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UUM-KZA MoA SET TO STRENGTHEN COLLABORATIVE JOINT VENTURES IN RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

UUM ONLINE: The signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoA) between Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) and the Kedah Zakat Authority (KZA) will open up vast avenues and opportunities for both parties to strengthen cooperation in the acceleration of research activities.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), Prof Dr Ayoib Che Ahmad, who represented the Vice-Chancellor and the Chief Executive Officer of KZA, Mr Sheikh Zakaria Othman signed the MoA in the presence of the Director of the Zakat and Hajj Department (JAWHAR), Mr Ruslan Said; Director of RIMC, Prof Dr Nor Aziah Abd Manaf; Dean of IBS, Assoc. Prof Dr Muhammad Nasri Md. Hussain and Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Dakwah Operations and KZA Collection, Mr Mohd Faisal Mustaffa at the Seminar Hall A, School of Multimedia Technology and Communication recently.

The MoA sealed for the year 2018 until 2021, will encourage further research activities between UUM and KZA especially in areas related to zakat management comprising various fundamental studies of zakat fiqh, empowering collection and distribution of zakat, zakat for educational development, governance of zakat, use of technology in zakat management, quality management, zakat management reforms until zakat distribution model.



Director of the Institute for Zakat Research and Innovation (ZRI), Dr Mohd Sollehudin Shuib said that to date, over MYR600,000 had been approved for research for 2018 and 2019 covering 47 research groups.

According to him, for contract negotiations or investigations, seven groups had been approved to conduct consultations to assist KZA and the community.

He said two consultation groups from STML and SMMTC had begun consultations related to the development of KZA strategic plans, while five others would begin consultations related to child development, consolidation of website, consultations on increasing paddy zakat collection and other consultation work.

"ZRI as a secretariat that relates to the research and consultancy of zakat at UUM has begun managing this process since 2018.

"The offer for new ZRI grants applications for 2020 will start in January 2020 will comprise offers for research and consultations. As for consultation projects, they will commence in May 2020 for the period of one year," he said.

He said researchers and consultants were encouraged to complete the study within the stipulated time period and the research conducted would be monitored by ZRI and RIMC.



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