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MAI-UMP APPRENTICESHIP INDUSTRIAL ATTACHMENT AND AUTOMOTIVE TESTING SHOWCASE

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SALUTATION

Yang Berhormat Dato’ Jacob Dungau Sagan,
Deputy Minister (Industry), Ministry of International Trade and Industry Malaysia;

Yang Berbahagia En. Mohamad Madani bin Sahari,
Chief Executive Officer, Malaysia Automotive Institute (MAI);

My Colleagues;

Deans and Directors,

Representatives of Automotive industry,

Members of the Media,
UMP's’ students;

Ladies and gentlemen.

*Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh*

Salam 1Malaysia and a very good evening.

**OPENING REMARKS**

1. It is with great pleasure that I bid you a very warm welcome to the MAI-UMP Apprenticeship Industrial Attachment and Automotive Testing Showcase.

2. As host of this event, it is with great pleasure that I thank Yang Berhormat Dato' Jacob Dungau Sagan, the Deputy Minister of MITI for kindly accepting the invitation to be the Guest of Honour for this programme and to officially launch the MAI-UMP Apprenticeship Industrial Attachment and Automotive Testing Showcase.
APPRENTICESHIP ATTACHMENT

Ladies and gentlemen,

3. On 15th March 2011, we have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with MAI (Malaysia Automotive Institute) aiming to produce engineers in three areas which are Tooling & Manufacturing Engineering, Technology Development and Component Testing.

4. This Apprenticeship Industrial Attachment programme comes in three phases. In Phase 1: 61 of third year students from Faculty of Manufacturing Engineering were trained by the industrial expert in understanding the Manufacturing Industry. This phase took place in January until Mac 2011.

5. In Phase 2, started in April until August 2011, students underwent Industrial Attachment Training. These attachments were decided by MAI at various automotive industries. The students were attached to well established companies and industries especially in Klang Valley such as APM Plastics, Ingress, Miyazu, Sapura, Sugihara and WSA Engineering, just to name a few.
6. In the last phase (Phase 3), these students will stay in the attached company but are allowed to enter lectures during working days. That is 3 days at the industry and 2 days at UMP. This is considered as the students Final Project for the Industrial Attachments that will starts in September 2011.

Ladies and gentlemen,

7. The UMP Strategic Plan 2011-2015 are the vital mechanism that we rely on to step ahead. The UMP Strategic Plan 2011-2015 focuses on four Key Result Areas (KRA) and one of the them is to focus on socio-economic development which involved professional human capital development.

8. One of the UMP’s contributions to the country’s social and economic development is through producing proficient individuals and professional that meets and exceeds the requirements of the job market.
9. Currently, most of our graduates are not ready for employment as they do not possess the right skills to immediately perform their work. Although they may have good command of theoretical knowledge, their lack of exposure to real working environment requires retraining for a few more years before they become competent and productive.

10. Thus, this Apprenticeship Industrial Attachment Program initiated by MAI and UMP for 61 manufacturing engineering students is a timely initiative to create well trained and competent graduates that are employable to the automotive industry upon their graduation.

Ladies and gentlemen,

11. Through this apprenticeship programme, UMP is aiming to become a main player in collaborating, venturing and participating in the automotive field and industries. We are actively doing apprenticeship attachment programmes, conducting researches, consultations, providing solutions and creating new inventions in automotive and manufacturing engineering.
Ladies and gentlemen,

12. Honouring the efforts made for this event, I would like to extend, my deepest gratitude to the all the Organising Committee members from Malaysia Automotive Institute and Universiti Malaysia Pahang for their hard work and relentless effort. Without their commitment and teamwork, this apprenticeship programme would not have been possible.

13. To our student that involved in this programme, I wish you all the best and good luck for the next phase. My hope is that, please use this opportunity to the fullest. And with that; I thank you all for your presence this evening.

Thank you,

Wassalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.