

## **HALAL CONTROL e.K. (EU) Signs MOU With the Thai Halal Science Center HASCI and the Thai Institute for Halal Food Standards HAFSOT**

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A three party Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between HALAL CONTROL, the Thai Halal Science Center HASCI and the Thai Institute for Halal Food Standards HAFSOT. Representing Thailand at the MOU signing ceremony were Prof. Dr. Winai Dahlan, Director of the Thai Halal Science Center and Mr. Samai Charoenchang, President of the Thai Institute for Halal Food Standards. Mr. Mahmoud M. Tatari, Head of HALAL CONTROL, co-signed the agreement as well. The parties agreed to establish collaboration in Halal industry matters, for the mutual benefit of both sides, in the following areas:

- + Accreditation, certification, quality system implementation for Halal products and other services performed under responsibilities of each institution.
- + Recognize each other as a reference institution for Halal inspection benchmarks.
- + Develop common Halal standards and guidelines for the benefit of all Muslim consumers.
- + Support this relationship by establishing exchange programs, providing institutional funding and assisting with other legal matters for mutual benefit.

"It is our hope that this Memo of Understanding will promote scientific and research exchanges to promote Halal worldwide", Tatari says.

The official seal of approval was placed by Mr. Thanatip Upatising, Deputy Director-General, Department of International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Thailand as witnesses.

The Thai delegation is touring Europe to build alliances in an effort to promote Thai food products.

Halal industry matters in Thailand are sanctioned by His Majesty the King of Thailand, with the assistance of Thai Halal Science Center and Thai Institute of Halal Food Standards.

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