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Building Health, Boosting Growth:

USIM's Teaching Hospital Set to Transform Kota Tinggi



When it comes to regional development, a hospital can be much more than a healthcare facility—it can be the heartbeat of economic growth. That's the vision behind Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia's (USIM) upcoming Teaching Hospital (HPUSIM) in Mukim Sedili, Kota Tinggi.

Announced by Kota Tinggi Member of Parliament and Defence Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin, the project is currently in its detailed planning stage, covering cost assessment and contractor selection. The first phase, with an estimated budget of RM900 million, is expected to be a major economic catalyst for the local community, especially in Sedili.

"This is not something approved today and built tomorrow. We are taking the time to ensure careful planning before moving forward," said Mohamed Khaled. He added that within the next two to three years, visible progress will be made.

The project has also received the endorsement of His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, who expressed confidence that HPUSIM will enhance infrastructure, stimulate the local economy, and improve the well-being of the people of Johor.



Why It Matters to Our Partners

HPUSIM represents a strategic investment in healthcare, education, and regional development. It reflects USIM's commitment to delivering world-class medical education while contributing directly to the socio-economic growth of its surrounding communities.

How you can be involved in building a healthier, more prosperous future:

- Invest in infrastructure and services that will support the hospital ecosystem
- Collaborate on research, training, or healthcare programmes with USIM
- Offer expertise or resources in construction, technology, or medical equipment
- Partner in community outreach or economic initiatives around HPUSIM

USIM and Luwu Timur Explore Regional Flagship School: Strengthening Nusantara Islamic Education Synergy

Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) has taken another step in advancing strategic international collaborations in education, welcoming the Regent of Luwu Timur, Ir. H. Irwan Bachri Syam, ST, IPM, along with delegates from the Luwu Timur Regency Government and Universitas Muslim Indonesia (UMI), Makassar.

The three-day official visit, held from 27–29 July 2025, aimed to explore the potential for a trilateral education partnership between USIM, UMI, and educational institutions under Luwu Timur’s administration. The key focus: developing a Regional Flagship School model that integrates Islamic values with academic excellence.

The Luwu Timur delegation, joined by Dr. Ani Nurbani, Dr. H. Ramadan Pirade, and Dr. Irfan, visited Kolej PERMATA Insan (KPI) at USIM to observe its unique *naqli-*

and *aqli*-based pedagogy. They also participated in curriculum engagement sessions, student performances, and toured KPI facilities including laboratories, the library, hostels, and gallery.

“This collaboration opens a new chapter in strategic ties between Malaysia and Indonesia, particularly in the development of gifted student schools,” said USIM Vice-Chancellor Professor Dato’ Ts. Dr. Sharifudin Md Shaarani. “USIM welcomes the initiative to create a Flagship School model grounded in Islamic values, academic excellence, and holistic student character development. We believe this effort will have significant impact not only for both institutions but for the entire Nusantara region.”

The Flagship School initiative aligns with USIM’s mission to strengthen contemporary Islamic education through a

holistic approach that transcends national boundaries. It will also facilitate the exchange of ideas, teacher development, and training programmes to nurture *rabbani*-minded students ready for 21st-century challenges.

Further discussions among the three parties covered education digitalisation, joint research, and youth talent development through bilateral academic mobility programmes.

Why It Matters to Our Partners

This collaboration represents a powerful model of cross-border cooperation in Islamic education, combining heritage values with modern educational strategies to prepare globally competitive graduates.

Be a Catalyst for Change

- Collaborate in curriculum design that integrates *naqli* and *aqli* knowledge
- Support teacher training and student exchange programmes
- Contribute to digital education tools and platforms
- Co-develop research and innovation projects focusing on Islamic education and gifted learners



How Busking Became a Beacon:

USIM's Southern Crew Conquers the Nation with Consumerism Awareness Through Music

When you think of consumer rights advocacy, guitar riffs and soulful vocals probably aren't the first things that come to mind. Yet, Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) has just rewritten that narrative on the national stage.



At ConFEST'25 in Penampang, Sabah, USIM's ensemble Tingkah Irama emerged as National Champion in the Battle of the Buskers Consumerism Edition, proudly representing the Southern Zone. Their performance didn't just entertain—it educated.

With their original song "Semarak Consumerism", they urged Malaysians to become smarter, more ethical consumers, highlighting the importance of financial awareness and vigilance against fraud. A modernized version of the classic unity anthem "Satu" added emotional weight, resonating with both judges and the audience.

The win brought USIM national recognition and RM5,000 in prize money, but for team leader Mohamed Syamil Mohamed Fuad, it was about more than awards. "It was a mix of hard work, emotion, and national pride," he said.



Why It Matters to Our Partners

This victory reflects USIM's broader mission: producing graduates who are not only academically skilled but also socially responsible and culturally dynamic.

For our industry and academic collaborators, it signals USIM's commitment to nurturing future talent with both professional competencies and real-world engagement.

Let's collaborate to create more opportunities where education meets societal impact—through creativity, values, and action.



Bridging Legal Worlds:

USIM Puts Malaysia on the International Law Map

Malaysia may not be the first country that comes to mind for international legal education, but change is quietly underway—with Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) at its centre.

Through strategic, long-term collaborations, USIM has built solid academic bridges with globally ranked institutions such as the University of Sydney (USYD). These partnerships go beyond classroom lectures, immersing foreign law students in Malaysia's plural legal system—where Islamic, civil, and indigenous laws intersect.

Recently, USIM welcomed a cohort of USYD law students and senior

academics for a deep dive into Malaysia's legal ecosystem. The programme featured engagements with key institutions like the Malaysian Bar Council and the Human Rights Commission (SUHAKAM), and site visits addressing refugee protection, Orang Asli land rights, and environmental issues.

"This is not about one-off events—it's about building a lasting academic ecosystem where legal education thrives in cultural and real-world contexts," says Professor Dr. Mohd Hazmi Mohd Rusli, Head of USIM's International Law Unit.

Why It Matters to Our Partners

USIM's approach to comparative legal education positions Malaysia as a serious contributor to international legal discourse. By integrating Syariah, civil, and indigenous perspectives, USIM offers a rare and valuable learning environment for global legal scholars.

How you can collaborate:

- Establish academic exchange programmes for students and faculty
- Co-organise legal immersion visits and field-based learning in Southeast Asia
- Jointly conduct research and policy dialogues on comparative and human rights law
- Support training modules and seminars involving real-world legal institutions



Dr. Mohd Hazmi Mohd Rusli
Head of USIM's International Law Unit



Sweet Science: USIM Researchers Turn **Stingless Bee Honey** into a **Natural Mouthwash Breakthrough**

When you think of dental care innovations, stingless bee honey might not be the first ingredient that comes to mind. But researchers at Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) have just proven that nature still has a few powerful secrets to share.

A clinical trial led by Dr. Nur Ayman Abdul Hayei from USIM's Faculty of Dentistry has scientifically validated the oral health benefits of stingless bee honey, making it one of the first studies of its kind in Malaysia. The research team included experts from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Bayu Kelulut (M) Sdn Bhd, and USIM graduates, blending academic expertise with industry collaboration.

Over the course of a year, 30 volunteers with healthy gums participated in a study comparing three types of mouthwash: saline, chlorhexidine, and the locally produced stingless bee honey formula. Volunteers gargled twice daily for two minutes, and the results confirmed honey's antibacterial and anti-inflammatory properties—showing promise as a natural alternative for plaque control.

"This is more than a dental product—it's a milestone for Malaysia's stingless bee industry and a step towards sustainable, natural oral healthcare," said Dr. Nur Ayman.

Why It Matters to Our Partners

This research not only supports the development of evidence-based natural health products but also positions USIM as a pioneer in integrating science, tradition, and industry. It highlights our commitment to producing impactful research with both community and commercial value.



How you can be part of this innovation:

- Collaborate on product development and clinical trials for natural oral care solutions
- Invest in scaling and commercialising honey-based dental products
- Support further research in natural therapeutics and public oral health outreach



Voices of Faith, Powered by Technology: USIM Launches “Asmaul Husna Bertaranum” for a Global Audience

Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) is redefining contemporary dakwah with the launch of *Asmaul Husna Bertaranum*—a creative production blending the timeless beauty of Islamic vocal traditions with cutting-edge digital technology.

Produced by USIM’s Cultural Centre, the 4-minute 3-second video presents the 99 Names of Allah (*Asmaul Husna*) in the melodious Bayati and Nahawand styles, performed by USIM talents including Intracksee, USIM Art Icons, and USIM Influencers. The composition was crafted by renowned Qari and USIM alumnus Ustaz Muhammad Husaini Mahmud, now a Cultural Arts Coach, alongside composer Hisyam El Harith.

“This is a fresh and relevant approach to dakwah, marrying vocal artistry with a deep message of *tauhid*,” said Cultural Centre Director Mohd Salehudin Sukor. He noted that the project took nearly three months from initial discussions to final editing, inspired by the vision of USIM Vice-Chancellor Professor Ts. Dr. Sharifuddin Md Shaarani to create a high-quality digital dakwah work entirely produced by the USIM community.

More than an artistic showcase, *Asmaul Husna Bertaranum* is a strategic step to strengthen USIM’s identity as a leader

in Islamic digital content creation. Intended for use by schools, religious institutions, community programmes, and official platforms, it is set to reach audiences far beyond Malaysia.

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The release, timed with USIM’s 25th Anniversary celebration, has already garnered positive responses, underscoring the potential for locally produced Islamic creative works to achieve global recognition. It also reflects USIM’s mission to integrate *naqli* and *aqli* knowledge through contemporary art forms, contributing to a trusted, sophisticated Islamic digital ecosystem.

Why It Matters to Our Partners

This project demonstrates how Islamic heritage can be preserved and shared through modern media, expanding the reach of meaningful content to global audiences. For partners, it signals USIM’s capacity to deliver creative, high-quality productions with educational and spiritual value.

Support the Future of Islamic Digital Dakwah with USIM:

- Collaborate on digital dakwah productions rooted in Islamic values and local talent
- Support distribution and licensing for schools, religious institutions, and media platforms
- Fund or co-produce future creative projects that integrate *naqli* and *aqli* knowledge
- Contribute expertise in multimedia, animation, or global content marketing



Let your heart be moved by the beauty of faith
<https://youtu.be/GYUsUjL6XU>

USIM Strengthens National Halal Knowledge Agenda, Launches New Reference Book at SEHALWA 2025



Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) reaffirmed its leadership in halal and fatwa knowledge with the successful hosting of the 2025 Halal and Fatwa Seminar (SEHALWA) at Nilai Springs Resort. The event, organised by USIM's Institute of Fatwa and Halal (IFFAH), brought together over 160 participants—including academics, enforcement agencies, policymakers, industry players, and students—to address the challenges and future of Malaysia's halal certification landscape.

With the theme *“Current Issues in Halal Certification in Malaysia”*, the seminar's highlight was the launch of the scholarly book *“Makanan dan Minuman Berdasarkan al-Quran, Hadis dan Fatwa” (Food and Beverages Based on the Quran, Hadith and Fatwa)*. The book integrates revealed sources, scholarly opinion, and contemporary realities, and is poised to become a key reference for halal policymaking and education.

“SEHALWA is more than just a platform for knowledge

sharing—it is a strategic step towards strengthening USIM's position in the Halal and Fatwa field,” said USIM Vice-Chancellor Professor Dato’ Ts. Dr. Sharifudin Md Shaarani. “It is also part of USIM's concrete strategy to achieve Higher Centre of Excellence (HiCoE) status for IFFAH, in line with the aspirations of the Ministry of Higher Education.”

The seminar was officiated by the Director-General of JAKIM, Dato’ Dr. Sirajuddin Suhaimee, who delivered a keynote address on *“Addressing the Challenges of Globalisation in Halal Certification”*. He praised IFFAH's role as a bridge between academia, industry, and policymakers, noting that halal today is not only a matter of Shariah law but also a global economic issue, a matter of trade politics, food security, and—most importantly—Muslim confidence.

The programme featured critical paper presentations on topics such as *Halal Logo but Haram Products*, variations in halal standards between countries, and issues of compliance and enforcement. An intellectual forum wrapped up the seminar, exploring the future of halal compliance from multiple perspectives.

Why It Matters to Our Partners

SEHALWA 2025 and the launch of this scholarly publication reflect USIM's commitment to producing high-impact knowledge, strengthening research institutions, and contributing to Malaysia's comprehensive halal ecosystem. For our partners, it signals USIM's readiness to collaborate in building trusted, integrated halal systems for the nation and beyond.

Advance Global Halal Leadership with USIM and IFFAH. Here's how you can collaborate:

- Co-develop halal research, training, and policy frameworks with USIM and IFFAH
- Support the commercialisation and dissemination of key publications like *Makanan dan Minuman Berdasarkan al-Quran, Hadis dan Fatwa*
- Partner in international seminars, capacity building, or certification projects
- Invest in cross-border halal compliance solutions and digital tools



USIM Champions Global Halal Agenda at Expo Osaka 2025

The Faculty of Quranic and Sunnah Studies (FPQS), USIM, has expanded its network of international strategic partners with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the University of Anbar, Iraq.

The MoU signing ceremony was officiated by USIM, represented by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dato' Ts Dr. Sharifudin Md Shaarani, while the University of Anbar was represented by its President, Prof. Dr. Mushtaq Talib Al Nada.

FPQS, which will spearhead the implementation of this MoU at USIM, will take the lead in developing a comprehensive framework of cooperation between the two institutions. Through this MoU, FPQS aims to introduce and strengthen the faculty's and USIM's presence among higher education institutions in the Middle East.

According to FPQS Dean, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohd Zohdi Mohd Amin, the scope of collaboration with the University of Anbar will include academic exchange programs involving staff and students, joint research, collaborative publications, curriculum development particularly in Islamic Studies, Quran and Sunnah, and Arabic Language.

"Other areas of cooperation to be explored include cultural exchange and capacity building in academic and administrative aspects. The immediate next step is for FPQS to arrange a special discussion with the Vice-Chancellor and faculty deans. The goal is to prepare a comprehensive cooperation proposal paper to be submitted to the University of Anbar within a month," he said.

"Previously, we received a delegation from the University of Anbar who visited our faculty and were impressed with the capabilities and strengths of FPQS and USIM. Alhamdulillah, today we formalize the FPQS-USIM and University of Anbar relationship through this MoU, as I see many potentials that we can explore together in the future," he added.

Let's Build Global Impact Together

Get involved through joint research projects, academic and student exchanges, curriculum co-development, and capacity-building programmes. Together, we can strengthen Quranic and Sunnah studies and expand global Islamic education networks.



This collaboration aligns with both universities' shared mission to elevate the status of the Quran, Hadith, and Islam, in line with the trust given by Allah SWT. The MoU also reflects USIM's aspiration to become a global reference in Islamic scholarship through impactful international cooperation and to lead the integration of Naqli and Aqli knowledge by 2025.

In conjunction with the MoU signing, a roundtable discussion session was also held between USIM faculty representatives and the University of Anbar delegation to explore other potential synergies leveraging USIM's diverse academic expertise. Additionally, the delegation was taken on a tour of FPQS research lab facilities.

USIM hopes this partnership will yield meaningful results and significantly impact the development of Islamic knowledge at the international level.

Why It Matters to Our Partners

USIM's presence at Expo Osaka 2025 demonstrates the university's ability to engage globally, build impactful networks, and share Islamic knowledge as a foundation for civilisation. It also signals our readiness to collaborate internationally in education, research, and community engagement.



USIM Opens Community Kitchen for Holistic Student Support

Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) has reaffirmed its commitment to student well-being with the official launch of the USIM Community Kitchen, held at the Tuanku Muhriz Islamic Complex (KITM).



Officiated by Associate Professor Dr. Mushaddad Hasbullah, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni), the initiative is described as a structured, inclusive, and sustainable approach to addressing student welfare.

“The USIM Community Kitchen is more than just a food preparation space—it is a strategic platform uniting various assistance programmes such as food banks, sponsored meals, zakat distribution, and student social initiatives, all coordinated by the Centre for Waqf and Zakat (PWZ), the Student Affairs Centre, the Islamic Centre, and the Student Representative Council,” he said in his opening remarks.

To date, PWZ has distributed over RM1.1 million in aid to students, including RM107,250 in meal sponsorships, RM992,456 in zakat assistance, and RM8,703 in daily welfare and medical support. Through the USIM Community Kitchen, flagship programmes such as free meal distribution, Ramadan iftar sponsorship, faculty-based food pantries, and the RM1 Meal Programme have been implemented. The CSR RM1 programme alone provides lunch to 500 students daily from Monday to Friday, while the Ihya’ Ramadan initiative served 250 students daily throughout the holy month, amounting to over RM154,000 in support.

“Such initiatives not only benefit students in need but also cultivate a culture of care within the campus community.”

The Musa’adah on The Spot initiative also ensures immediate assistance for students and staff facing urgent needs, reflecting USIM’s proactive and responsive welfare approach. Dr. Mushaddad emphasised that the USIM Community Kitchen

marks the starting point for broader efforts to enhance social support and mental well-being in line with the principles of social justice and ihsan central to USIM’s educational philosophy.

“Such initiatives not only benefit students in need but also cultivate a culture of care within the campus community. We hope more stakeholders, including alumni and corporate bodies, will contribute through waqf, zakat, and corporate social responsibility channels,” he added.

Why It Matters to Our Partners

The USIM Community Kitchen is a tangible demonstration of USIM’s commitment to high-impact, student-focused initiatives that directly improve daily life while fostering empathy and social responsibility within the academic community.

Let’s Support Student Success Together

Join USIM’s noble initiative! Contribute through waqf, zakat, or CSR via the Centre for Waqf and Zakat (PWZ) to support USIM Community Kitchen for the welfare and well-being of our students.

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Support meaningful education initiatives

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(BANTUAN BENCANA, MUSIBAH)



TABUNG IT'AM MUHTAJIN

(FOOD FOR NEEDY)



TABUNG TASHIL TOLABAH

(BANTUAN KEMUDAHAN PELAJAR)



TABUNG INFAQ IBNU SINA

(BANTUAN PERUBATAN PELAJAR)



TABUNG PEDULI PALESTIN



TABUNG FOODBANK PWZ

“Bandingan (derma) orang-orang yang membelanjakan hartanya pada jalan Allah, ialah sama seperti sebiji benih yang tumbuh menerbitkan tujuh tangkai; tiap-tiap tangkai itu pula mengandungi seratus biji. Dan (ingatlah), Allah akan melipatgandakan pahala bagi sesiapa yang dikehendaki-Nya, dan Allah Maha Luas (rahmat) kurnia-Nya, lagi Meliputi ilmu pengetahuan-Nya”

Surah Al-Baqarah: Ayat 261

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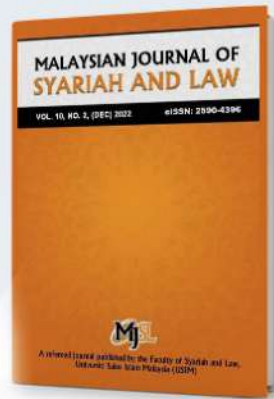
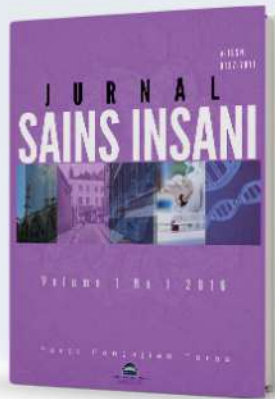
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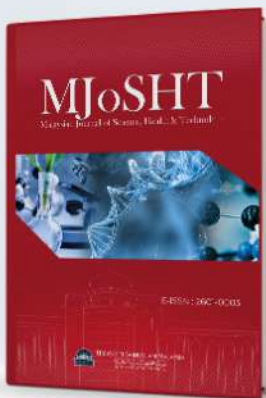
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