

**SPEECH BY**

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**COPING WITH PANDEMIC:**

**ONLINE ENGAGEMENT SESSION WITH  
HER MAJESTY TUANKU CHANCELLOR**

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الحمد لله رب العالمين  
والصلاة والسلام على أشرف الأنبياء والمرسلين  
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and my fellow academic staff and students.

Ampun Tuanku, Mohon patik sembah diampun.

- 1) It has been an honour to be among such accomplished individuals and to be able to share our presence in this meaningful event. Patik is pleased that this programme has provided a platform for fruitful discussions on the current crisis as well as the prospect of the future.
- 2) The world is rapidly changing and often in unpredictable ways. Our shared global struggle is a reminder that we must be united and we must be ready to lead in this new world – an environment where volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity are going to become more and more prevalent. The close engagement today has given valuable insights into how we can respond appropriately for successful outcomes despite the limiting circumstances.
- 3) UTM has gone through a tough episode of COVID-19, but a lot of efforts have been put to get through the situation where everyone has come together and worked together. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the struggle allows us to keep our very own success stories in terms of knowledge development, visibility as experts, engagement with communities, student empowerment and many more achievements.

- 4) As the UTM motto goes “*Kerana Tuhan Untuk Manusia*”, I urge all academicians and students to come together, and to understand your roles collectively and genuinely in the new world. You must embrace your role wholeheartedly as key players, with a higher sense of purpose, ownership, and accountability, and with the view that your actions for the university and communities across the world as an important part of your life.
- 5) Last but not least, it is of utmost importance that this event leads to a warm relationship between Her Majesty Tuanku Chancellor, our academicians and students which translates into more co-operations and collaborations.
- 6) It has indeed been a pleasure to be part of this experience with Your Majesty Tuanku. Patik wish Your Majesty Tuanku all the best and see you again, in the near future.

Menjunjung kasih Tuanku.

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