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Assalamualaikum and Good Day

Dear Students,

I trust this message finds you well and safe.

We are currently facing a crisis never seen before. Our academic plans have changed, our dreams for a joyous April graduation has also faltered. The COVID-19 pandemic has left us in a grim situation and is forcing us to reflect upon ourselves and how we react to the impending difficulties.

I understand the tremendous strain that comes with the challenges this uncertainty has put on all of us; emotionally and physically. At UiTM, we have always had your best interest at heart. As demonstrated by the efforts from various quarters like the Student Affairs Division (HEP), Academic Affairs Division (HEA), the Health Centre, the Zakat Centre, Counsellors, Campus Management Offices, Student Council, the Library and your respective Faculties, all options are weighed out thoroughly and every decision made with you in mind. I would like you to know that we have taken steps to ensure your safety and wellbeing are a priority.

While you remain at home or on campus, I would like to assure you that all possible measures are being made to ensure that you will be able to continue your studies during this time through the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) approach. We are working together to provide guidance and support so that your learning experience is uninterrupted. As we make adjustments to this new norm of learning online, we will rise to the challenge and be the better because of it.

Despite this challenging situation, I appreciate all the support and understanding that you have all shown. I am very mindful of the predicament that many of you are in, but be rest assured, I am working tirelessly with the rest of the team to ease things up.

I know you have many questions for us and I want to again reassure you that we are doing as much as we can to help you make thoughtful and informed decisions as we continue to navigate and bring you updates from time to time on this unfolding situation.

We are all in this together and we will get through this together *#kitaUiTM*.

Stay positive and stay strong.

Wassalam.

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