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Bismillahirrahmanirrahim, Assalamualaikum, and a very good morning to:

- YBhg. Datuk Dr. Halim bin Shafie, Chairman, MMU Board of Directors
- Respected members of MMU Board of Directors
- Dr. Gopi Kurup, CEO of TM R&D
- Prof. Dr. Tou Teck Yong, VP R&D of MMU
- Management Committee Members, Deans and Directors of MMU
- Chairpersons of University Centres of Excellence, MMU
- Researchers of TM R&D
- Distinguished Guests, Ladies & Gentlemen

Welcome to one of the very significant events in MMU. I am glad that once again our university, this time under the R&D Division, engraves a significant mark today with two key R&D milestones in MMU. Firstly, the official award of TM funded projects to MMU and also secondly, the announcement of establishment of seven new University Centres of Excellence (U-COEs).

In accordance to the National Higher Education Strategic Plan, a university should set up core Centres of Excellence (COEs). In 2006, MMU has already formed several COEs. So to fortify the principal objective of the U-COEs establishment, this year we come up with seven key areas that focus on ICT and Creative Multimedia that are expected to prolifically incorporate our ambition and effort to become a leading research university.

The seven areas are:

- i-knowmedia - Visual Computing

- Information Security - Advanced Materials & Green Technologies
- Communication & Signal Processing - Photonic & Electronic Devices
- Remote Sensing & Surveillance Technologies

This formation of University Centres of Excellence (U-COEs) is anticipated to strengthen the research activity within MMU, also to allow other interactions amongst centres outside MMU. In a positive note, the formation opens up industrious networking opportunities. The U-COEs essentially breed research culture. The dynamic nature will be able to encourage each faculty that has active, special interest groups to feed into the initiative of the centres.

We are as well eager to see the improvement of our postgraduate programmes through this. By this, the university can increase the volumes of good research, where the increased strength of R&D was expected to facilitate the university programmes. For your information, two weeks ago, we just listed various top researchers in the MMU Staff Awards 2011, basically aiming to encourage more productions of good research.

As the president of MMU, today I am also happy and very thankful to our mother company, TM Berhad and our sister company, TM Research & Development (TM R&D) for their very far above the ground support towards research projects in MMU. Hopefully, all of us shall keep this excellent collaborative works. Let's aim to accomplish constructive breakthrough that must be very closely aiding the community in this rapidly developing modern globe.

Please accept a million of appreciations once again to TM for the constant presence and support to our effort. Special thanks to MMU Vice President (R&D), Prof. Dr. Tou Teck Yong who has been a great leader in the university's field of R&D, also to his entire team that uplifts MMU to numerous tremendous achievements and recognitions.

Best wishes to everyone and have blessed and very bright upcoming.

Wassalamu'alaikum warahamtullahi wabarakatuh.

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