KUALA LUMPUR: Technology Park Malaysia's bio-technology arm TPM Biotech will assist Mara Institute of Technology University (UiTM) to handle its programme for certified halal scientific executives for 25 post graduates.

In this collaboration, TPM Biotech will not only contribute 20 per cent of the cost of the programme but also provide technical skills’ training on halal laboratory testing with its ISO 17025 accreditation when it handles the scientific training component for the participants.

The implementation of this programme is offered for the first time by the UiTM’s Malaysian Academy of SME and Entrepreneurship Development (Masmed) with the collaboration of experts from TPM Biotech.

In a press statement, it said programme was officially launched by the deputy vice chancellor of industrial, community and alumni networking, (iCAN), UiTM Prof Dr Norsaadah Ismail.

The programme was aimed at meeting the increasing interest and demand for halal certified products and services. The comprehensive programme would be conducted over eight months until October this year and would comprise four main elements syariah, halal law and standards, auditing and augmentation by having a scientific approach in halal analysis procedure.

Head of TPM Biotech Sdn Bhd, Fadzhairi Abd Jabar said the main objective of this programme was to produce human capital in the form of experts in halal scientific processing. He said this was very much in line with the objectives of the New Economic Model envisioned by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak towards making Malaysia an international halal hub.

Fadzhairi said the development of this programme was to fulfill the needs of skilled workers not only as a specialist in halal management but to play a major role as a scientist. The co-sponsors for this programme are the Ministry of Higher Education and BioTech Corp Malaysia.