



**FOREWORD BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR
UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MALAYSIA**

والسلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته and Sincere Greetings to All,

It gives me great pleasure that Tan Sri Dr. Salleh Mohd Nor, UTM Pro-Chancellor and a group of UTM students and staff have successfully reached the Everest Base Camp with courage and determination. The success and valuable experience of the team must be properly documented so that it could be shared by all as a useful reference for those who want to know about the challenges of such exploration.

The Management Committee of UTM had approved "The UTM –Everest 2014 Mission" in line with the New Academia Concept which encourages global exposure and experiential learning. We believe that academic excellence must not only be limited to the classroom, but also extended to the outside world. The Mission to Everest will give exposure and advantages to the students not only for survival in a challenging environment, but also to carry out research especially at high altitudes.

Such programmes can also train students to acquire knowledge in planning, teamwork, leadership and problem solving towards producing graduates who are versatile and resourceful in facing adverse conditions. Community service which was also part of this mission will train students to develop a sense of responsibility and commitment besides promoting friendship and understanding between nations.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who have contributed and supported The UTM-Everest 2014 Mission and I pray that the mission will result in success.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Zaini Bin Ujang'.

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