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UNIFORM SERVICE SCHEME FOR RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENTS

PULAU PINANG, April 16 (Bernama) -- Pusat Islam will introduce a uniform scheme of service in Islamic religious departments nationwide, its Director-General, Datuk Abdul Hamid Zainal Abidin, said.

He said the new scheme would make staff of religious departments transferable to another state on promotion.

It would be implemented soon as the proposal had been agreed to by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Abdul Hamid told reporters after a conference of religious officers here last night opened by Pulau Pinang Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Mohd Shariff Omar.

The new service scheme offered religious department officials more promotion opportunities and they could also apply to serve in a state of their choice, he added.

At present, the administration of religious departments is under the jurisdiction of state governments.

Abdul Hamid said the new scheme was also aimed at coordinating the management of state religious departments by creating a post of director-general and a head office.

"The administration in religious departments should be upgraded to further strengthen them in implementing Islamic affairs in the country," he said.

He said a study to introduce the scheme was conducted after feedback had been received from all state religious departments. -- BERNAMA

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