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Ladies and gentlemen

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh,

Salam 1Malaysia and a very good morning to all of you.

At the outset, allow me to extend a warm welcome and to express my  
gratitude to all of you for attending this closing ceremony of the  
**MALAYSIAN TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME (MTCP)**  
**TRAINING ON HALAL STANDARDS AND CONFORMANCE**

**INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE OIC COUNTRIES.** I would also like to thank the Department of Standards Malaysia for inviting me to this occasion.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

2. The world's **Muslim population is expected to rise from an estimated 1.8 billion in 2014 to 2.2 billion by 2030, a growth of 26.4 per cent.** According to the State of the Global Islamic Economy Report, **the global expenditure of Muslim consumers on food and relevant Halal sectors grew 9.5 per cent to USD2 trillion in 2013, and is expected to reach USD3.7 trillion by 2019.**

3. Malaysia had recognised very early on the enormous potential of this niche in the global market place. Hence, the government introduced various policy initiatives, programmes and activities as well as encouraged our private sector to participate fully in enlarging the contribution of the Halal sector to our own economy.

4. In this regard, the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), through the **Department of Standards Malaysia** has contributed substantially to this effort, working in collaboration with other relevant government agencies such as the **Department of Islamic Development Malaysia or JAKIM** and the **Halal Industry Development Corporation (HDC)** in ensuring the standards and conformance activities are in line with national halal agenda.

5. At the regional level, as **we are now moving towards a single market and production base and towards a freer movement of goods**

**and services within ASEAN**, the efforts to strengthen ASEAN standards and conformance is imperative.

6. I was informed that the Department of Standards Malaysia is initiating the establishment of a **Working Group on Halal Products and Services** with its counterparts in Indonesia and Thailand to harmonise Halal standards within the ASEAN region under the **Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle (IMTGT)** initiatives.

7. The taskforce will facilitate a platform for discussion amongst Halal authorities with the aim of providing a **framework to support economic cooperation and integration within member countries**.

8. While trying to harmonise standard within the region, the Government of Malaysia on 9 July 2014 has decided to join the **Standards and Metrology Institute for the Islamic Countries (SMIIC)**. We firmly believe that SMIIC will be **the de-facto international standards setting organisation in the halal field**.

9. This is due to the fact that **one of the main challenges faced by the global Halal industry is the lack of one unified standard on Halal**. There are between **500 and 3,000 certification agencies** around the world, of which **80 per cent are from non-Muslim countries**. The **lack of a unified standard has also raised production costs for exporting companies**, as they must follow different national regulatory standards.

10. In order to optimize the immense potential of the global halal industry and to further exploit halal products and services, **there was a further need to acquire greater understanding of the various aspects**

**of halal certification and ensuring uniformity in the application of halal standards globally.**

11. In this regard, Malaysia is ready to collaborate with any party to ensure **an efficient halal ecosystem** in the country and take advantage of the **halal market's vast commercial potential** in the region and at the global stage.

12. Halal ecosystem **must meet the standards imposed by Islamic philosophy**, only then we are be able to attract the attention of non-Muslims to buy halal products.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

13. One of the key measures that the Government has taken in developing the ecosystem of halal products and services in Malaysia is to **reinforce the existing halal standards and conformance infrastructure.**

14. This includes the development and establishment of **13 Malaysian Standards (MS) on Halal** by the Department of Standards Malaysia that **meet international benchmarks**. A significant milestone was **the adoption of Malaysia's MS1500:2004 as the international Halal standard by the Codex Alimentarius Commission of the United Nations. This standard is the only Halal reference under the World Trade Organization**, which provides internationally recognised guidelines on labelling food products.

15. Besides the food standard, it has also been expanded to cover other halal related industries including **Halal Cosmetic and Personal**

**Care, Halal Logistics and Halal Pharmaceutical.** The latest **MS 2610:2015, Muslim Friendly Hospitality Services – Requirements** is already available.

16. **Accreditation** is another field that goes hand-in-hand with the standards development in Halal. **Our accreditation service, under the purview of Standards Malaysia ensures the credibility of the Halal testing facilities**, which in turn provides assurance to the consumers that the quality value chain of Halal goods and services are sound and reliable.

17. Leveraging on the wide acceptance of the Halal Malaysia logo and our Halal standards, we encourage the development of Halal industry in your respective countries in the field of **Halal Ecosystems and supply chain.**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

18. Malaysia, having more than 40 years' experience in Standards Development and more than 15 years in Accreditation field has established a structured and systematic framework for these two (2) fields.

19. The short-term goal of this training program is **the sharing of experiences, technical expertise and concerns between participating countries** as well as an entry point for Malaysia to establish network with them in the implementation of Halal standards.

20. I would like to record my appreciation to the Department of Standards Malaysia for their efforts in making this training programme a reality. Not to forget **the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Malaysia, JAKIM, HDC, SIRIM Berhad and Nestle Malaysia** for their support.

21. It is hoped that this programme has enabled us to assist agencies related to Halal Ecosystems in OIC countries based on Malaysia's experience in developing a quality framework of quality assurance for Halal products, through sharing of experiences and concerns between participating countries.

22. On behalf of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation Malaysia, I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations to all participants who have successfully completed this training programme. .

23. On that note, it is with great pleasure, that I officially close the **MTCP TRAINING ON HALAL STANDARDS AND CONFORMANCE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR OIC COUNTRIES.**

Sekian. Terima kasih.

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