Associate Professor Dr. Sharifudin Md. Shaarani, the Dean, and Associate Professor Hajjah Mariam Abdul Latif of SSMP were in Kuwait from 21 and 22 January 2013 to lead the Halal Lead Auditor Training for participants attending the Second Gulf Conference on Halal Industry and Its Services on 23 and 24 January 2013 held at Crown Plaza Hotel, Farwaniyah, Kuwait.

The Second Gulf Conference on Halal Industry and Its Services was organized by the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs in collaboration with Kuwait Institute for Science Research (KISR) was held immediately after the Halal Lead Auditor training. It is the continuity of its first conference in 2011 and the theme for this year “Towards the Effective Management of the Halal Industry”. The Organizer hoped to produce an international Model for Halal Standard and a Model Halal Certification for use by all Islamic countries. This model is aimed to harmonize standards and halal certification system to enhance market and trade of halal products and services among Member Countries. The Halal Lead Auditor training conducted before the conference was targeted to all auditors and regulatory officers for more in-depth halal audit. The organizer raised the issues on slaughter and “stunning” which are still debatable in producing halal meat and recommended that more research is conducted to ensure whether “stunning” can be used or not prior halal slaughter.