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CEP-WATER CONSORTIUM'S KICK-OFF MEETING

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بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم
الحمد لله رب العالمين
والصلاة والسلام على أشرف الأنبياء والمرسلين،
و على آله وصحبه أجمعين
السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

And A Very Good Morning

The Honorable Mr. MURAKAMI Yusuke, Deputy Chief
Advisor AUN/SEED-Net Management,

Assoc. Prof. Ts. Dr. Mohd Hafiz Dzarfan Othman (Director of
AMTEC),
Contact person of the CEP-WATER,

Prof. Dr. Hideto Matsuyama, Director of Center for Membrane
and Film Technology (MAFTech Center), Kobe University,
Japan,

Associate Prof. Dr. Nurul Widaastuti, Institut Teknologi
Sepuluh Nopember, Indonesia,

Assistant Professor Dr. Watsa Khongnakorn, Prince of
Songkla University, Thailand,

Representative from Kasui Techno Sdn. Bhd.,

All members of CEP WATER and AUN/SEED-Net
Secretariat,

The recipients of the CEP-WATER Scholarship,

Ladies and gentlemen,

It is exhilarating to be here for the CEP-WATER CONSORTIUM'S KICK-OFF MEETING today. I feel very privileged and honoured to acknowledge the great collaboration among the five partners involved in this WATER Consortium to secure the prestigious CEP Grant offered by AUN/SEED. Congratulations.

I have also been informed that this CEP-WATER program has offered the full scholarship to the six young talents, who have made an immense achievement to not only for themselves but also to their family, to further their study in UTM. These brilliant students exhibit such qualities that will not only help them in achieving their goals, but also bring glory of success to our research' academy. Today, we have gathered here not just to celebrate and welcome these students, but also to give due

regard to our values and morals which these awardees exemplify, like discipline, compassion, and zeal for learning.

Being among the one and only membrane center in Malaysia, AMTEC has a distinguished history. AMTEC has achieved many recognitions and achievements both locally and internationally. One of its great achievement was the recognition as one of the national Higher Institution Centre of Excellence (HICoE) with niche area of "Water Reclamation" in 2015. Over the past 11 years, this center has produced numbers of leaders and key players in the diverse fields and professions. I am proudly saying that most of the current lecturers in AMTEC are of our alumni.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Our institution has always provided its students with a healthy and fairly competitive environment to help them grow in every sphere of activity, be it academics, or any other activities. We have given equal opportunities to all our students so that they realize their true potential and get ready to face the outer world once they complete their studies. And I am much pleased to see our dear students performing and excelling in their respective areas of interests.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude and welcome the CEP-WATER Scholarship recipients to UTM family. With the distinguished tradition and culture, I am confident that AMTEC will carry on the continuous excellence and put the center vision 'To become a hub of membrane – based technology for nation human capital development and wealth creation' into a real action. On this note, I wish all of you an all the best and continued success in your Master's study and to become upright, fulfilled and contributing members of the community.

Thank you.

وبالله التوفيقُ والهداية،

والسلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته.