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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT EXCHANGE CEREMONY
BETWEEN UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA PAHANG AND AMIN BIO GROUP

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MALAYSIA INTERNATIONAL TRADE & EXHIBITION CENTRE, KUALA LUMPUR

SALUTATION

Encik Zulfikri Osman,
Deputy Director General (Entrepreneurship)
Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA);

Mr Dawood Su Han,
Chief Executive Director and Founder
Al-Amin Bio Group;

Encik Mohd Diah Abbas
Director (Infrastructure and Commercial)
Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA)

My colleagues from UMP:

Yang HORMAT Professor Dato Dr Rosli Mohd Yunus,
Deputy Vice Chancellor, (Academic and International Affairs);
Representatives from the government and private sectors;

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh,

Salam Sejahtera, Salam 1Negaraku Sehati Sejiwa

and a very good afternoon.

1. First and foremost, I have great pleasure in extending my warmest welcome to all of you to this auspicious occasion that marks another significant milestone in the context of Universiti Malaysia Pahang’s international collaborative network in developing Halal industry, both locally and globally.

2. Therefore, I would also like to convey my warmest greetings to our distinguished guests from Al-Amin Bio Group, led by Mr Dawood Su Han as its CEO and Founder who have come all the way from the People’s Republic China to Malaysia in order formalise this collaboration.
3. This afternoon’s occasion is indeed very timely, and I am very glad that it takes place at the right avenue which is the Symposium on Halal Gelatin Ecosystem in conjunction with the 2018 edition of Malaysia International Halal Showcase (MIHAS).

4. The Global Islamic Economy Report for 2015-2016 estimates that the international halal and lifestyle market will be worth US$3.7 trillion by 2019. It is definitely a lucrative industry with enormous potentials with China, Singapore, the United States, Indonesia and Japan being the key export destinations for Malaysian halal products.

5. UMP is very much well-aware of the industry’s huge potentials and opportunities. With its scientific and technological expertise in this field, the University is looking forward to playing a greater role in developing this industry, particularly the production of halal gelatin.
6. In that regard, we also aware of the challenges. While the University can develop its scientific and technological capacities in halal gelatin research, its commercialization through mass production requires external financial and logistical support from interested partners and investors.

7. We in UMP took the challenge seriously right from the outset and years have passed since we first embarked on this venture. Alhamdulillah, UMP so far has managed to secure the support from Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA), Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM) and Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia (DVS) to assist us in establishing Malaysia’s first halal gelatin manufacturing facility right at our campus in Pekan, Pahang.

8. Not only that we are grateful to get the strategic support from the aforementioned agencies, our constant contact and communication with them have also opened the doors of opportunities, particularly in connecting the university to potential credible international partners.
9. Therefore, the opportunity to work with Al-Amin Bio Group from the People’s Republic of China in realizing this venture is in my opinion, the right strategic move to ensure its success and sustainability.

10. The synergy that will take place between UMP and Al-Amin Bio Group as spelt out by the Memorandum of Agreement enables the university to benefit from the company’s expertise in halal industry, particularly in the areas of technical know-how, process optimization and human resource development.

11. **Ladies and gentlemen,**

Upon examining Al-Amin Bio Group’s profile and track record, we are confident that this is the industrial partner that we have been looking for, and I am sure that UMP can learn a lot from the company’s technical experience in terms of gelatin sourcing process, optimized production and quality control.
12. This is particularly important to ensure the operational efficacy, standard compliance and legal integrity of our halal gelatin manufacturing facility that is currently being developed. With MARA, JAKIM and DVS providing us with the technical support as far as financial, logistical, legal and standard frameworks are concerned, I look forward to soliciting local and global investments in this venture through our partnership with Al-Amin Bio Group.

13. UMP also looks forward to providing high value research and development especially in process innovation in halal gelatin production to enhance both the upstream and downstream dimensions of the industry.

14. With extensive governmental and industrial support, UMP’s halal gelatin manufacturing centre is targeted to be operational by June 2019 and in the long run, the university also plans to develop its own animal and livestock husbandries to ensure constant and sustainable gelatin supply.
15. Ladies and gentlemen,

What matters now is the commitment from both parties to put the strategic initiatives that are specified in this Memorandum of Agreement into constructive and practical actions afterwards.

16. This challenge is to be borne collectively by us, and I believe, with that consistent synergy, both UMP and Al-Amin Bio Group could explore other potential areas of cooperation, thus enabling the expansion of our present perimeter of collaboration.

17. To our friends from Al-Amin Bio Group, we warmly welcome you as our newest strategic partner. To all international guests who are present this afternoon, I wish you a pleasant stay in Malaysia with the best experience of Malaysian hospitality.

Thank you.

Wabillahi taufiq wal hidayah,

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.