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## **PRESTARIANG SYSTEMS MoU WITH IIUM**

### **A strategic collaboration to strengthen, promote and develop Islamic Finance Certification in Malaysia**

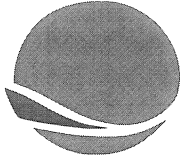
Cyberjaya, June 30 – Prestariang Systems Sdn Bhd (PSSB), a wholly owned subsidiary of Prestariang Berhad (Prestariang or the Company), today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) on the development of Islamic Finance certification. IIUM was represented by its centre of excellence for education and research in Islamic banking and finance that is also known as IIUM Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance (IIiBF).

The signing marked the collaboration between IIiBF and PSSB to strengthen, promote and develop Islamic Finance Certification in Malaysia. “The Islamic Finance Certification validates the level of understanding and competency of individuals on Islamic Finance, especially those who are working in the Islamic Finance services industry as well as the banking and insurance sectors. The certification process, which will be using information and communication technology (ICT), is envisaged to complement the existing Islamic Finance courses offered by the universities.”, said Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohd Azmi Omar, Dean, IIiBF.

As a renowned higher learning institution in Malaysia that owns the expertise and knowledge in the area of Islamic Finance, IIiBF continues to provide quality education and producing competent graduates and scholars with both the knowledge of Shari’ah and also the modern knowledge of economics, finance, management, accounting as well as social.

“We believe by collaborating with the right subject matter expert like IIiBF, we will be able to develop course content, training syllabus and examination module for the certification” said Dr. Abu Hasan Ismail, Chief Executive Officer of Prestariang Berhad.

In line with the Prestariang Group’s core business, which is to train and certify lifelong learners to become professionals, the Group offers approximately 40 certification courses from reputable industry names including Microsoft, Autodesk, IBM, CompTIA, Adobe, EC-Council Oracle, Certiport, Prometric and various technology and software vendors. The Group has trained approximately 120,000 participants nationwide.



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Prestariang is currently enroute to listing on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad and has just recently launched its prospectus. In line with its listing plans, the Company intends to expand globally and focus on its R&D activities to develop other certification programmes.

To date, Prestariang has already launched its home-grown certification called IC CITIZEN and is globally marketed in partnership with US-based Certiport via its network of approximately 10,000 centres in 142 countries. Apart from Islamic Finance Certification and IC CITIZEN, other certification titles in the pipeline are Vocational English and Green IT which it plans to respectively launch in stages starting sometime in the second half of 2011 until the first half of 2012.

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#### **About Prestariang Systems Sdn. Bhd**

Incorporated in 2003, Prestariang Systems Sdn Bhd (PSSB) is a 100% owned subsidiary of Prestariang Berhad. PSSB is a MSC status-based company in ICT training and certification, as well as software license distribution and management. It focuses on certifying adults and lifelong learners to become professionals, and has trained approximately 120,000 participants nationwide. Prestariang Systems delivers its home-grown titles and certifications as well as those from major IT principals such as Microsoft, Autodesk, IBM, Oracle, EC Council and CompTIA.

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