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Syukur Alhamdulillah kerana dengan izin dan limpah kurnia-Nya pada hari ini kita dipertemukan di galeri elektronik atau lebih dikenali sebagai e-galeri Universiti Multimedia. Saya ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada YBhg Prof Ghauth Jasmon, Presiden Universiti Multimedia, Yang Berusaha Dr Ahmad Rafi, Dekan Fakulti Multimedia Kreatif serta semua kakitangan dan pelajar fakulti ini yang telah sudi menjemput saya untuk merasmikan e-galeri ini pada pagi ini.

2. A very good morning to all present. It is my pleasure to be here today to officiate the Electronic Gallery, better known as the E-Gallery of Multimedia University. I would like to thank the University for inviting me to officiate and I congratulate the staff and students who have spent considerable time and effort to make the gallery filled with the phenomenal works of art and technology a reality.

3. I have been made to understand that the E-Gallery is an extremely important facility for the Faculty of Creative Multimedia which is a faculty heavily biased towards design. Firstly, it will be used as an exhibition space to showcase the products of the young and talented minds of students from the Faculty ranging from those in the alpha level, right up to those in their final year. Secondly, the facility will also be used as a learning facility to inspire students in design and multimedia-based courses with new ideas, and to further encourage their creativity and hone their aesthetic skills.

4. The advent of the Information Age has greatly dissolved the barriers of time and space and fostered a spirit of globalisation of economies and communication. Boundaries will soon cease to exist as nations work hand-in-hand to improve their economies and raise their standards of living. For Malaysia, our hope and future, and the attainment of Vision 2020, lies greatly in the Multimedia Super Corridor, or the MSC. Now, with the MSC and its world-class high-bandwidth infrastructure already in place, what the nation is in dire need of now, is a sufficient pool of knowledge workers to meet the demands of the present era of Information Technology and multimedia, as well as support the requirements of companies operating in the MSC.

5. Many of you present here today, would have already been aware of the fact that until early this year, the manpower department recorded a significant number of job seekers with diplomas and degrees who faced difficulties getting suitable employment because of the incompatibility between their fields of study and the private sector's needs. The report indicated that these graduates were not adequately skilled in Information Technology, the use of computers and the Internet. As such it is imperative that institutions of higher learning must do their part for the nation in equipping students with adequate knowledge and skills so as to be productive and able to compete effectively and globally as the Malaysian Government steers the nation towards a knowledge-based economy or k-economy.

6. These students, in essence, are the future leaders of our beloved nation. With computers permeating nearly every facet of our lives, we need to gird them, and the rest of our future generations with the technical knowledge of computers, IT and multimedia to survive and revolutionise this new era that has stormed its way into the present millennium. This is exactly what the Faculty of Creative Multimedia, as well as the rest of Multimedia University is doing right now. When Multimedia University students enter the employment market, they would have already attained essential skills in IT and multimedia apart from research, business and other skills. With such skills, industries and organisations who employ them need not waste precious time and spend large sums of money to re-train them in these important fields.

7. Multimedia University has already gained a reputation as an international university of high quality and standards, with a strong emphasis on research and development, multimedia and technological expertise. I am confident that the launch of the E-Gallery today will further enhance the university's reputation as the heartbeat and pulse of the MSC, as Multimedia University attracts hordes of potential investors, industrialists and specialists. I am sure that a tour of the E-Gallery will bear testament to the standard of quality of the faculty, and above all thrill you as you find yourself in a seabed of creativity and technical

expertise rightfully placing itself above conventional standards.

8. Before I conclude, I would like to once again thank YBhg Prof Dr Ghauth Jasmon, Yang Berusaha Dr Ahmad Rafi, and the rest of the staff and students of the Faculty Of Creative Multimedia, as well as the sponsors for their hardwork and contributions to Multimedia University.

The dedication, commitment, hours of toil and generous contributions are greatly appreciated.

9. I am confident that the seeds that have been sown here at Multimedia University will bring about a long harvest that the nation can be proud of as Malaysia heads towards the digital era. With that I am pleased to officially declare open the E-Gallery at the Faculty Of Creative Multimedia.