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Your Excellency Tun Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad,

My wife and I are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of your beloved wife, Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah binti Mohamad Ali. On behalf of Rangsit University, as well as on my own personal behalf, I would like to extend our most heartfelt condolences and profound sympathy to you, your children, and the entire family during this time of immense grief.

I also wish to convey my deepest respect and personal affection for Your Excellency at this difficult moment. Over the years, Rangsit University has held you in the highest regard, not only as a distinguished statesman whose leadership has remarkably driven Malaysia and the region to the higher level, but also as a person of conviction, courage, and unwavering commitment to the principles you have believed in. Our meeting at Rangsit University in 2018 when the University had the great honour of conferring upon you an Honorary Doctorate, remains a particularly meaningful memory for me and for our University community.

We still remember with great warmth that occasion when Your Excellency and Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah were our honoured guests. Welcoming both of you to Rangsit University was not merely a formal academic occasion; it was a privilege and a deeply personal experience that I will always cherish. The presence of Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah beside you on that memorable day made the said occasion all the more meaningful.

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Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah was not only a devoted companion who stood gracefully by your side through decades of historic leadership, but she was also a pioneering figure in her own right. Her lifelong dedication to public health, the welfare of women and children, and her countless contributions to Malaysian society leave behind an enduring legacy that will be cherished and remembered for generations.

The bond of love and partnership that you both shared for 70 years has been a beautiful inspiration to many of us. We share in your profound sense of loss and mourn alongside the people of Malaysia for the passing of such an extraordinary stateswoman.

May the cherished memories of her remarkable life bring you comfort, and may you find the strength and serenity to bear this great loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Please accept Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration, deepest respects and sincere sympathy at this time of profound sorrow.

With highest and warmest regards,

Dr. Arthit Ourairat,

President of Rangsit University