

**China, Russia And India Want To Share Malaysia's Expertise On Halal Industry**  
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KUCHING, March 10 (Bernama) -- China, Russia and India are among nations which have requested for Malaysia's expertise on food standard rating and halal certification, said Halal Development Corporation (HDC) deputy president Dr Malik Musharraf.

He said Malaysia's expertise is recognised worldwide as Malaysia is the only country whose government oversees food standard rating and halal certification.

"HDC has received requests from China, Russia and India to use the standard we have adopted, namely the Malaysia Standard and Malaysia Certification which are recognised worldwide.

"When we go to the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) countries and Arab nations, they use Malaysia as a reference because we have a halal standard that covers food products, pharmaceuticals, wholesale, retail and frozen items," he told a news conference after the Halal Park Launching Ceremony at the Demak Laut Mara Industrial Area (KIM) Sunday.

The ceremony was officiated by Rural and Regional Development Deputy Minister Datuk Joseph Entulu Belaun.

Earlier, Entulu, in a speech, said development of infrastructure such as the Halal Park will help increase the export of local halal products.

"This year we estimate halal product exports to increase by six per cent from a total export value of RM37.5 billion last year," he said.

The Demak Laut KIM is among 20 KIM set up by Mara nationwide and is divided into two phases, the first for the food industry and second for various enterprises.

Built on 7.7 acres of land, the Demak Laut KIM has benefited 20 tenants producing various food products and beverages.

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