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VICE-CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LABOUR DAY 2019

Bismillahirrahmanirrahim

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and Good Day.

Labour Day was first celebrated in Malaysia in the early 1970s after the former Deputy Prime Minister, Tun Dr. Ismail Abdul Rahman, announced that May 1 was a public holiday for all workers. The historic announcement was not only in recognition of the contributions made by workers to organizations, communities and countries, but also indirectly as a show of Malaysia's support and acknowledgement of the International Labour Organization's (ILO) decision to endorse May 1 as a Labour Day.

This year, the Labour Day is celebrated with the theme **"Trustworthy Workers, National Aspiration"**. The aptly chosen theme is not only relevant in today's scenario, but it also cuts across time and remains relevant as captured in a Malay saying that goes - '*Tak lapuk dek hujan, tak lekang dek panas*' (Nothing is affected, come rain or shine!). Workers are indeed a valuable asset and central to realizing Malaysia's desire to become a developed nation.

We take cognizance that 'trust' is an important element towards delivering effective and efficient services as expected by stakeholders. 'Trust' also denotes compliance with the rule of laws, in every sense of the word. So, as workers, let us reflect on the huge responsibility entrusted by the nation. In this respect, there should not be any difference, regardless whether you are a high-ranking officer or a support worker, in

carrying out one's duties and responsibilities as entrusted. We must all work hand in hand and with dedication in order to excel and become true professionals in our respective fields.

As a public university, Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) has been entrusted by the country to produce graduates who are able to become effective leaders at both, the local community and global stages. At the same time, the university also supports and implements various national government agendas to improve the well-being of the people through sustainable development. The efforts were indubitably made with due care and diligence so as to ensure positive outcome and impact. An action that is guided by trustworthiness will always prevail because it acts as a beacon of light, guiding us away from the various forms of entrapments such as abuse of authority and financial resources.

From another perspective, it should also be understood that trustworthiness can help create a meaningful work ethos between workers and the tasks performed. This conducive work environment shall become the catalyst for workers to forge ahead and in so doing, will renew the spirit of creativity and propel them to do more than they can do to push the nation forward, while simultaneously becoming positive about oneself.

I congratulate you for helping us make UUM a great university and sincerely hope that everyone will embrace this year's Labour Day theme when carrying out all tasks and responsibilities in the development of our nation. With a positive image, I believe, together we can scale greater heights and become a reputable referral centre in various academic areas in management and in doing so, enhances the confidence level of our stakeholders, In Sha ALLAH.

Wishing you a Happy Labour Day 2019

Wabillahitaufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

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