

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION (MOSTI)**

#### **Malaysia and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia embarks a strategic partnership in Science and Technology**

(Saudi Arabia 17 April) The first Joint Committee on Science and Technology (JC S&T) between the Government of Malaysia represented by MOSTI and The Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Represented By King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology (KACST) on 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia where the two parties has agreed to collaborate in the area of Energy & Life Sciences and ICT & Multimedia Incubation. The Malaysian Delegation was led by H.E. Datuk Haji Fadillah Haji Yusoff, Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Malaysia. The Saudi Arabian Delegation was led by H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz M. AISwailem, Vice President for Scientific Research Support at KACST, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz M. AISwailem described the inaugural meeting of the Joint Committee on Science and Technology between Malaysia and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia today as a historic day for both Nations since it marks the beginning yet a stronger partnership in Science and Technology between the two countries. H.E. Datuk Haji Fadillah Haji Yusof's described the strategic partnerships as an effective means to accelerate scientific and technological advancements for the betterment of the ummah

Both countries have agreed during the meeting to focus on three areas of collaborations, namely the field of education and training, joint R&D projects that has high visibility and high impact to the community and matters related to policy and procedures between the countries. On another note, there were also meeting at the working level between the two delegates whereby close to eight potential projects were identified, and it was agreed by both parties to work out the framework for these opportunities and propose to both KACST and MOSTI for endorsement.

His Excellency Datuk Haji Fadillah has expressed his sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the tremendous cooperation and support given during the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of JC S&T.



**Honorable Datuk Haji Fadilah bin Haji Yusof, Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, presenting a token of appreciation to His Excellency Dr. Abdulaziz M. AISwailem, Vice President for Scientific Research Support, KACST.**