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Malaysia establish strategic partnership with IDB and OIC for Kuala Lumpur World Innovation Forum (KLWIF) 2012

(Saudi Arabia 18 April) H.E. Datuk Haji Fadillah Haji Yusoff, Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), Malaysia today led a Malaysian Delegation to both Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in Jeddah to promote and establish strategic partnership for both organisations to co-organise Kuala Lumpur World Innovation Forum 2012 in November 2012 in Malaysia. These include the possibilities for IDB and OIC to promote, encourage and influence their huge member countries to have innovation-led programs and showcased it at KLWIF 2012, becoming keynote speakers in some of the sessions at KLWIF, taking part in the exhibition, provide sponsorship and even to fund for at least a person from each of the 56 members countries to attend KLWIF 2012.



In addition to that, H.E. Datuk Haji Fadillah Haji Yusoff also took the opportunity to brief and discuss with both IDB and OIC on Malaysia's initiatives in the Halal Standard and seek support from them to promote this effort to all their respective member countries, as part of the contribution to the Muslim Ummah. H.E. Datuk Haji Fadillah Haji Yusoff also invited both IDB and OIC to attend Technical Committee on Early Harvest Project for Harmonization of Standards for Pharmaceutical to be hosted by Standards Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur, in September 2012.



Following the visits to IDB and OIC, H.E. Datuk Haji Fadillah Haji Yusoff, Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), Malaysia led the Malaysian Delegation to make a courtesy call to the Board of Directors of Knowledge Economy City (KEC) in Jeddah to discuss possible areas of collaboration between both parties. KEC is a major project in Saudi Arabia aimed to serve Saudi Arabia's economic diversification strategy and reviving Madinah's role as a centre for the Islamic knowledge and a global knowledge and cultural centre.