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PAC MEDIA STATEMENT

1. Today, the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) has tabled the PAC Report on UiTM Holdings Sdn. Bhd. of Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and the Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE).
2. The Report was tabled after the proceeding that was conducted by the PAC on **6 December 2023**. In that proceeding, the PAC has summoned the witnesses as follows:
 - i. **Datuk Dr. Dato' Dr. Haji Megat Sany bin Megat Ahmad Supian**, Deputy Secretary General (Policy) of MoHE,
 - ii. **Prof. Datuk Dr. Shahrin bin Sahib @ Sahibuddin**, Vice-Chancellor of UiTM; and
 - iii. **Mr. Farisan bin Mokhtar**, Acting Group Chief Executive Officer of UiTM Holdings.
3. The preparation meeting for this Report was held on **27 February 2024**, with the attendance of 7 Ex-Officio members of PAC, comprising the Attorney General's Chambers, Public Service Department, Ministry of Finance (MOF), National Audit Department, Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), Ministry of Economy, and the Accountant General's Department, who agreed on the Report, its summary and recommendations as well as finalised the Report.
4. In this Report, PAC has come out with 5 summaries based on the proceeding conducted which are:
 - i. UiTM Holdings and its subsidiaries have yet to achieve their initial objectives and mandate to generate wealth for UiTM, create investment opportunities, and improve the strategic position of the company's core business.
 - ii. UiTM's failure to obtain approval from the Minister of Finance is inconsistent with the provisions under the Universiti Teknologi MARA

Act 1976 [Act 173] and has resulted in the acquisition of UiTM Private Education Sdn. Bhd. (UPESB) and UiTM Technoventure Sdn. Bhd. (UTVSB) being in contravention of the Act.

- iii. UiTM's capital injection amounting to RM259.98 million from 2007 to 2018, without the approval of the Minister of Finance for share acquisitions in UiTM Holdings is inconsistent with the requirements of Act 173.
- iv. The solar project undertaken by UiTM Holdings evidently benefits UiTM's operations. However, the change of category of land use or express condition of title at Solar Park I Gambang, Pahang, has yet to be resolved.
- v. The failure to finalise a new leasing agreement between UiTM and UiTM Private Healthcare Sdn. Bhd. (UPHSB) has resulted in a 15-month rental arrear and lack of maintenance of the UiTM Private Specialist Centre buildings.

5. As for improvement measures, PAC has suggested 5 recommendations to be implemented by the Ministry and UiTM which are:

- i. UiTM needs to be more efficient in supervising UiTM Holdings and its subsidiaries in order to ensure their profitability and ability to pay dividends in line with the goals of its establishment.
- ii. UiTM must ensure compliance with the authority in making investments, and loans as well as the establishment of subsidiary companies by the provisions of Act 173.
- iii. The Ministry of Higher Education and UiTM must take rectification actions on the issue of RM259.98mil capital injection so that it is in line with Act 173.
- iv. UiTM Holdings must immediately resolve the issue of the change of category of land use or express condition of title at Solar Park I Gambang, Pahang.
- v. UiTM Holdings must present a comprehensive investment and business direction plan, including addressing the 15-month rental arrears and maintenance problems of the UiTM Private Specialist Centre buildings.

6. PAC will call again the MOF, MoHE and UiTM for a proceeding on the follow-up action in two months' time to get their feedback on the Committee's recommendations.

7. The public can read the statements and findings of this Report by visiting the PAC website at www.parlimen.gov.my/pac.

Thank you.

**Honourable Datuk Wira Mas Ermieyati binti Samsuddin
Chairman of PAC**