



## **OPENING REMARKS**

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**OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE DHL APPLIED ANALYTICS  
HUB MEDINI**

**&**

**LETTER OF COLLABORATION (LoC)  
SIGNING CEREMONY**

**BETWEEN**

**ASIA-PACIFIC INNOVATION CENTER (APIC),  
DHL EXPRESS (SINGAPORE) PTE. LTD.**

**&**

**UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MALAYSIA**

**13<sup>th</sup> July 2021, Tuesday**

**(Online via Zoom)**

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الحمد لله رب العالمين

والصلاة والسلام على أشرف الأنبياء والمرسلين،

وعلى آله وصحبه أجمعين.

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

**And Greetings to All**

Thank you Master of Ceremony.

*[Salutation]*

A very good afternoon to:

**Mr. Matthias Heutger,**

Senior Vice President (Innovation and Commercial  
Development),

DHL Customer Solutions and Innovation

**Mr. Justin Baird,**

Vice President, Head of Asia Pacific Innovation Centre

**Datuk Ir. Khairil Anwar Bin Ahmad,**  
President and Chief Executive Officer,  
Iskandar Investment Berhad (IIB)

Distinguished Guests and Attendees,  
Ladies and Gentlemen.

1. Alhamdulillah, I am grateful to ALLAH SWT for His Blessing that we gather on this historic day, in an official launching ceremony of the DHL Applied Analytics Hub, the first dedicated office outside of Singapore. It is an important event since it brings to fruition the establishment of Letter of Collaboration (LOC) between DHL Asia Pacific Innovation Centre and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia.
2. On this occasion, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the honourable Mr. Matthias Heutger, honourable Mr. Justin Baird, honourable Datuk Ir. Khairil Anwar Bin Ahmad and senior officials from DHL and IIB who are willing to spend valuable time for this ceremony. On behalf of UTM, I am happy that both our institutions have decided to establish collaborations which will certainly enhance the academic and research activities in the field of

data science and computing that will be beneficial to both parties.

### **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

3. The collaboration between UTM and DHL Advanced Analytics started since 2019 where students from the Master of Science (Data Science) program from the School of Computing, Faculty of Engineering were taken onboard as interns guided by DHL Advanced Analytics Data Scientist mentors working on real projects. This collaboration has been going very well for 3 cohorts. Thus, both institutions have come to realize that this cooperation must be continued and here we stand today: both institutions have reached an agreement to sign the LOC.
  
4. The purposes of these agreements are to further the mutual understanding that has been established between UTM and DHL Asia Pacific Innovation Center, and to enhance teaching, learning, and talent development objectives. These agreements provide exchange opportunities for both academic, research and talents.

5. These agreements will mainly involve entity in UTM namely the School of Computing, Faculty of Engineering. Among the initiatives that will be offered include academic and research collaboration; industry training attachment for staff; internship of postgraduate students; and joint organization of events.
6. It is my hope that this partnership will continue to support exchange and sharing of knowledge, ideas and insights between UTM and DHL Advanced Analytics in the pursuit of collaborative academic, research and expertise in the field of data science and computing.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

7. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the cooperation of all parties, especially from DHL Advanced Analytics, IIB as well as SC FE UTM to make this ceremony a success. May Allah bless this event and hopefully, this initiative will lead to the expected deliverables from UTM and DHL Advanced Analytics in translating academic and research knowledge into something that can be beneficial to others and the

advancement of our efficiency in carrying out responsibilities entrusted upon us.

8. Lastly, I would like to thank all the guests, especially to the honourable Mr. Matthias Heutger, Senior Vice President of Innovation and Commercial Development, DHL Customer Solutions and Innovation; honourable Mr. Justin Baird, Vice President, Head of Asia Pacific Innovation Centre; honourable Datuk Ir. Khairil Anwar Bin Ahmad, President and Chief Executive Officer of Iskandar Investment Berhad, and delegations from DHL, IIB and colleagues from UTM for joining us today in witnessing this virtual ceremony.

Thank You.

وبالله التوفيق والهداية  
والسلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته