

## **OPENING REMARKS**

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Assalamualaikum WBT

Good morning

-SALUTATION-

I am happy to see all of you again.

Thank you for your participation. The attendance has been good throughout the two days. It has always been the Faculty's inspiration that this colloquium would be beneficial to encourage you to excel further than before.

### **Ladies and Gentlemen...**

Knowing that PhD is a long... and could be lonesome.... journey, the Faculty would not leave our candidate by her or himself..., or even 'disappear'.... from our sight. The Faculty of Accountancy conducts this event to meet... and review... our PhD candidate's progress.

The Faculty did not conduct this event so that we (the staff) can benefit, but...this program is organized for the benefit of our PhD candidates..

...as intellectual interactions among fellow candidates, interactions with external parties other than with your respective supervisors, would improve..., motivate..., encourage.. and push you to a better level.

You would find that this event will make you realize your current position... whether it is good or not..., and knowing such position would eventually encourage you to improve further. ...Surely you will also realize whether you are progressing or not. Where you were at the last colloquium and where you are at today..

## **My Dear PhD Candidates**

In the recent Amanat Naib Canselor in February 2016, The Vice Chancellor had emphasized on several matters to focus. One of his emphasize was about students employability.. and that students graduate on time.

The Faculty of Accountancy supports both of these emphases. When it comes to employability, our graduates have always been a reference among employers and even among public as well as private universities. You would find that the graduates of the Faculty of Accountancy do well in their career.

The Faculty would want our PhD candidate to do even better... Given that all of you have reached at this level i.e. being employed.., and many of you even have sponsors for your study...I have no doubts about your competency as a PhD candidate.

Students,

I am sure that you are all aware that the Vice Chancellor (VC) in his Amanat 2016 mentioned that students should graduate on time. This has become an inspiration thus, the Faculty supports that..

### **Based on The VC's slide presentation number 37, UiTM have these strength:**

1. Bakat dalam pelbagai bidang di UiTM / Variety pool of talents in UiTM
2. Prasarana yang boleh dimanfaatkan secukupnya / Infrastructure that can be benefited from
3. Alumni cemerlang di seluruh pelusuk negara / Notable alumni throughout the country
4. Program akademik yang diiktiraf / Accredited Academic Programmes
5. Warga dengan komitmen yang luar biasa / Outstanding members' / staff commitment

### **To meet the inspiration, What does the Faculty has?**

The Faculty of Accountancy **ALSO** has all these strength for you to use/ grasp/hold. These strength are in fact, readily available.

The Faculty of Accountancy itself has a strong base of 'goodness' to offer you. As you know, we have:

#### **Quality Faculty Members**

The Faculty of Accountancy on the other end, has a good selection of experts.. As you know there are almost 100 PhD qualified lectures here at the Faculty... Name me one other university that has equivalent number of the pool of experts...? In Malaysia? Abroad?

These lecturers are able to supervise, advice ..and if they are not your supervisor, they can provide constructive feedback to improve your research work.

If you consult say 5% of these qualified lecturers, can you imagine how much such consultation would improve your thesis? These consultation does not limit to only in-campus discussion..but, these experts also have good contacts with practicing experts of the field... Can you imagine how much such consultation would improve to your thesis?

Hence dear students, please utilize, .i.e. consult your supervisors..and their colleagues to improve.

We also have

### **Availability of Infrastructure**

As we all know UiTM has good infrastructure, the library, the internet, the facilities.. so tell me what infrastructure needs to be improved to make you graduate on time?

When you utilize these resources,... the outcome will be feasible ...all these strength will multiply....at least there will be more

1. *Bakat dalam pelbagai bidang di UiTM / Variety pool of talents in UiTM;*

3. *Alumni cemerlang di seluruh pelusuk negara / Notable alumni throughout the country, as you come from everywhere.*

### **Dear Students**

Graduate on time will be an advantage to you and your career development. I can outline a few advantages of graduation on time. First and foremost is cost saving .. the financial consequences.. be it your own money (if you are self-funded).. or.. you are sponsored. These cost savings include tuition fees, cost of living.. transportation cost..all would not diminish if you finish within the given stipulated time frame..

Not to mention your ability to earn more income once you are a PhD qualified.. This income is almost perpetual during your career life time. The sooner you earn, the better it is for you.

I have not seen anyone who has graduated his/her PhD earn less than before being a PhD qualified.. and these income can be earned... in various ways...

That is the quantifiable advantage..

There are also non-quantifiable advantages.

For example, your career will also flourish as you are recognized as one of the experts. Currently in Malaysia, there are about 14,000 qualified PhD holders (2010).

While the government's target is to create a pool of brilliant human resources among Malaysians and aims to have 60,000 PhD holders by 2023, through MyBrain15 it will embark on coordinated efforts in human capital development.

So, being a PhD qualified will bring you plenty of advantages.

### **Dear Students**

As much as you timeline for your PhD project, please plan for your graduation as well. Set a date or the year of graduation. Every two months, have a look at these plans. Evaluate your achievement as compared to your plan. How much you have or have not executed; what was and what else need to be conducted.

In a consistent interval, consult your supervisor. Keep them updated with your progress. Get an appointment to update your progress. These meetings would remind you whether you are on the right track..or off-track..

Hence you would be able to achieve your target....Remain focus.

With what I have mentioned earlier, my dear students, we start our Colloquium today 25<sup>th</sup> of May and ends tomorrow, 26<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016, with

*Bismillah hirrahman nirrahim.....*

May Allah Assist... and Ease... your endeavor.

*Ameen*

I wish you a fruitful colloquium.

Thank you