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YAYASAN WAQAF MALAYSIA RECEIVES CAMBRIDGE EXCELLENCE AWARD 2026 FOR ADVANCING MODERN WAQF FUND MANAGEMENT

Global Recognition Strengthens Malaysia's Leadership in Modern Waqf Management

Yayasan Waqaf Malaysia (YWM) has been honoured with the Cambridge Excellence Award for Waqf Fund Management in Malaysia 2026, recognising Malaysia's leadership in building a professional, transparent and globally competitive waqf fund management ecosystem.

The award highlights Malaysia's success in integrating Shariah principles with international governance standards and modern financial practices, reflecting the growing maturity and credibility of the nation's waqf institutions on the global stage.

This award is more than an institutional achievement, it is a recognition of the entire Malaysian Waqf ecosystem, which has undergone a strategic transformation toward a fund management model based on performance, sustainability, and long-term impact. This success aligns with the Malaysia MADANI aspirations that emphasize value-based development, social well-being, and sustainability. Within this framework, waqf serves as an Islamic economic instrument supporting inclusive development and community resilience.

YWM Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Ridzwan Bakar, described the award as a collective achievement that underscores Malaysia's emergence as a reference point in modern waqf transformation. Through Shariah-compliant investment strategies, high-impact asset development and cross-sector collaborations, YWM continues to expand the socio-economic impact of waqf while positioning it as a high-value and future-ready economic instrument.

Moving forward, YWM aims to be a 'waqf game changer' driving the evolution of waqf from a traditional instrument into a high-value, competitive economic development platform on the international stage.

Through the Cambridge Excellence Award 2026, Malaysian Waqf continues to be elevated as an exemplary and progressive model, proving the ability of waqf to provide comprehensive benefits to all levels of society.

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About Yayasan Waqaf Malaysia (YWM)

Yayasan Waqaf Malaysia (YWM) is a national waqf entity established on 23 July 2008. It is registered under the Legal Affairs Division of the Prime Minister's Department under the Trustees (Incorporation) Act 1952 [Act 258].

*Among its major achievements, YWM successfully won the **Inspirational Brand** category at the **Asia Pacific Enterprise Awards (APEA) 2025** and the **Industry Outstanding Award (ASEAN Islamic Financial Services)** at the **Malaysia Industry Award (MINDA) 2025**. Additionally, YWM has secured multiple honors at the Prime Minister's Department (JPM) Innovation Awards in 2024 and 2025. With over 20 innovative waqf products launched alongside strategic partners, YWM has proven that its brand earns high confidence and holds the potential to impact global human prosperity.*

For the latest information on YWM and how to contribute to waqf, please visit www.ywm.gov.my

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