

**SPEECH OF  
THE HONORABLE MINISTER AGRICULTURE  
GOVT. OF THE PUNJAB**

**At Concluding Session of  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference & Expo on Halal industry  
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I am very happy to be here among the Halal industry of the world and it is heartening to know that Punjab has taken an initiative to hold this conference which is definitely a milestone towards capturing and expanding Halal industry to the entire world. As it is well known that at this point in time Halal industry accounts for \$3 trillion and is expanding day by day which demonstrates the extreme importance of this conference. The rapidly increasing awareness regarding Halal products necessitates to formulate workable strategy translated with doable action plan so that the potential and benefits of Halal could be fully tapped. Government of the Punjab is fully committed to accord any assistance in this regard and has already taken up various projects which are imperative for developing Halal value chain especially in meat sector. Punjab Govt. has initiated programs on enhancing Halal and quality meat production through Punjab Agriculture & Meat Company which is linked with Lahore Meat Processing Complex (a state-of-the-art slaughtering & meat processing facility). We are also open to any legislative requirement to be made for developing Halal industry.

I congratulate Punjab Agriculture & Meat Company, Livestock & Dairy Development Department and Halal Research Council for organizing this event and thankful to all of you to made it a success. **Pakistan Zindabad**