



MEDIA RELEASE
DEPARTMENT OF ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT MALAYSIA (JAKIM)
ON
GLOBAL HALAL SUMMIT (GHaS) 2026

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1. The MADANI Government is strengthening the development of the national halal ecosystem through the Global Halal Summit (GHaS) 2026, taking place from 1 to 30 September 2026 in conjunction with National Halal Month. GHaS 2026 serves as a strategic platform bringing together various initiatives, expertise and stakeholders to advance the development of the halal ecosystem and expand networks of cooperation at the national and international levels. The Official Opening Ceremony of GHaS 2026 will be officiated by YAB Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia, on 25 September 2026 at the Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (MITEC), Kuala Lumpur.

2. The organisation of GHaS 2026 is part of Malaysia's ongoing efforts to strengthen and showcase the national Islamic economy and halal ecosystem at the global level. The strength of Malaysia's governance, institutions, expertise, standards and cross-sector collaboration also contributes to its position within the global Islamic economy. Based on the State of the Global Islamic Economy (SGIE) 2025/26 report, Malaysia retains its top position in the Global Islamic Economy Indicator (GIEI) for the 12th consecutive year.

3. Within the halal ecosystem, Malaysia's strengths are also reflected in halal certification and standards, including JAKIM's recognition of 96 foreign halal certification bodies in 49 countries/territories as of 21 August 2026. This recognition reflects Malaysia's capacity to implement halal governance based on Shariah, standards and integrity, thereby supporting confidence within the international halal community.

4. In this regard, GHaS serves as a platform to raise awareness, share experience and showcase the strengths of Malaysia's halal ecosystem to the global community, including through the Halal Certification Bodies Convention (HCBC), which brings together expertise and multidisciplinary perspectives in the development of halal standards and governance.

5. The organisation of GHaS 2026 also demonstrates synergy across ministries, departments and agencies, reflecting Malaysia's integrated approach to strengthening the national halal ecosystem. GHaS 2026 is spearheaded by the Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM) and the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI), in collaboration with the Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE), Halal Development Corporation Berhad (HDC), Department of Standards Malaysia (JSM) and Islamic Tourism Centre (ITC), with the participation of the Halal Products Research Institute (IPPH), Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM).

6. Among the key events held throughout GHaS 2026 are:

(i) The 16th Halal Certification Bodies Convention (HCBC), organised by JAKIM from 22 to 23 September 2026 at Le Méridien Putrajaya;

HCBC adopts the theme "Shariah and Integrity: Empowering the Global Halal Ecosystem." The theme is particularly timely given the increasing complexity of the global halal industry. HCBC will focus on current and strategic issues that have implications for the integrity and governance of the global halal ecosystem, including Shariah auditing, contemporary fiqh issues, the use of alcohol in

food and beverage products, cultured meat, halal certification of vaccines, Islamic finance, import and export regulations, as well as procedures for the recognition of Foreign Halal Certification Bodies.

(ii) The 5th International Halal Technical Capacity Development Programme (IHTCDP), organised by JAKIM from 22 to 23 September 2026 at Le Méridien Putrajaya;

IHTCDP will focus on capacity building and strengthening technical competencies across key halal sectors, including food and beverages and food services, cosmetics and pharmaceuticals, as well as halal logistics. The programme serves as a platform for the sharing of knowledge, expertise and best practices to strengthen participants' capabilities in responding to developments and evolving requirements within the global halal industry.

(iii) The GHaS Night: Celebrating Muslim-Friendly Malaysia 2026 in Conjunction with The Global Halal Summit 2026, jointly organised by JAKIM and the Islamic Tourism Centre (ITC) on 22 September 2026 at Le Méridien Putrajaya;

(iv) The Malaysia International Halal Showcase (MIHAS), organised by the Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) from 23 to 26 September 2026 at MITEC;

(v) The World Halal Business Conference (WHBC), organised by Halal Development Corporation Berhad (HDC) on 24 September 2026 at MITEC;

(vi) Consultation Session on the Draft MS 2807 Sertu organised by the Department of Standards Malaysia (JSM) on 3 September 2026 at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre (PICC), Putrajaya;

(vii) Halal Paradigm 2026, organised by Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) on 29 September 2026 at the Halal Products Research Institute (IPPH), Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM); and

(viii) Technical Tour, organised by the Islamic Tourism Centre (ITC) on 24 September 2026.

7. The organisation of GHaS 2026 not only expands international networks and knowledge sharing, but also supports efforts to enhance consumer confidence in the integrity of the halal certification system while providing opportunities for local industry players to expand their knowledge, networks and access to the global halal market. The sharing of experience, standards and governance practices through GHaS programmes also contributes to enhancing the competency, innovation and capabilities of the national halal industry in meeting the needs of an increasingly evolving market.

8. JAKIM believes that GHaS 2026 will continue to serve as an important platform in strengthening Malaysia's halal ecosystem, which is rooted in Shariah, underpinned by integrity, competitiveness and trust, while expanding Malaysia's role in sharing expertise, standards and halal governance practices with the international community.

9. In this regard, members of the media are cordially invited to provide coverage of the event and support the promotion of GHaS 2026, particularly the Official Opening Ceremony of the Global Halal Summit (GHaS) 2026 on 25 September 2026 at MITEC, Kuala Lumpur, as well as the key programmes held under the GHaS 2026 umbrella.

Thank you.

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