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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Malaysia and other Organisation of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC) member countries should work together to produce a halal pharmacopoeia, a book describing drugs, chemicals and medicinal preparations, for Muslims, according to a pharmaceutical science lecturer.

Prof Zhari Ismail of Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) said so far, only five countries - Saudi Arabia,

Indonesia, Thailand, Philippine and Britain - had produced halal pharmacopoeia as guidelines in the production of medicinal products for Muslims across the world.

“If Malaysia can produce its own halal pharmacopoeia, it will reduce anxiety (over the issues of halal and haram) among Muslims in consuming certain medicines,” he said.

Zhari said this when pre-

senting his working paper entitled ‘The Concept of Halal and Haram in Medicines: A Malaysian Perspective’ at Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (Usim) International Conference on Halal Medicines and Healthcare 2012 here yesterday.

The two-day conference was opened by Usim Board of Directors chairman Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Dr Abdul Shukor Husin. - Bernama