

**NEW YEAR MESSAGE
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Happy New Year, and warm greetings as we begin 2019!

The year 2018 was quite a busy year for all of us, with many developments and significant milestones achieved towards towering the end of the year. I am pleased to share that, since the formation of UiTM Johor in 1983, we have achieved a sizeable expansion of our graduates to approximately over 90,000, as well as a substantial increase of our student intake with the opening of our new campus in Pasir Gudang, Johor Bahru in 2005. With near 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students from all over the country, close to 1,000 faculties and staff, 5 academic faculties and 6 residential colleges, and more than 15 programs of study, our two campuses in Segamat and Pasir Gudang are always living and breathing `Simfoni Alam, Digital & Bestari' (Nature's Symphony, Digital & Scholarly).

The University Strategic Plan sets out a framework of priorities for the University, its divisions and departments. The University's community has been consulted during the drafting of the plan and all stakeholders will be vital partners in its implementation. The 9 strategic Rector's Initiatives will be underpinned by a more detailed implementation plan which will be approved by the State University Executive Council and overseen by a panel of Project Managers or Co-ordinators chaired by the Rector.

In 2019 we remain committed to devote to excellence in teaching, learning, and research, and to develop leaders across disciplines who will make a positive difference in Johor, Malaysia and beyond. We will pursue the academic, teaching and learning process, continue our community engagement activities and thought leadership agenda by capitalizing on our staff's skill sets and competency, recognition, support and opportunities for their personal and professional growth. I also look forward to working closely together with our esteemed network of stakeholders towards further bringing UiTM Johor to greater heights.

Prophet Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) once said...

"Who are the learned? Those who practice what they know." (Bukhari)

Once again, I would like to thank our valued staff and students as well as our other stakeholders for being part of UiTM Johor's journey and wish all of you a productive and exciting year.

Best wishes;

**A NAQIYUDDIN BAKAR
Rector UiTM Johor**