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**THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE INTEL ADVANCED NETWORK**  
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I am greatly honoured to be here today to witness one of the most important milestones of multimedia university's relationship with Intel: the opening of the Intel advanced network architecture laboratory in Multimedia University (MMU).

2. As we all know, MMU was created with the significant mission of supporting the nation's visionary Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) project. Ever since its inception, MMU has been playing its role well by producing the human resources in the areas that are most needed by the industry. This monumental responsibility would not have been achieved without the constant and full support from industrial key players like Intel.

3. I was made to understand that Intel has been a tremendous industrial collaborator of MMU since the beginning of the university in 1997. Being the focus university of Intel in Malaysia, MMU has received so far support from Intel in the form of equipment grant, supply of technical literature, graduate fellowship, research grants and guest lectures. The equipment grant for example has resulted in the set-up of the Intel microelectronic lab in 2000 and numerous experiment set-up in MMU for both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Besides receiving equipment grants, numerous postgraduate students have benefited tremendously having been sponsored by the Intel research fellowship scheme. In addition to this, there have been at least 5 research grants provided by Intel to MMU researchers. To date, a total of more than RM1.57 million has been received from the various equipment and research grants from Intel.

4. Today we will witness another chapter in the making between both Intel and MMU in their fruitful alliance. The setting up of the Intel advanced network architecture lab marks another key milestone in the development of MMU. This is once again made possible with the equipment grant worth about RM1 million in commercial value from Intel. This equipment grant encompasses the IXA training kits, state-of-the-art workstations and software to be placed in the new Intel advanced network architecture lab.

5. It is to my understanding that with the setting up of this new Intel lab, MMU will be able to enhance the training provided to its students. This is especially more evident in the areas of advanced data communication and computer networking. The Intel advanced network architecture lab is a worthwhile investment which will benefit a majority of the Information Technology (IT) and engineering students in MMU. Not only will they gain an advantage over other students in the same fields of study elsewhere, they will also get choice information through training programs specifically designed by Intel staff members with valuable industrial knowledge,

experience and expertise. This will certainly further enhance the quality and industrial-relevance of the graduates that MMU produces.

6. I would like to take this opportunity to express our utmost gratitude to Intel for the tremendous support that it has given to us all these years. It is with utmost pleasure that I hereby declare the Intel advanced network architecture lab officially open.