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KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 13 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS APPROVED THE SETTING UP OF A NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE TO DRAFT HOUSING AND VEHICLE LOAN SCHEMES BASED ON ISLAMIC PRINCIPLES.

AGRICULTURE MINISTER ENCIK ANWAR IBRAHIM, WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE ISLAMIC CONSULTATIVE BODY, SAID IN A STATEMENT HERE TODAY THAT THE 10-MEMBER COMMITTEE WOULD BE CHAIRED BY DATUK ISMAIL MANSUR, THE SECRETARY OF THE FINANCE MINISTRY'S ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION.

THE OTHER MEMBERS ARE THE INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY LAW FACULTY DEAN, DATUK PROF AHMAD IBRAHIM, UNIVERSITI KEBANGSAAN MALAYSIA (UKM) QURAN AND SUNNAH STUDIES DEPARTMENT HEAD DR KASSIM MAT SALLEH AND ASSOCIATE PROF DR AHMAD SHAHBARI ALIAS SOBRI SALAMON WHO IS ALSO FROM UKM, ENCIK ABDUL RAZAK GHANI AND ENCIK ISMAIL PARJO (FINANCE MINISTRY), ENCIK MOHAMED KAMIL AWANG (ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S OFFICE), ENCIK AHMAD TAJUDDIN ABDUL RAHMAN (BANK ISLAM), ENCIK AHMAD AWANG (RELIGIOUS DIVISION OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT), AND THE DIVISION'S DIRECTOR, ASSOCIATE PROF DR ABDUL HAMID OTHMAN WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED SECRETARY.

ENCIK ANWAR ADDED THAT THE SECRETARIAT OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE WOULD BE PLACED UNDER THE SECRETARIAT OF THE ISLAMIC CONSULTATIVE BODY.

IN ITS FIRST MEETING TODAY, THE COMMITTEE FORMED A SYARIAH LAW SUB-COMMITEE CHAIRED BY DATUK PROF AHMAD IBRAHIM AND A MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY ENCIK AHMAD TAJUDDIN. -- BERNAMA
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