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From the Director's Desk

Prof. Dr. Awis Qurni Sazili

Dear Halal Products Research Institute Community,

I would like to express my deep appreciation to our committed team members for their exceptional contributions. As we commence the second quarter of 2023, I would like to emphasize the importance of our primary Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) pertaining to research and publications. By giving utmost priority to rigorous academic pursuits, we can maintain our position as a leading Halal research institute. Moreover, we need to concentrate on expanding our local and global industrial and community networks, establishing strategic partnerships that foster collaborative innovation. Additionally, our aim is to enhance our services by offering cutting-edge laboratory analyses, comprehensive training programs, and expert consultations. These initiatives will strengthen our ability to provide outstanding quality assurance and contribute to a thriving halal ecosystem. With unwavering determination, let us seize the opportunities and collaborate towards the prosperity of the halal industry.

NETWORKING

MOU SIGNING CEREMONY BETWEEN UPM AND NURFLIX PRODUCTIONS SDN. BHD.



This MOU aims to establish a collaborative partnership and knowledge exchange between the higher education and research institution (Halal Products Research Institute, UPM) and a Syariah-compliant Islamic content broadcasting and streaming company (Nurflix Productions Sdn. Bhd.).

VISIT OF HONOR BY THE DELEGATION OF HALAL PRODUCTS RESEARCH INSTITUTE TO MAYBANK ISLAMIC BERHAD



The purpose of this visit was to express HPRI's gratitude to Maybank Islamic for their generous sponsorship of the Virtual Halal Mobility 2022 program, held on October 4, 2022. Furthermore, HPRI aims to initiate discussions regarding potential collaborations and opportunities for cooperation between HPRI and Maybank Islamic, with the objective of further strengthening the bond between the two parties.

WORKSHOPS



INTERNATIONAL HALAL EXECUTIVE MODULE WORKSHOP

A series of International Halal Executive Module Development Workshops were effectively carried out with great success. These workshops engaged panels comprising representatives from Jakim, universities, and industries. The concluding workshop took place on May 17, 2023, at Le Méridien Hotel in Putrajaya.

HALAL AWARENESS WORKSHOP

HPRI has organized a workshop focused on Halal Awareness and Entrepreneurship for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in collaboration with Amanah Ikhtiar Malaysia (AIM). The main objective of this workshop was to raise awareness regarding the significance of halal products and entrepreneurial criteria in enhancing business competitiveness. These two components play a crucial role in enhancing the marketability of Halal products and have the potential to contribute towards the improvement of the country's economy.

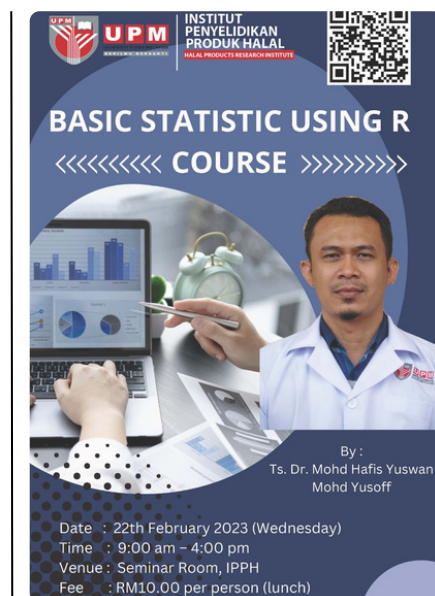


TECHNOLOGY & TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

The workshop took place on February 25, 2023, at Sunway Putra Hotel in Kuala Lumpur and was organized by MBOT. The workshop was structured into 24 groups, each aligned with recognized technology fields. The main objectives of the workshop were to facilitate discussions on Professional Technologist Practice and enhancements for the 768 Act (Technologies and Technician Act 2015). Dr. Mohd Hafis Yuswan, together with three experts from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Food Safety and Quality Division (MOH), and the sugar industry, were invited by MBOT to represent the Food Technology field in this event.

On February 22, 2023, the Basic Statistics Using R Course took place at the Seminar Room in HPRI. A diverse group of post-graduate students eagerly participated in the program, aiming to enhance their statistical analysis abilities using the R programming language.

The success of this course highlights the importance of continuous professional development in the field of statistical analysis and the value of leveraging programming languages like R for efficient data analysis. HPRI aims to continue offering such courses to empower researchers and professionals with the tools and skills needed for data-driven decision-making in the future.

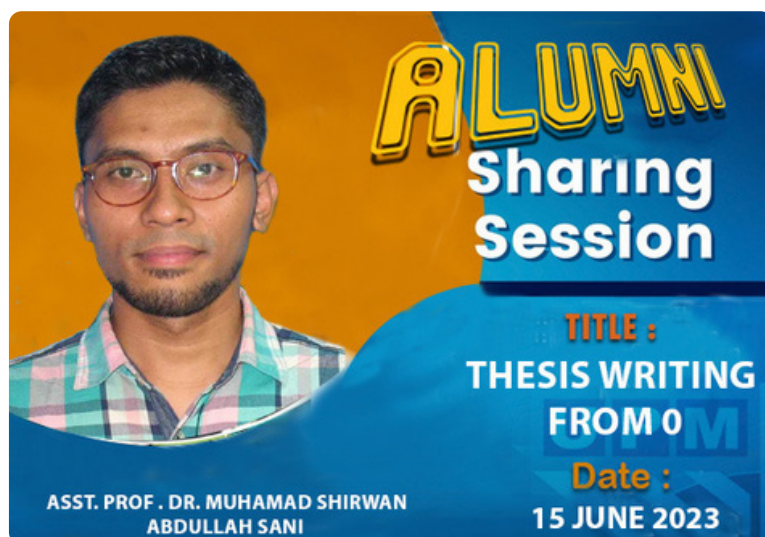


International seminar on Stingless Bee Industry Challenges has been successfully conducted on March 20, 2023. The seminar featured esteemed speakers including our interim researcher, Dr. Hasnida Zawawi, Mr. Arif Zaidi from Mardi, and Dr. Tim Heard from the University of Sydney, Australia.

At the Post-Doctoral Seminar held on March 21, 2023, Dr. Mohamed Fikry Mohamed Ahmed Ibrahim, a researcher from Benha University, Egypt, presented his study on the Sustainable Utilization and Processing of Food By-products for the Halal Food Industry. During the seminar, Dr. Fikry received valuable and constructive feedback on his presentation, providing him with the opportunity to refine and advance his research.



On June 15, 2023, the Graduate Unit arranged an Alumni Sharing Session featuring Asst Prof. Dr. Muhamad Shirwan Abdullah Sany. Dr. Shirwan generously shared his expertise and experience regarding the process of writing a thesis from the very beginning. The primary aim of this program was to provide valuable assistance to students in writing their theses to a high standard. Dr. Shirwan shared valuable tips and crucial information on how to produce an outstanding thesis.



MEETINGS AND EVENTS



1ST SHIMADZU ASIA HALAL SUMMIT

- A conference that brings together Islamic scholars and clerics, scientists, engineers, professionals, and students to address and discuss emerging halal issues in an effort to develop the world's halal ecosystem.
- The theme of the summit is "Developing the World Halal Ecosystem", with a focus on methods for halal authentication, AI, and digital technology.
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rodziah Atan has been invited to serve as a plenary speaker, delivering a talk on the challenges and opportunities in the Halal ecosystem, particularly focusing on digitalization and big data.
- It was held on 23rd May 2023 at the Algorithmic Auditorium, Universitas Brawijaya, Malang, Indonesia.



MEETING AD-HOC GROUP

Prof. Dr. Awis Qurni Sazili, a member of the "Meeting of The Ad-hoc Group on The Revision of Chapter 7.6 Killing of Animals for Disease Control Purposes," received an invitation from the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) based in Paris, France. He actively participated in the meeting held from June 5th to June 7th, 2023. The purpose of the meeting was for the invited ad-hoc group members to address the comments and feedback provided by member countries worldwide on the draft Chapters 7.5 & 7.6. This discussion was crucial as it followed the submission to the EU Code Commission by the Coordinator at the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH).





MS ISO/IEC 17025:2017 AUDIT

The internal audit for MS ISO/IEC 17025:2017 was carried out over a two-day period, from May 25th to May 26th, 2023, at Halal Services Laboratory. The purpose of this audit was to ensure that the laboratory's management maintains compliance with the requirements of MS/IEC 17025:2017 and Skim Akreditasi Makmal Malaysia (SAMM) in their ongoing laboratory activities.

MS ISO 9002:2015 2023 INTERNAL AUDIT

The internal audit was conducted on June 7-8, 2023, led by the University Auditor, Ms. Safarina Isamuddin, with assistance from 5 HPRI auditors. The 2-day audit process went smoothly, and all documents were reviewed to assess compliance with the standards and QMS requirements.



MEGA RAYA AIDILFITRI 2023



This event was collaboratively organized by the Responsibility Centers based on clusters. The primary purpose of this event was to foster camaraderie, promote visits among UPM members, and enhance friendly relationships within the UPM community. The ceremony took place on May 10, 2023, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Under Cluster G, HPRI actively participated in the celebration held at the Banquet Hall, utilizing the PKKSSAAS facility, alongside 18 other PTJs. Each PTJ contributed a total of 16 menus, and HPRI specifically prepared traditional sweets and pastries as part of their offerings. The event featured additional activities such as karaoke performances, staff and student singing sessions, a competition to determine the Most Beautiful Booth (judged by invited jury members), and lively interactions among the attendees.

ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to Mrs. Roszaimah Muhammad Sapah for receiving the award for Best Oral Presentation at the International Symposium of Social Sciences, Management, Science, and Technology (iRandau2023)



Congratulations to Dr. Nur Fadhilah Khairil Mokhtar for receiving the Silver award for Porcine Rapid Detection Kit at ITEX Malaysia : 34th International Invention, Innovation & Technology Exhibition, KL Convention Centre.



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