



AGREED MINUTES

THE 2ND MEETING OF IMT-GT WORKING GROUP ON HALAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES (WG HAPAS)

26 JUNE 2008

At Tanjung Pesona Beach Resort, BANGKA BELITUNG, INDONESIA

INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Meeting of The Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle (IMTGT) Working Group on Halal Products and Services (WG -HAPAS) was held in Bangka Belitung Province on 26 June 2008.
2. The Indonesian delegation was headed by **Dr Gardjita Budi**, Director of Domestic Marketing, Ministry of Agriculture. The Malaysian Delegation was led by **Mrs. Rosita Rahim**, Deputy Undersecretary, Strategic Planning and International Division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry. The Thai Delegation was led by **Mr. Pairote Potivong**, Director of International Economic Strategy Unit, NESDB.
3. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Pairote Potivong, Head of Delegation of Thailand.

The List of Delegation appears as [Annex I](#)

AGENDA 1: WELCOMING REMARK AND OPENING STATEMENT

4. The first statement was being delivered by Dr. Gardjita Budi as the head of Indonesian Delegation welcomed all of the delegates to the Meeting and he extended his appreciation to the State Government of Bangka Belitung Island for the full support and for an excellent arrangement of the meeting. He mentioned that Halal food product would not just fulfil the religious needs, but also guarantees them on the quality and hygiene aspects. He believed that the demand of halal food not only due to increase of the Muslim ummah in the world but also the non Muslim who have recognized the halal as a benchmark of the assurance for hygiene and safety food. He highlighted the existence of such a big market will be bigger when expanded to halal products other that food such as cosmetic. Fulfilling the needs of Muslim market on halal products requires the implementation of a halal standard. The certified products will have

opportunity to step into the Muslim market share without lessening the market share for non Muslim. He hoped that the meeting could share information and discuss matters that relate to feasible programs or projects in IMT-GT region that can attract investments and also the expansion of halal certified products.

The full text of his opening remarks appears as **Annex II**

5. Mrs. Rosita Rahim as the head of Malaysian delegation expressed her gratitude to the organizing committee and host country for making the necessary arrangement to have the meeting held in Bangka Island. She mentioned that many issues should be discussed and resolved during the meeting especially those cross-cutting issues on food and product services. She also welcomed a formation of smart partnership from member countries for better development in order to meet the demand from IMT-GT Area and worldwide, as well as smart partnership with HDC in Malaysia since they already had 18 Halal Parks which many of them are located in IMT-GT provinces to further promote the halal products.

The full text of her opening remarks appears as **Annex III**

6. The Head of Thai delegation, Mr.Pairote Potivong congratulated Indonesia as host in nicely formulating the meeting. Thailand, as the lead country of Working Group, also wished more collaboration being evolved by all member countries. He noted that since Halal food was not limited only to Muslims but non-Muslims, then the Halal food market could be envisioned to the level of 90% of world food commercials covering non-pork, non-alcoholic food trade. He mentioned the establishment of many Halal scientific laboratories worldwide in order to modernize Halal authenticity. This should be IMT-GT's common pride since this movement was inspired by initiative under this Working Group.

The full text of his opening remarks appears as **Annex IV**

7. Mr. H. Syamsudin Basari, The Vice Governor of Bangka Belitung Province gave his warmest welcome to all delegates. Bangka Belitung is a young province, and is very proud to host this important meeting. He emphasized that Bangka is a strategic provincial area also has potential resources that can attract the business community. He is very confident that this forum is very beneficial and hoped that they could take advantage of the opportunity that existed. He also believed that closer consultations between working group and government would enhance better cooperation among member countries. Finally he hoped that member countries could form stronger linkages and develop mutual collaboration.

The full text of his opening remarks appears as **Annex V**

AGENDA 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

8. The meeting was held in plenary session and the adopted Agenda appears as **Annex VI**.

AGENDA 3: BUSINESS ARRANGEMENT

9. The Meeting appointed two members from each delegation to serve in the Drafting Committee, as follows:

Indonesia : 1. Mrs. Jogarini Pramati
2. Mrs. Lusye Marthalia

Malaysia : 1. Mr. Dzulkifly Mat Hashim
2. Mr. Nazaruddin Bin Abu

Thailand : 1. Mrs. Jongjit Angkatavanich
2. Dr. Suwimol Sapwarobol

AGENDA 4: TERM OF REFERENCE OF THE WG ON HAPAS

10. The meeting agreed to make a revision of the draft and should give attention on the item on focus area, explanation for customer protection tasks and halal market and also on involvement of religious authorities on halal. All member countries agreed to have further discussions on these issues during this meeting.

The revised of TOR of WG on HAPAS appears as **Annex VII**

AGENDA 5: PROGRESS REPORT AND UPDATE OF THE ONGOING AND COMPLETED PROJECT

11. Indonesia informed that the 2nd International Halal Science Symposium will be organized as part of the Global Halal Summit with the collaboration of Majelis Ulama Indonesia (MUI). The event to be held at Gran Melia Hotel, Jakarta on 4 – 7 November 2008. The theme of the event is “Scientific Approach Towards Halalness Authentication” and subtitle are “Advance Scientific Methods for Halal Authentication” and “ Syariah and Management Science”
12. Malaysia updated that the event of Halal Awareness Program on Halal Products and Standards and Conformance Structure will also held on 4 – 6 November 2008. It was noted the two events are organized on the same dates. Since the participants may be from different sections of the Working Group (WG-HAPAS), the events may proceed as initially planned.

13. Thailand delegation reported on the outcomes of the World of Halal Science Industry and Business International Conference 2008 (WHASIB'08) with IMT-GT Halal Expo in conjunction with Maolid Nabi Celebration held during 22 – 24 February 2008 in Krabi Province, Thailand which encompassed the whole activities as follows:

- IMT-GT Halal Expo
- Halal Trade Project
- Halal Scientific Laboratory Networking
- Halal Scientific and Academic Networking and Science Exchange
- Business Incubator of Halal Products and Services for Small Medium Enterprises
- Certified Halal Restaurants and Hotels (IMT)

The 2 copies of progress project presentation appears as **Annex VIII and Annex IX**

AGENDA 6: NEW PROJECT AND PROPOSAL FROM MEMBER COUNTRIES

14. For this meeting Indonesia and Malaysia did not have any new projects to be submitted, however after the TOR has been cleared and accepted by all member countries, they would prepare the new feasible project based on TOR.

15. Thailand proposed new projects of Integrated Halal Superhighway and the training course of Halal Forensic Laboratory and give presentation for these new projects. Thailand welcomed participants from IMT-GT member countries.

The copies of both presentations by Thailand appears as **Annex X and Annex XI**

16. Malaysia felt that further discussions need to be conducted to work out the details for present project deliverables under the IMT-GT, specifically, the Scientific and Laboratory Networking Project. The meeting agreed that further discussions be conducted between implementing agencies at later date.

AGENDA 7: OTHER MATTERS

17. The next IMT-GT SOM/MM will be held at Palembang – South Sumatera Province, Indonesia on 19 – 24 October 2008.
18. Thailand proposed IMT-GT Halal brand to promote the trade in halal products and services within as well as outside the IMT-GT region. The meeting added that the proposed IMT-GT Halal brand will enhance cooperation within IMT-GT region.
19. The meeting agreed that the WG HAPAS is the platform for taking the final decision on related programs and projects.
20. The meeting re-emphasized the role of CIMT to facilitate activities of the WG HAPAS.
21. The meeting took note the request of Malaysia on the rotation of all WG Chairmanship during the coming SOM/MM.

AGENDA 8: DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

22. The Meeting agreed that the IMT-GT 3rd WG on HAPAS will be held in Penang Island - Malaysia. The host country will inform member countries on the date and venue of the meeting.

AGENDA 9: CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

23. The minutes of the Meeting was adopted