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Delegacy Visit Report: UIN Sunan Kalijaga to Academy of Contemporary Islamic Studies, UiTM Pulau Pinang Branch

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On 24 October 2023, a significant delegation visit took place between **UIN Sunan Kalijaga from Indonesia** and the Academy of Contemporary Islamic Studies (ACIS) at Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Pulau Pinang Branch, Malaysia. The purpose of this visit was to foster academic collaboration, exchange knowledge, and explore shared interests in the realms of maqasid syariah, halal tourism, and science and technology.

Participants

The delegation comprised esteemed representatives from UIN Sunan Kalijaga, including faculty members, researchers, and administrators. They were warmly received by ACIS faculty, staff, and students.

Schedule

The visit commenced at 8:00 am and concluded at 2:00 pm. During this time, various activities were organised to facilitate meaningful interactions and knowledge sharing.

Activities and Highlights

1. Welcome Address and Introduction

- The visit began with a warm welcome by the ACIS Head of Programme, Dr. Roshaimizam Suhaimi. He emphasised the importance of collaboration between institutions committed to advancing Islamic studies.
- Dr. Ruspita Rani Pertiwi, the head of the visiting delegation, expressed gratitude for the opportunity to engage with ACIS UiTM Pulau Pinang Branch.



Panellists from the Collaborative teaching session.



Souvenir presentation session.



Joint research team from ACIS UiTMPP and Sunan Kalijaga University. 

2. Lecture on Maqasid Syariah in Halal Tourism

- Dr. Siti Nur Azizah, a renowned scholar from **Sunan Kalijaga University**, delivered an insightful lecture on the principles of maqasid syariah (objectives of Islamic law) in the context of halal tourism.
- The lecture explored how ethical and sustainable tourism practices align with Islamic values, emphasising the well-being of travellers, host communities, and the environment.

3. Panel Discussion: Science and Technology in Islamic Context

- A panel discussion featured experts from both institutions. They deliberated on the integration of science and technology within an Islamic framework.
- The topics included **bioethics, digital ethics,** and **technological advancements** that adhere to Islamic principles.

4. Campus Tour and Interaction

- The delegation explored ACIS facilities, including the library, research centres, and prayer rooms.
- Informal discussions took place during the tour, allowing participants to exchange ideas and explore potential research collaborations.

5. Networking Luncheon

- Over a sumptuous halal meal, participants continued their conversations, fostering connections and building relationships.
- Dr. Shahirah shared her research on halal certification processes for tourism establishments, sparking interest among ACIS faculty.



Dr. Halipah, a faculty member from ACIS, highlighted the need for ethical considerations in scientific research and technological innovation.

Outcomes and Future Collaboration

The delegation visit yielded several positive outcomes:

- **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU):** Both institutions expressed interest in formalising their collaboration through an MoU. This would facilitate joint research projects and faculty development programmes.
- **Research Partnerships:** ACIS and **Sunan Kalijaga University** identified common research interests, such as Islamic bioethics and halal technology. Plans for collaborative research initiatives were discussed.

Conclusion

The delegation visit between **Sunan Kalijaga University** and ACIS at UiTM Pulau Pinang Branch was a significant step towards strengthening academic ties and promoting shared values. It exemplified the spirit of collaboration and mutual respect, fostering a promising future for Islamic studies and research.

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