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**AT THE**  
**LAUNCH OF MGSKL'S COMPUTERISED LIBRARY SYSTEM**

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

A very good morning to all of you! I am pleased to welcome you here today to celebrate this momentous collaboration between International Medical University (IMU) and Senior Methodist Girls School Kuala Lumpur (MGS KL).

It has been an honour for us to work closely with one of the oldest and most prominent schools in Malaysia, in making both their vision and ours a reality. It has been a great journey of knowledge sharing and expertise, and we believe that this initiative will go a long way in advancing the quality of teaching and learning within the school.

Ladies and gentlemen,

IMU was founded in 1992, and is Malaysia's first private medical educational institution. While the University has grown exponentially over the years, we have stayed true to our teaching and learning philosophy, which is grounded on its core values. These values, infused with IMU's 3 "I"s of Imagination, Insight and Innovation, ensures IMU graduates are lifelong learners who are competent and caring healthcare professionals who are proactive and ready to serve the community.

As one of the leading tertiary institutions in the country, IMU is not only concerned with being a premier learning institution but also a hub of knowledge sharing. One of our underlying objectives is to utilise our resources effectively to share our knowledge and expertise with industry partners and the local community, in the interest of advancing the quality of education and learning in Malaysia.

We strongly believe that every child should be provided with a wholesome education, as embodied in the Malaysian Education Blueprint 2013-2025. It is only in this way that they can be equipped to face a future that is ever-changing and rapidly evolving.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Today's children are no longer just vying to compete in their own community or country, but on a global scale, with their peers from all over the world. One of the primary roles of educational institutions is to provide our children with the tools and lifelong skills to succeed in the future. Yet, this is where the challenge lies.

In order to empower and equip our children and future leaders, educational institutions must first be equipped with the relevant tools and software to support their teaching and learning environment. Unfortunately, many local public schools lack the sufficient resources to revamp or upgrade their facilities, despite the urgent need to do so.

This is why we have made it part of our mission at IMU to identify such institutions and pillars of the community, and provide them with the required support to elevate their teaching and learning to the next level. The IMU Cares programme has been an important mechanism for us to achieve significant strides in these areas.

Ladies and gentlemen,

MGS KL has been providing quality education for its students since it was established back in 1896 – 120 years ago! With the increasing role that ICT and technology plays in today's learning environment, it is only fitting that one of the oldest schools in the country is able to upgrade its facilities and adapt to the modern times, with the ultimate purpose of enhancing and enriching their teaching and learning environment.

In fact, the implementation of MGS KL's new computerised library system is one of the initiatives under the IMU Cares programme, which focuses on making meaningful contributions to the community.

More than serving as a tracking or monitoring system for the borrowing of resources from the library, this computerised library system will actually be able to inculcate a culture of lifelong learning in the school. It will be able to provide useful information for the school's administration to budget for the library resources and promote a greater usage of the library among teachers and students. The new Library system will complement existing classroom activities, thus increasing the effectiveness of the school's syllabus.

Ladies and gentlemen,

It is certainly heartening to see IMU Cares taking on such initiatives that will create such significant and long-term impact for the school and community at large.

Congratulations to all those who made today's event a great success, especially the IMU Library team and the IMU Cares team for successfully executing this

project and bringing MGS KL's brand new specialised computerised library system to life.

I hope to see more such collaborations from IMU Cares in the future, in the interest of advancing the quality of education in the country.

Finally, I would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to MGS KL for entrusting us to bring this vision to reality. I'm sure that your brand new Library system will go a long way in empowering your teaching faculty and in turn your students, to bring out the best in them. May you continue to churn out the crème de la crème of future Malaysians!

Thank you.

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