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Collaboration between IKIM, KMI Healthcare & UTP Elevates Sharia Values in Healthcare

Kuala Lumpur, 14 January 2025 – Institut Kefahaman Islam Malaysia (IKIM), Kumpulan Medic Iman Sdn. Bhd. (KMI Healthcare), and Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP) have reaffirmed their commitment to integrating Sharia values into the healthcare sector through the Shariacare Symposium. The event, held at Hotel Tenera, Bangi, featured YB Datuk Seri Dr. Dzulkefly Bin Ahmad, Minister of Health Malaysia, as the guest of honor.

Bringing together professionals from diverse fields, including medicine, health, religion, policy, and ethics, the symposium centered on the theme "Pioneering Health with Sharia Values" as its main focus of discussion.

In his keynote address, YB Datuk Seri Dr. Dzulkefly Bin Ahmad emphasized the critical role of healthcare services in the development of both the nation and society. He stated, "Healthcare is a shared responsibility between the public and private sectors to ensure the well-being of the people."

Highlighting the significance of Sharia-based healthcare, he added, "Such services go beyond addressing physical needs, placing equal emphasis on spiritual well-being. Sharia-based healthcare becomes essential when there is a commitment to integrate care for both physical and spiritual dimensions, aligning with the universal values upheld by Islamic teachings."

The symposium builds on a research initiative led by IKIM and UTP, in collaboration with researchers from Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL), focused on developing the "Shariah-Compliant Islamic Medical Service Standard Framework for Health Providers." This effort culminated in early 2024 with the creation of the Shariah Compliance Framework for the healthcare sector, a comprehensive guide to help healthcare providers align their services with Shariah principles.

Dr. Rayney Azmi bin Ali, Chief Executive Officer of KMI Healthcare, remarked, "Through our collaboration with UTP, KMI Healthcare is proud to be a pioneer in integrating a comprehensive Shariah framework into hospital operations. We believe this initiative will not only elevate the quality of healthcare services but also bring significant benefits to the community."

Professor Dato' Ir. Ts. Dr. Mohamed Ibrahim bin Abdul Mutalib, Vice-Chancellor of UTP, added, "UTP remains committed to fostering synergistic collaborations in advancing Sharia-compliant healthcare services. Through

this pioneering initiative, our goal is to develop a framework that not only addresses the needs of Muslim patients but also enhances the inclusivity, ethical standards, and overall effectiveness of the healthcare system.”

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ABOUT IKIM

The Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM) was established on February 18, 1992, under the Companies Act 1965 with the aim of providing a precise understanding of Islam through various programs and activities such as research, seminars, workshops, forums, consultations, training, publications, and online TV and radio media. IKIM's quality policy is Understanding Islam, Building Civilization. IKIM was inaugurated on July 3, 1992, by the Honorable Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, former Prime Minister of Malaysia.

ABOUT KMI HEALTHCARE

Kumpulan Medic Iman Sdn. Bhd. or KMI Healthcare is a subsidiary of TDM Berhad, a company listed on Bursa Securities Malaysia Berhad. The Healthcare Group has been established since 1996 under Kumpulan Mediiman Sdn Bhd and restructured to Kumpulan Medic Iman Sdn Bhd. in 2013 to enhance the branding of hospitals under the Healthcare Group. KMI Healthcare manages five specialist community hospitals namely: -

1. KMI Kelana Jaya Medical Centre (“KMI Kelana Jaya”);
2. KMI Kuantan Medical Centre (“KMI Kuantan”);
3. KMI Kuala Terengganu Medical Centre (“KMI Kuala Terengganu”)
4. KMI Taman Desa Medical Centre (“KMI Taman Desa”); and
5. KMI Tawau Medical Centre (“KMI Tawau”).

All its purpose-built hospitals offer single-bedded rooms that ensure privacy and comfort to their patients and guardians. For further details, please visit our website www.kmihealthcare.com

ABOUT UTP

UTP was established on January 10, 1997, and is now the best university in Malaysia according to the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2025.

UTP offers a variety of engineering, science, and technology programs at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. This program is specially designed to meet industry needs. UTP is committed to producing competitive graduates with excellent leadership abilities and outstanding communication skills.

This university conducts various research activities in collaboration with PETRONAS, institutions, and other industries, both domestically and internationally. The research focus is on three main areas, namely smart and sustainable living, sustainable energy, and emerging digital technologies.

UTP has produced more than 25,000 graduates from over 60 countries around the world. For more information, please visit www.utp.edu.my or follow us on social media @UTPOfficial.