten the number of MJIT–industry linkages through sponsorship laboratories, contracted research or MoA/MoU with a Japanese company, expecting 80% of ikhoza (research group) to have joint projects.
7. Today, as we stand on the threshold of this ground-breaking event, I am reminded of the immense potential that lies within our grasp. It is through initiatives like MJIX2024 that we can unlock this potential and pave the way for a brighter future for both Malaysia and Japan.

8. I am grateful to MJIT for their dedication and hard work in organizing this event, and I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all our esteemed guests and participants for their support and enthusiasm.
9. Together, let us embark on this journey of exploration and discovery, united in our commitment to driving innovation and shaping the future of industry and education through collaboration between industry and universities.
10. On that note, with lafaz of Bismillah and praise be to Allah for all His blessing bestowed on us thus far, **I proudly officiate** the Malaysia-Japan Industrial and Innovation Expo 2024 and launch Malaysia-Japan Linkage (MJL) office.

Thank you

Wabillahitaufik wal hidayah wassalammualaikum wbt