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CONFERENCE ON CHALLENGES FOR MUSLIMS IN NEXT MILLENNIUM

KUALA LUMPUR, July 25 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Islamic Understanding Institute (IKIM) in collaboration with the cooperation of Ikatan Cendekiawan Muslim Se-Indonesia (ICMI) will organise a conference on "Facing the 21st Century: Reformatations and Challenges for Muslims in the Region" next month.

The objective of the conference to be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on August 21 is to consolidate the position of Muslims in South East Asia in the the third millennium.

IKIM chairman Tan Sri Ahmad Sarji Abdul Hamid in a statement today said the conference was also to facilitate exchange of ideas and expertise among Muslim intellectuals in the region.

He said the conference would also to promote close cooperation in economy, social, human resources development and science and technology through joint ventures.

Development cooperation workshops in education, training, investment, finance, trade, multimedia, mass media and language would also be held on the first day of the conference.

Entrepreneurs, academicians, corporate figures, Ulamaks, representatives of non-government institutions and media personalities from the Asean countries are expected to attend the two-day conference.

Members of the public interested in attending the conference can contact the conference secretariat at Lot 26647, Langgak Tunku, Off Jalan Duta, 50480 Kuala Lumpur or telephone 03-6511972. -- BERNAMA

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