

THE LAUNCHING OF JACTIM FOUNDATION

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I would like to thank the management of JACTIM Foundation for inviting me here today to commemorate the establishment of JACTIM Foundation.

2. I understand that the objective of establishing JACTIM Foundation is basically to foster closer relations between Japan and Malaysia. JACTIM Foundation should serve as an extension of the efforts of JACTIM whose activities mainly centred on economic contributions to Malaysia's development.

3. In consonance with JACTIM's objective to reinforce and nurture cordial links between Malaysian and Japanese citizens, JACTIM has agreed that activities be expanded to promote wider cultural exchanges and contribution which can benefit both Malaysians and Japanese. It is with this understanding that JACTIM Foundation has embarked on programmes which would ultimately enhance the richness of the social and cultural aspects of Malaysians.

4. I have no doubt that with time these ties of friendship between Malaysia and Japan will grow stronger and will build a strong bond through greater mutual understanding. I hope that JACTIM Foundation's activities will be continuously advanced so as to contribute to the healthy development of Malaysia's cultural heritage.

5. On this note, I have the pleasure of launching the JACTIM Foundation.