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Bismillahirrahmanirrahim.

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and a very good day.

SALUTATION...

1. It is my great pleasure to welcome all of you to the MARA International Education Conference, an important initiative by Majlis Amanah Rakyat to strengthen the role of education in shaping the future of our nation.
2. First and foremost, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all participants, speakers and partners who have contributed to making this conference possible.

Ladies and gentlemen,

3. The theme of this conference, "Digital Transformation for Quality and Inclusive Education" reflects the evolving role of education in today's rapidly changing world.
4. In the past, education was often focused on knowledge transmission. Today, however, the focus has shifted toward creating meaningful impact – ensuring that research, innovation and knowledge truly benefit learners, institutions and society.
5. As a result, education systems must evolve to become more agile, adaptive and forward-looking. Education today must not only equip students with knowledge, but also with the ability to think critically, innovate creatively and adapt confidently to future challenges.

Distinguished participants,

6. As a key institution entrusted with empowering socio-economic development through education and entrepreneurship, Majlis Amanah Rakyat continues to play an important role in nurturing national talent.
7. However, in facing the future, we must continuously transform our education ecosystem to ensure that our graduates are future-ready, resilient and globally competitive.

Ladies and gentlemen,

8. To strengthen our educational ecosystem, several key aspirations must be pursued.
9. First, we aim to develop research-driven institutions, where educational strategies and innovations are guided by rigorous research and scholarly work.
10. Second, we must embrace data-driven decision making. In today's digital era, data has become an invaluable resource that enables institutions to better understand student learning patterns, improve teaching effectiveness and develop impactful policies.
11. Ultimately, these efforts aim to achieve high-impact educational outcomes that benefit individuals, communities and the nation as a whole.

Ladies and gentlemen,

12. Another key driver of transformation in education is digitalisation. Digital technologies have opened new opportunities for enhancing the learning experience.

Technology-enabled learning platforms allow students to access knowledge more widely and flexibly.

13. In addition, blended learning approaches, combining face-to-face and online learning, have become increasingly relevant in modern education.
14. Through data insights, educators can identify learning challenges early and implement timely interventions to support students' success. All these initiatives contribute toward building a future-ready education system that is capable of adapting to emerging challenges and opportunities.

Distinguished guests,

15. The MARA International Education Conference provides a valuable platform for bringing together education leaders, researchers, policymakers and industry partners from around the world.
16. More importantly, this conference also serves as a platform for strengthening international collaborations and partnerships among educational institutions.
17. In today's interconnected world, educational challenges are no longer confined to national borders. They require global dialogue, shared knowledge and collaborative solutions.
18. Therefore, through strategic collaboration and knowledge exchange, we can collectively shape a more resilient and innovative education system.

Ladies and gentlemen,

19. It is my hope that this conference will achieve several meaningful outcomes. First, it will promote the exchange of ideas and best practices in education.
20. It will generate innovative ideas and solutions to address the challenges faced by education today. Ultimately, we hope that these efforts will lead to meaningful impact in improving the quality of education and enhancing the learning experience of students.

Distinguished participants,

21. The future of a nation depends greatly on the strength of its education system. If we aspire to build a progressive, innovative and competitive society, we must ensure that our education system remains dynamic, relevant and responsive to change.
22. With strong collaboration among governments, educational institutions, industry and global partners, I am confident that we can shape a brighter future for education.
23. On that note, it gives me great pleasure to officially declare the MARA International Education Conference open.

Thank you.