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CONTINUED SUPPORT BY MALAYSIA FOR BUILDING A COMPREHENSIVE HALAL ECOSYSTEM

“14 participants from 10 Countries Visit Malaysia for Halal Technical Training and Capacity Building”

KUALA LUMPUR, AUGUST 15th – As the forefront in the halal hub, Malaysia via Department of Standards Malaysia (Standards Malaysia) continue to support in forming a comprehensive halal ecosystem for the world by organizing the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP), a training programme on Halal Standards and Conformance Infrastructure from August 8 -15th August, 2018.

This training programme was supported by Ministry of Foreign Affairs in line with the spirit of South-South cooperation, where stands as proof of the commitment of the Government of Malaysia towards the promotion of technical cooperation among developing countries, offering support in areas where Malaysia has the experience and expertise especially halal.

“One of the challenges is for the international fora to have consensus on a Halal standard that is acceptable to all Muslim communities. The lack of a unified standard has also raised production costs for exporting companies, as they must follow different national regulatory standards. Thus, by having a unified standard among OIC countries for a start, these matters can be addressed and hopefully will help to minimise the cost of doing business.

The halal standards which were the first release by Standards Malaysia in 2000, has become an important milestone for Malaysia as we became the first country to have a documented and systematic Halal assurance system. To date, Standards Malaysia has developed 15 Halal Standards ranging from standards for halal food, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, warehousing, logistics, packaging, quality management system in halal perspectives and hospitality services. Currently, in the pipeline, there is standard on Halal Medical Device,” said YBhg. Prof. Madya. Dr. Ramzah Dambul, Deputy Secretary-General of the Ministry of Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change (MESTECC).

This training programme includes lectures, participation in case studies, experience-sharing, briefings by the relevant agencies and also technical visits of the “Farm to Fork” value chain that demonstrate the complete Halal requirements in Malaysian Standards which is 1500 – Production, preparation, handling and storage – general requirements.

“We have been actively involved in conducting annual MTCP Course on Halal Standards and Conformance Infrastructure for OIC Countries since 2006. The MTCP course has received an overwhelming response from OIC Countries where it has successfully assisted them in developing their own framework of quality assurance of halal products and services.

This is the 13th year Standards Malaysia is hosting the MTCP. Since 2006, it has been attended by more 150 participants from 38 OIC Countries. These countries have acknowledged Malaysia as the focal point of halal development infrastructure and the leader in developing standards related to Halal industry,” YBhg. Datuk Fadilah Baharin, Director General of Standards Malaysia.

There were 14 participants from 10 Countries i.e. Sudan, Palestine, Egypt, Vietnam, Uganda, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Lao PDR, Philipines and Palau attending this training programme. There also has 7 local participants from mainly government agencies and companies or trade association such as Universiti Teknologi MARA, Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia, Department of Chemistry Malaysia, SME Corporation Malaysia, Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers and Mas Awana Services Sdn. Bhd in this programme.

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