

**Press Release
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New Zealand Food Safety Authority wins Halal Journal Award

In recognition and appreciation of the introduction of the NZ Halal Notice 2010, we the New Zealand Halal Slaughtermen Union nominated the New Zealand Food Safety Authority (NZFSA) for the highest Halal award in the world.

Last night during the 6th world Halal Forum, at the Gala Dinner, **Dr. Tony Zohrab** on behalf the NZFSA, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) received this award from the **former Prime Minister of Malaysia, YAB Tun Abdullah Haji Ahmed Badawi** and in the presence of **His Excellency, David Pine, New Zealand High commission to Malaysia** and a number of members of New Zealand Muslim community.

New Zealand is a leading country in the Halal Industry as well as the first non Muslim country to receive this prestigious award. Winning the Halal Journal Award, means that New Zealand is now recognised globally as having the best Halal System in place.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Tony Zohrab, Director of NZFSA and his team for the excellent work and achievement.

We also would like to congratulate Malaysia for their leading role in the global Halal industry. Our heartfelt admiration goes to the organisers of the World Halal Forum 2011 for their excellent standard and efficient running of the forum. A special tribute goes to **Sister, Hajjah Jumaatun Azmi**, founder of the World Halal Forum.

Delegates from all over the world attending this World Halal Forum 2011 expressed their admiration for New Zealand.

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