

## Tabung Haji: No MCCM invite for QSR stake

**CYBERJAYA:** Lembaga Tabung Haji (Tabung Haji) has not received any invitations from the Malay Chamber of Commerce Malaysia (MCCM) to jointly acquire Kulim Bhd's stake in QSR Brands Bhd.

"We have not received any invitation. We just have to wait and see," Tabung Haji managing director and chief executive officer Datuk Paduka Ismee Ismail said when asked if the pilgrims fund is interested to take part in MCCM's efforts to take QSR private.

Ismee was speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the Cross Fertilisation and Cross Assignment programme handover to Talent Corporation Malaysia Bhd (TalentCorp) here yesterday.

On December 28, MCCM offered to facilitate, on behalf of Tabung Haji, Amanah Saham Mara and Felda, the

purchase of Kulim's interest in QSR.

Currently, Johor Corp owns 53 per cent of Kulim, which has a 57.5 per cent stake in QSR, which, in turn, owns 50.6 per cent of KFC Holdings (Malaysia) Bhd.

Meanwhile, Khazanah Nasional Bhd managing director Tan Sri Azman Mokhtar, who was present at the event, remained tight-lipped on the proposed divestment of Khazanah's stake in Proton Holdings Bhd.

Earlier, Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Sidek Hassan said the Cross Fertilisation and Cross Assignment programme, which is already in the fourth cycle, will be extended to the private sector.

Previously, the talent exchange scheme only benefited government-linked companies, multinational corporations and leading Malaysian

corporations.

Sidek also announced that the management of the programme will be handed over from Khazanah to TalentCorp.

The next cycle of the programme is targeted to start in June this year.

"A mentorship component, involving senior management of participating companies, will also be introduced. This is an important component and I am confident the benefits will accrue to both mentors and mentees," he added.

From a humble beginning with 15 cross assignees across 10 companies, the scheme has, to date, attracted the participation of 129 cross assignees from 19 companies and government agencies.

This excludes the 53 participants who had completed the programme and received their certificates yesterday. **By Kamarul Yunus**