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**MALAYSIAN TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME (MTCP)**  
ON  
**HALAL STANDARDS AND CONFORMANCE INFRASTRUCTURE**

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**MENARA KULALA LUMPUR**



**Yang Berbahagia Datuk Seri Dr. Mohd Azhar Bin Hj. Yahaya**

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**Senior officials from Ministries and Agencies;**

**Honoured guests and participants;**

**Ladies and gentlemen;**

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh, Salam sejahtera and a  
very good morning to all of you.

1. I am indeed delighted to be with you at the closing ceremony of the  
MTCP on Halal Standards and Conformance Infrastructure 2018  
organised by the Department of Standards Malaysia.

2. I would like to thank Datuk Seri Dr. Mohd Azhar Bin Hj. Yahaya Secretary General, Ministry of Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change (MESTECC), for being here to deliver the closing speech. Datuk Seri has always been supportive of our activities and I am sure he will continue to be with us when needed.

3. I would also like to record our appreciation to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for funding this initiative. The MTCP is being administered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for some years now. It clearly demonstrates the commitment of the Malaysian Government in supporting the standardisation activities in Malaysia.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

4. As you are aware by now, the Department of Standards Malaysia is a government agency under the Ministry of Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change (MESTECC). We are responsible for the development and promotion of Malaysian Standards (MS) and providing accreditation services to conformity assessment bodies.

5. Standards Malaysia has established a credible standardisation development infrastructure. With the engagement of various stakeholders in the standards development activities, we have managed to develop 5359 Malaysian Standards in 24 sectors, including 15 Malaysian Standards on halal as of 30 June 2018.

6. Standards Malaysia strives to enhance its services and increase its participation and recognition at national and international platforms. Standards Malaysia has 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.

7. This is the 13th year Standards Malaysia is hosting the MTCP. Since 2006, it has been attended by more than 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.

8. This year we decided to invite OIC and non-OIC Countries, ASEAN countries and also the Small Island Developing States (SIDS). I understand from abroad there are 14 participants from 10 countries. i.e. Bangladesh, Egypt, Lao PDR, Pakistan, Palestine, Palau, Philippines, Sudan, Uganda and Vietnam. A total 15 local participants from mainly government agencies, universities, trade association and companies attended, that is, Department of Chemistry Malaysia, SME Corporation Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia, Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers, Mas Awana Services Sdn. Bhd. and QSR Brands (M) Holdings Bhd.

9. This training programme included lectures, participation in case studies and experience-sharing and also technical visits to **QSR Brands (M) Holdings Bhd.** and **Kerabat Processing House (Pedas) Sdn.Bhd.**, and briefings by the relevant agencies. These have enabled

participants to understand the roles of standards and accreditation on halal in Malaysia. I hope that all the participants have gained the necessary knowledge and learned from Malaysia's experience.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

10. Finally, I would like to congratulate all the participants for successfully completing the MTCP on Halal Standards and Conformance Infrastructure 2018. To all our guests from abroad, we hope that you had an enjoyable and memorable stay in Malaysia. I would like to thank the presenters for sharing their knowledge and experience, and of course the secretariat from Standards Malaysia for all the hard work, the preparation, before and during the week to ensure the success of this course.

Thank you.