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INCEIF PARTNERS WITH MeDKAD TO DISPENSE SALIXIUM COVID-19 SELF-TEST KIT TO STUDENTS AND STAFF RETURNING TO CAMPUS

In an initiative to provide a safe space for students and staff, and ensure the university's smooth operation with strict COVID-19 prevention and control measures, INCEIF collaborates with MeDKAD to distribute SALIXIUM self-test kit for all students and staff during its reopening month

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 October 2021 – INCEIF, The Global University of Islamic Finance reopens its doors to welcome students and staff back on campus in October 2021, with strict COVID-19 prevention and control measures, and Standard Operating Procedures in place. In prioritising the safety of its returning students and staff, the management of INCEIF, through its COVID-19 Response Committee has added another safety precaution by introducing COVID-19 self-testing for all students and staff alike before they re-enter the campus.

In line with the mission, INCEIF has collaborated with MeDKAD in this self-testing initiative by distributing up to 250 packs of SALIXIUM COVID-19 self-test kits which will allow INCEIF to initiate up to 2 rounds of testing, fortnightly for its students and staff (selected on a first come first serve basis) during this reopening month.

According to INCEIF President & CEO, Prof Dato' Dr Azmi Omar, "INCEIF is proud to partner with MeDKAD to distribute their product, SALIXIUM COVID-19 self-test kits - the first Malaysian made product of such kind, to our students and staff as we reopen our international campus this October. The protection of our students and staff is particularly important to us. Precautions are necessary to prevent the potential spread of COVID-19 in university settings. It is important to remember that COVID-19 does not differentiate

between borders, ethnicities, disability status, age or gender. Education settings should continue to be welcoming, respectful, inclusive, and supportive to all.

Measures taken by institutions can prevent the entry and spread of COVID-19 by students and staff who may have been exposed to the virus, while minimising disruption and protecting students and staff from discrimination. Together with MeDKAD's support, we aim not just to provide a safe space for our students and staff, but to set a precedent for other learning institutions to be inspired in embarking on their own similar initiative, in our collective efforts towards fighting the spread of COVID-19 in the country".

In agreement, Ezuan Yaacob, Chief Executive Officer and Co-founder of MeDKAD, said, "Testing is a critical cornerstone of the COVID-19 response and our product, SALIXIUM, is a reliable tool to detect the presence of the virus at the point of care. As a local player, It is our mission to ensure that the self-testing kit is accessible to all Malaysians and those living in this country. This self-testing kit is the first-tier of defence against the relentless threat of the pandemic and future health crises.

On behalf of MeDKAD, we are proud to collaborate with INCEIF in this meaningful and dynamic initiative. This has potential to assist with the government's mission to respond effectively to the pandemic, enabling quick diagnosis and response to contain localised virus outbreaks before they spread. At MeDKAD, we will keep striving to do our best to provide the best quality of COVID-19 antigen rapid self-test kits to fight the pandemic, while contributing to the country's socioeconomic situation".

The partnership also witnessed INCEIF and MeDKAD discussing ways to continue supplying self-test kits in the subsequent months of November and December 2021 as part of the university's ongoing effort in keeping the INCEIF campus free of COVID-19 infection.

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About INCEIF

INCEIF was set up by Bank Negara Malaysia in 2005 to develop human capital and knowledge leadership for the global Islamic finance industry. Apart from its academic programmes, which are PhD in Islamic Finance, Industrial PhD, MBA (Sustainable Business), Masters of Islamic Finance Practice, Executive Masters in Islamic Finance, MSc in Islamic Finance and Professional Certificate in Islamic Finance, INCEIF also offers customised executive training programmes and industry-focused applied research in line with its vision to be the knowledge and thought leader in Islamic finance.

INCEIF syllabus is structured with inputs from industry players to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and industry experience. INCEIF faculty members, who are globally respected among the Islamic finance academia and industry, have a combined wealth of experience and diversity. The

faculty, coupled with continuous support from the industry, provides INCEIF students with strong mentoring relationships and opportunities for professional development.

In 2019, INCEIF was ranked Very Competitive (5-Star) by the Ministry of Higher Education's Malaysian Quality Evaluation System for University and University College Excellence or SETARA for short. SETARA measures the quality of all private and public universities and university colleges, including foreign branch campuses.

In November 2018, INCEIF received full accreditation from AACSB International, joining the top 5 per cent of business schools in the world to be accredited. It is the only Islamic finance university in Malaysia to receive this international accreditation.

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About MeDKAD

Founded in September 2016 and based in Shah Alam, Selangor, MeDKAD is health technology company that empower companies to better manage their medical benefits with emphasis on a fair economy model. MeDKAD received support from Cradle Fund Sdn Bhd, TERAJU's Skim Permulaaan Usahawan Bumiputera (SUPERB), Malaysia Global Innovation & Creativity Centre (MaGIC) and SME Corporation Malaysia during their formative years in 2016 towards their system going LIVE in January 2018. To date, MeDKAD has served over 250 companies and has a user base of 35,000 that frequently visits their panels nationwide.

MeDKAD was selected as the winner of Best HealthTech at Malaysia's Asia Rice Bowl Startup Awards in 2018 and 2019. In early 2021, MeDKAD received their establishment license from Medical Device Authority (MDA) and began the development of SALIXIUM.

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