

UMS-JHEAINS Collaboration Boosts Halal Industry in Sabah

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THURSDAY, 30 OCTOBER – The signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and the Department of Islamic Affairs (JHEAINS) was the right step in the development of *halal* industry management with integrity.

According to Assistant Minister to the Chief Minister of Sabah, Datuk Mohd. Ariffin Mohd. Arif, he said the partnership started in 2010 to provide synergy on JHEAINS as the agency entrusted to carry out the management of *halal* certification in the state.

“Besides, it is to facilitate dietary management system, especially when it comes to equipment designing to detect illicit substances in any food products and products for Muslim use,” he said in his speech at a ceremony in UMS Chancellery Building.

At the MoU, UMS was represented by its Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Datuk Dr. Mohd. Harun Abdullah and the Registrar, Datuk Abdullah Hj Mohd Said, whilst JHEAINS was represented by its Director, Abdul Halim Nayan and its Deputy Director, Mohamad Sidik Hj. Awang Adi.

Earlier, Prof. Dr. Mohd. Harun said this cooperation shall include the maintenance, production, manufacturing of halal food, trainings to upgrade expertise and human resource competency, policy development and the implementation of related courses and the enforcement of *halal* certification system in Sabah.

He added that UMS will continue to move forward as an agent of change for the community and food industry through the expertise and capabilities of academicians available at the Faculty of Food Science and Nutrition (FSMP).

Also present were the Chief Librarian of UMS, Dyg. Rukiah Ag. Amit and FSMP Dean, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sharifudin Md. Shaarani. – *ZMD (fl)*

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