

Setting up the Halal R&D Fund

The First Gulf Workshop on the Halal Industry and its Services organized by the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, Kuwait and Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) was held on 27-28 March,

2012 at Holiday Inn, Al-Salmiyah, Kuwait. The workshop conducted in-depth study on how to secure funding for Halal R&D activities and provide needed technical knowledge and education.

Towards the establishment of a fund to finance Halal R&D activities

It is a religious requirement that food should be Halal and Tayyib (prepared according to Islamic teachings). To fulfil this requirement, there is an urgent need for R&D activities in the Halal sector. Unfortunately, such activities have little or no funding whatsoever, despite the vastly expanding market for Halal products and services. Education relevant to Halal concept, needed for manufacturers, dealers, government inspectors and consumers, require concerted effort geared to set the stage for meeting these requirements.

Undersecretary of the Ministry Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, Kuwait, Dr. Adel Abdulla Al-Falah. The workshop discussed six topics on halal R&D and a proposal on establishing a Halal Research and Education Fund was drafted at the end of the workshop for consideration by the Government of Kuwait.

Malaysian delegation of five lecturers from USIM, UPM and UMS headed by the Vice Chancellor of USIM, Prof Dr. Muhamad Muda participated in the workshop by presenting technical papers on Halal R&D. The organizer invited Assoc Prof Hjh Mariam Abdul Latif, a lecturer at SSMP to present a paper on "General Guidance to the Requirements of Operational Manual for Financing Halal Awareness and Halal R&D Activities. The opening ceremony was graced by the



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AP Hjh Mariam Abdul Latif (UMS) presenting her paper.