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Dear YBhg Tan Sri/Dato' Seri/Dato'/Datuk/Datin/Prof/Dr./Mr./Mrs/Ms

**Invitation to Participate as Expert for input on Kratom (Ketum) Cultivation in Malaysia**

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to participate as an interviewee in a study on “A Holistic Approach on Socio-economic and Environmental Impacts of Cultivation Kratom in Malaysia”. The research team is seeking your comments and perspectives on the socio-economic and environmental impact of Kratom cultivation in Malaysia.

Our team is conducting this research under the funding of Agensi Antidadah Kebangsaan, Project No: GA018-2021. Should you be interested to participate, your participation will be completely voluntary, and your anonymity and confidentiality will be maintained. If you have any questions about this study or your rights, please contact the investigator.

The interview will last approximately 30-90 minutes. The interview will be conducted, when possible, in person. The interview will be conducted at your preferred location. If an in-person interview cannot be arranged, interviews will be conducted over the Internet Communication Method (eg. Teams). Please note that your responses, identifying information, and other names mentioned would be kept confidential and anonymous from the transcripts that will be made of the interview. Enclosed is the sheet with detailed questions for the interview.

If you are interested in participating, please confirm your acceptance by reply to the email. We will arrange a date after the confirmation of the attendance.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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## Interview Questions

1. Based on your experience, what do you think about kratom/ketum

Probe: Issue arise (a) social aspect, (b) environmental aspect

2. Do you think kratom/ketum can generates income to the individual, state and country?

3. Please talk briefly about your experience with the kratom/ketum cultivation in Malaysia.

4. What kind of challenges of the kratom/ketum plantation in Malaysia?

5. What do you think about the possibility of legalizing kratom/ketum?

6. What do you think about the future of the kratom/ketum if we legalized/not legalized it?

Do you have any other comments about the kratom/ketum cultivation in Malaysia?

### **Soalan Temu Duga**

1. Berdasarkan pengalaman anda, apakah pendapat anda tentang ketum dari aspek
    - a. sosial
    - b. alam sekitar
  2. Adakah anda rasa ketum boleh menjana pendapatan kepada sendiri/keluarga, negeri dan negara?
  3. Bolehkah anda menjelaskan secara ringkas tentang pengalaman anda dalam penanaman ketum di Malaysia.
  4. Apakah cabaran penanaman ketum di Malaysia?
  5. Apakah pendapat anda tentang kemungkinan menghalalkan ketum?
  6. Apakah cadangan anda tentang penanaman ketum?
- Adakah anda mempunyai sebarang komen lain tentang penanaman ketum di Malaysia?