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CICM PRESENTS RESPONSIBLE CARE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (RCMS) CERTIFICATION TO UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA (USM)

USM Penang, December 17, 2025 – The Chemical Industries Council of Malaysia (CICM) presented the Responsible Care Management System (RCMS) certification to Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), in recognition of USM's successful completion of the RCMS Implementation Programme for Institution of Higher Learning (IHL).

The certification was formally presented by the CICM Deputy Chairman, Mr Paul R Ellis, to USM Vice Chancellor, Professor Dato' Seri Ir. Dr. Abdul Rahman Mohamed, during a ceremony held this afternoon at the Main Campus of the Institute of Research in Molecular Medicine (INFORMM) in USM.

USM's achievement follows a journey that began with the signing of an MoU between CICM and USM in August 2024, with CICM providing the support and guidance to USM for their RCMS implementation. A total of four (4) sites i.e. the School of Chemical Engineering, School of Chemical Sciences, the Institute of Research in Molecular Medicine (INFORMM) - Main Campus and INFORMM - Health Campus participated in the programme. The implementation focused on four (4) codes of the Responsible Care (RC) Codes of Management Practices, i.e. Employee Health & Safety Code, Environmental Protection Code, Community Awareness & Emergency Response Code and Process Safety Code (specific to the School of Chemical Engineering). The programme concluded in October 2025 with all 4 sites meeting the certification requirements.

"USM is the first institution of higher learning in Malaysia that has come onboard and pledged their commitment to the Responsible Care initiative in Malaysia. This certification reflects USM's dedication in advancing its health, safety, environment and security (HSES) practices, also setting a benchmark for more IHLs to adopt Responsible Care. Their achievement also marks a significant step in aligning academia with industry standards for HSES governance" said Mr Paul R Ellis, CICM Deputy Chairman.

While RCMS is tailored for the chemical industry in general, CICM introduced the RCMS Implementation Programme for Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) to broaden awareness and encourage adoption of Responsible Care principles within the academia. This programme was carried out with the support from the Social Security Organization (SOCSO) and also the International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA).

Responsible Care is a voluntary initiative of the global chemical industry, initiated by Canada in 1984 and has since been promoted by national chemical associations in nearly 70 economies worldwide. The aim is to drive continuous improvement in safe chemicals management and achieve excellence in health, safety, environment and security (HSES) performance.

In Malaysia, CICM is the main steward of Responsible Care since 1994. Today, 150 chemical companies in the country have pledged to manage their operations according to the Guiding Principles and Codes of Management Practices of Responsible Care.

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| 1) Welcome Remarks by CICM Deputy Chairman | 2) Welcome Remarks by Vice-Chancellor of USM |
| 3) Profile of Chemical Industries Council of Malaysia (CICM) | 4) Profile of Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) |
| 5) Details on Responsible Care in Malaysia | |

About CICM

CICM is the national industry association representing Malaysia's chemical sector. Our membership comprises 120 companies, including chemical manufacturers, traders, distributors, and service providers. The Council is governed by an Executive Committee made up of senior representatives from major chemical companies, as well as the Chairmen and Presidents of 7 chemical sub-sector groups in Malaysia.

Our core activities include engaging with Government Ministries / agencies to address industry challenges and regulatory matters, as well as providing a platform for members to discuss common issues and share best practices. Another main thrust of CICM is the promotion of Responsible Care®— the global chemical manufacturing industry's signature environment, health, safety, and security performance initiative, which was launched in 1985 in Canada and has since been adopted in more than 70 economies across the world. CICM is the main steward of Responsible Care in Malaysia.

About USM

USM was established in 1969 as the second university in the country. Today, it houses approximately 35,000 students at undergraduate and postgraduate levels at its 17 Academic Schools on the main campus at Minden, Penang; 6 Schools on the Engineering Campus at Nibong Tebal, Penang; and 3 Schools on the Health Campus at Kubang Kerian, Kelantan. USM also became the first university in the country to be selected by the Malaysian Government to participate in the Accelerated Programme for Excellence (APEX), a fast-track programme that helps tertiary institutions achieve world-class status.



Captions: 3rd from the left – YBrS Professor Dr Wan Ahmad Jaafar Wan Yahaya, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Student Development Affairs and Alumni, USM, representing the Vice Chancellor of USM to receive the RCMS certification from CICM (3rd from the right), Mr Paul R Ellis, Deputy Chairman.