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I am writing this at the request of Mr. Koay Hong Vin who is applying for your prestigious award.

I wish to record my unequivocal and strong support for Hong Vin who was in one of my undergraduate classes. I have known Hong Vin for four years in my capacity as a senior lecturer at the Department of Electrical Engineering, University of Malaya. I am also the advisor for his co-founded club – Malaya Electrical Students Association (MESA). I would like to begin by highlighting that Hong Vin's academic performance is always being top of his undergraduate class, won a number of prestigious awards and competitions, and has been appointed to many leadership positions. Hong Vin's CV speaks for itself.

Hong Vin is one of the high achievers, in terms of grades, attendance, and class participation. He is able to accomplish an assignment given in the shortest time with the greatest effort among his classmates. Apart of his grades, he has a keen interest in and talent for solving complex engineering problems, which has led him to win several hackathons. He was the champion for AVIATAR 2019 Hackathon where he represented Malaysia to France for a 6-day visit to present his winning idea to the aerospace industry. He was also the champion of EE Makerthon 2018, Gig Economy Hackathon 2018 and Digital Agtech Hackathon 2019.

In terms of academic performance, Hong Vin received the Dean's List Award for full 8 semesters of his 4-year undergraduate study. His Integrated Design Project (IDP) won both the Best IDP Award and Best Video Award at the departmental level. Besides, he is the winner of the Head of Department (HoD) Award 2020 for having the best Final Year Project among the 92 student research projects.

Hong Vin's academic strengths are complemented by his active involvement in co-curricular activities. Hong Vin co-founded a student association under the Department of Electrical Engineering, named Malaya Electrical Students Association (MESA), as to empower his coursemates, allowing them to get in touch with the industry. He was the president of this association even in his final year. He shows great leadership and has led several activities with great success. Through helping the department to organize many industry-related activities, Hong Vin established a good networking with many industry players.

Hong Vin is an asset to this institution. He is committed, professional, a team player, and he belongs in the top 1% in terms of overall performance and academic competent. He was part of the nucleus group of the undergraduate representatives who contributed to the success of many departmental activities.

I have no hesitation in recommending Mr. Koay Hong Vin for the prestigious award. I strongly believe that Hong Vin deserves such acknowledgment.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wei Ru', with a horizontal line underneath the 'Ru' part.

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