

PRESS RELEASE

DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMME PRODUCES GRADUATES OF GLOBAL STANDARD

PUTRAJAYA, **10 SEPTEMBER 2024** — In line with the Government's vision to position Malaysia as a global hub for higher education, international cooperation is vital for all higher education institutions. This effort is closely tied to ensuring the quality assurance and accreditation of the programs offered.

To support this goal, the Malaysia Board of Technologists (MBOT) has accredited the Dual Degree collaboration between Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah (UMPSA) and Kazakh National Agrarian Research University (KazNARU), Kazakhstan. This innovative initiative enables students to experience academic life at both universities through the 3+1 model, where they complete 3 years at their home institution and 1 year at the host institution.

Under this program, UMPSA students studying at KazNARU are enrolled in the Faculty of Zooengineering and Food Production Technology, and they also participate in industrial training at the International Vaccination Center in Kazakhstan. The program's first graduate successfully earned a Bachelor of Technics and Technology degree from KazNARU in July 2024. On the other hand, KazNARU students will be awarded a Bachelor of Applied Science in Industrial Biotechnology with Honours by UMPSA.

The program has been accredited by the MBOT's Technology and Technical Accreditation Council (TTAC), which ensures both institutions meet equivalent quality standards. MBOT accreditation guarantees that students benefit from high-quality education across institutions. This dual degree program does not only provide academic advantages but also enriches students' cultural understanding, expands their international network and offers a well-rounded global learning experience.

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