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Chairman of the Creation, Innovation, Technology & Research Exposition 2013;

Fellow academicians and researchers;

Participants of CITREX 2013;

Ladies and gentlemen.

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh,
Salam Sejahtera and Salam 1Malaysia.

1. *Alhamdulillah*, it gives me great pleasure to say a few words in this auspicious occassion to mark the adjournment of the third edition of the Creation, Innovation, Technology & Research Exposition or CITREX this year.
2. I am truly delighted that the Department of Research & Innovation has again shown its commitment to organize this exposition as it successfully did in the previous years.

3. The synergy between the Department of Research & Innovation with the Department of Student Affairs & Alumni in organizing CITREX since 2013 is highly significant within the context of research acculturation in UMP, both among the academia and students.

4. I share a common view with our Prime Minister, Yang Amat Berhormat Dato’ Sri Mohd Najib Tun Razak, who has consistently calling on Malaysians to embrace the culture of research and innovation as essential catalyst in driving national transformation.

5. With eight years left before 2020, we are challenged to multiply our efforts, in support of the present Government’s agenda, to enable Malaysia to achieve high-income country status within the targeted time.
6. Therefore, when the National Science and Innovation Movement Year was announced by the Government in 2012, we took it seriously and CITREX is one of our initiatives in that regard.

7. **Ladies and gentlemen,**

The second National Science and Technology has outlined a new direction which aims at increasing Malaysia’s capability, capacity and competitiveness in research and development, technology acquisition and development through strong public and industry partnership.

8. In that regard, universities have important role to play through the optimization of their pool of talents and expertise in enhancing knowledge transformation that results in innovation of products, processes, services as well as technological or scientific solution that would benefit the public at large.
9. Such constructive role could be effectively played if research, development and commercialization activities are driven efficiently at the university level with strong support from the management that goes side by side with timeless commitment from our research circles.

10. This agenda is among our key priorities and it is evident in UMP Strategic Plan 2011-2015 that has laid down our commitment to become a leading institution in research and industry-based initiatives. All we need now is the passion and enthusiasm among the academia to carry out high quality research activities.

11. With much of the time spent on research, publication and other value-add activities, very little time is left for us, so precious that we would have no time to waste on non-value-add activities and petty matters that contribute nothing to our personal and institutional development. I have explained this straight and clear in my 2013 Annual Address recently and it is up to our academia to take up the challenge.
12. **Ladies and gentlemen,**

I am glad that CITREX 2013 has successfully attracted a large number of participation from UMP students and academia, which is better than last year. The ability to bring 179 research projects this year, as compared to 130 in 2012 is a positive indication of higher awareness level among UMPians about our research acculturation agenda.

13. Besides monitoring the progress of on-going research projects, I believe that CITREX is also a proper avenue for us to identify potential projects that could be brought further, in exhibitions or competitions, both locally and internationally.

14. I also believe that the organizing committee has set out a strong assessment framework to ensure that only the best of the competing research projects are selected as winners, thus maintaining the reputation and prestige of this event.
15. In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all participants who have taken the challenge to enter CITREX 2013. It is not about winning or losing, but you have actually contributed to knowledge dissemination through research and innovation, a noble role that UMP is really proud of you.

16. In appreciation to their relentless effort and timeless commitment, I would also like to extend my heartiest gratitude to the members of the organizing committee, the Department of Research & Innovation and also the Department of Student Affairs & Alumni.

17. With that, I hereby declare that the Creation, Innovation, Technology & Research Exposition 2013 is officially closed.

Thank you,

_Wabillahi Taufik Walhidayah, Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi_  
_Wabarakatuh._