

Dear Students,

Firstly, I would like to excitedly welcome you to the **School of Biosciences!**

Secondly, **CONGRATULATIONS:** You are a smart group; you have chosen to be a part of Biosciences community. As educators, we are committed to nurture and guide you throughout your University journey and provide you our very own Biosciences experience which will help you unleashing your borderless potentials and getting off a great future with your career of dreams. Most importantly, you, as a group of dedicated and talented people are sharing a mission with us to improve education together. Education needs us, but **Biosciences fields need you!**



Thirdly, you are assured to seek new knowledge in stimulating learning environments with us. Undoubtedly, Covid-19 pandemic had changed the higher education landscape significantly. The past emergency remote learning during the first Movement Control Order (MCO) in Malaysia (March 2020) may be a coping mechanism, however, following this 18-month virtual teaching and learning (T&L) process within various phases of MCOs, our fundamental understanding and vision of digital T&L have transformed. Other than adopting technology-embedded online teaching and assessment, we have provided simulated learning environments that allow students to complete laboratory experiments online and explore concepts and theories without stepping into a physical laboratory. During this new academic year 2021-22, we are looking forward to the re-opening of our campus and adopting the best blended learning approach to ensure the positive and safe learning practices. Regardless of online and/or physical classrooms, we are doing all we can to maintain the high quality level of learning you would expect from us.

This is a very special beginning and new adventure. I wish you all the best in your studies and make the most of your university experience.

Yours sincerely,

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