

OFFICIATING AND WELCOME SPEECH

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**Launching of International Certificate in Halal
Supply Chain,**

**Awarding of the Halal Executive Certificate –
certified by JAKIM under the KPT-PACE programme
and
MoU Signing between
UiTM and HAL Fintech Advisor**

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

**Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.
Salam Sejahtera and a very good morning to
everyone**

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Members of the Media,

Distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen

(Salutations)

To be confirmed by the organiser on the day of the event.

1. Alhamdulillah, praise be to Allah S.W.T for His grace and blessings which enabled us to gather here today.
2. On behalf of the **Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Datuk Ts. Dr Hajah Roziah Mohd Janor** who could not be with us today, I am pleased to welcome everyone to this three-part event. Prof. Datuk also sends her warmest regards to everyone.
3. Today we are going to witness the **Launching of the International Certificate in Halal Supply Chain; the Awarding of the Halal Executive Certificate endorsed by JAKIM under the KPT-PACE programme to the graduating students of BBA (Transport) and BBA (Operations Management);** and lastly, a

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing between Universiti Teknologi MARA and HAL Fintech Advisor (HFA).

4. Thank you and congratulations to the **Faculty of Business and Management (FBM)** for this groundbreaking flagship training programme in Halal Supply Chain accredited by the renowned professional body – **The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) International**, based in the UK and in partnership with the **Standard Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC)**.

Ladies and gentlemen,

5. The Malaysian government has long identified the Halal industry as a compelling source of economy and has put in place critical strategies into many of the Government's long-term master plans.

6. The emphasis is in sync with the country's quest for new sources of economic growth which are synergistic with the country's social fabrics and economic resources.
7. Being Malaysia's largest and most comprehensive public university, UiTM has been at the forefront of the global Halal fraternity for many years.
8. One of the many initiatives that we can contribute to the economic growth of the Halal industry as a higher education institution is by becoming a provider of human capital in education, training, research, and innovation.
9. UiTM has been focusing on Halal research and innovation since 2010 with our line of experts, academic programmes, and research groups across many disciplines.
10. Hence, to better serve companies in meeting the challenges of a dynamic Halal global landscape,

UiTM must continue to broaden and deepen the training it offers, update its public course offerings, and increase in-house programmes for companies.

11. This leads to our latest addition – the **International Certificate in Halal Supply Chain programme** –an executive programme that symbolises UiTM's longstanding commitment towards growing Malaysia's professional talent pool in the Halal industry.
12. This effort portrays strategic learning partnerships in the development and delivery of relevant, practical, and innovative training programmes.
13. To the **Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) International**, this Halal Supply Chain programme enhances the current 5 levels of international courses run by **CILT International in Logistics and Transport by specialising in the carriage of Halal cargo.**

14. The programme will subsequently promote the internationally developed **Halal Supply Chain standards (OIC/SMIIC 17)** produced by the **Standard Metrology Institute of Islamic Countries (SMIIC)** to be used as a reference and guideline in the implementation of the Halal supply chain.

Ladies and gentlemen,

15. KPT–PACE is the Ministry of Higher Education’s Professional Certification programme that was introduced as part of the Government’s effort to support soon–to–be graduates by providing opportunities for them to enrich their skills through participation in professional expertise programmes.
16. UiTM is glad that the **Centre of Halal Management and Business Innovation** received a total grant of **RM 300,000** under the faculty to run the KPT–PACE programme.

17. This is an example of our commitment to developing skills in the implementation of the Halal supply chain through training and teaching syllabi that will enable graduates to become professionals in their respective fields and become **Globally Marketable**.
18. I am also delighted to announce that the enrolment of the second batch of students is expected to begin in the middle of this year.
19. The future of education lies in the alignment of training and teaching syllabi that are based on the industrial frameworks and experts, as well as global standards.
20. This way, we could foresee the issue of mismatches between the trained skills gained from the university and skills needed in the industry.

Ladies and gentlemen,

21. Representing the Vice-Chancellor, I would like to express our gratitude to **SMIC, CILT International, and HAL Fintech Advisor** for this joint-effort to help UiTM build a workforce with high-value and specialised skills in Halal Supply Chain.

22. I also would like to thank **Prof. Dr Firdaus Abdullah, the Dean of the Faculty of Business and Management,** and his team at the **Centre for Halal Management and Business Innovation** and the **Department of Postgraduates and Professional Studies** for their hard work and dedication in developing this programme.

23. On that note, once again, congratulations on the launch of the **International Certificate in Halal Supply Chain.**

24. Well done to the recipients of the **Halal Executive Certificates** and my very best wishes on the strategic establishment of the **UiTM – HAL Fintech Advisor** partnership.

Thank you.

**Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum
Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.**