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Bismillahirrahmanirrahim

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh

1. By grace of Allah, I am here at USM 39th Convocation Ceremony. Congratulations to all graduates. I would also like to congratulate Dr. Concepción Campa Huergo, recipient of the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science this morning, whom I believed, is an excellent example of those who are committed to knowledge and contributed significantly to the society

2. I am convinced that those who graduated from USM also possess the correct perceptions and principles in life, especially in the context of knowledge. They will experience perpetual thirst for knowledge and incessantly strive for self-improvement, either through continuous studies or experiences in life..

3. Furthermore, those who are knowledgeable are also first-rate listeners. They make decisions based on available choices. They will deliberate profoundly and rationally, and will not be prone to impulsive behaviour. Neither will they be emotionally influenced or be persuaded by others.

4. Also, those who are knowledgeable will not simply place the blame on others. If we were to look at some of the biggest successes or accomplishments in the world, including our fellow scientists from People Republic of Cuba, these people fully utilize whatever that is available with the main purpose of achieving success. They do not look upon whatever that is lacking as an excuse but rather, took it as a challenge and a source of strength. A knowledgeable person is one who is wise and dares to take risks, is positive and creative, and will fully exploit resources that are accessible.

6. I am convinced that all of you who are here today, have not only been educated in this campus, but have also the experience of being someone who possesses knowledge. Therefore, you need to look upon knowledge as a universal mechanism to be utilized to help make the world a better place for everyone in the future.

7. USM's wish to achieve sustainable nature continues to rest upon you graduates as its key ambassadors. More so, in its efforts to fight for and to safeguard issues pertaining to humanitarian values that has being given lesser and lesser consideration in the pursuit for materials gains..

8. It is also my hope that graduates from USM are capable of dealing with changes, be it is personal or changes to the situations. Readiness to face up to changes is of utmost importance in acclimatizing oneself to new enviroments in order to bring meaningful contributions to oneself, society and country.

9. Whatever happens, one should always bear in mind God and one's religion. Beliefs in the teachings of your religion will ensure that you are on the right path in whatever you choose to undertake in future. I pray that all of you here today will constantly achieve success in your future undertakings. Congratulations to all graduates and your parents. I would also like to congratulate the leaders of the university, which has been conferred the status of an APEX University, the first of which in Malaysia. May USM be successful in its continual efforts to be the best university in the world. Thank you. Wassalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.

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