

# On the right track

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A change of subject matter and pace for this week's BLOG.

I wanted to update you on some of the progress being made here at INCEIF. As some of you may be aware, we have put forward an application to be internationally accredited by AACSB, an organisation that independently accredits most of the world's leading business schools. ( Harvard Business School, Sloan-MIT and London Business School, to name but a few). Our journey started some 18 months ago when INCEIF decided to enter into what was likely to be an intensive 5 year program of accreditation. I am delighted to report that our Standard Alignment Plan (SAP) has recently been accepted by the Accreditation Committee and that we are now in the final 3 year phase, of ensuring that all aspects of our process and business are aligned with AACSB standards.

I am extremely grateful to ALL members of the INCEIF team who have ensured that we met this important milestone. There is still much work to do, but we are very much on the right track for a globally recognised accreditation.

In addition, I am very pleased to report that we have received, in recent weeks, some very encouraging financial support from business entities in both Malaysia and globally, who have either decided to invest in Research activities at INCEIF or to provide grants for students to study at INCEIF. Their support is much appreciated and is a reflection of the growing Reputation and Global Reach of INCEIF. It also goes some way to ensuring, another KRA of ours regarding, Financial Sustainability.

One of the things that the AACSB Accreditation process takes a very close look at is our impact on the industry. With these additions to our research funding and our growing body of funded student numbers, INCEIF can further demonstrate the positive impact that it is already having on the Islamic Finance Industry.

Notwithstanding this terrific news, there is still much to do and not a moment to lose.

Warmest regards and wassalam

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