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SEVERAL COUNTRIES EMULATING MALAYSIA IN INJECTING ISLAMIC VALUES

KEPALA BATAS, July 18 (Bernama) -- The government's success in injecting Islamic values into the administrative system, economy and lives of the people has raised Malaysia's image in the eyes of the world, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said today.

He said several countries had studied Malaysia's policy on this for adoption with adjustments.

They had studied the implementation and administrative methods of several institutions that inject Islamic values like the Pilgrims Fund Board (Tabung Haji), Bank Islam, Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB), and the takaful and unit trust systems,

This showed that Islamic values were acknowledged to be able to bring development and comfort to the people, he told reporters after closing a seminar on injecting Islamic values, here, organised by the Department of Islamic Advancement Malaysia and Kepala Batas Umno division's Islamic Affairs Bureau.

He said Islam prioritised security and required Muslims to live peacefully with followers of other religions and this could serve as an example to other communities in the world.

Islam preached good things and development and not extremism and it also stressed the need for Muslims to have knowledge to spur their community to success, he added.

Abdullah, who is also Kepala Batas MP, said the policy to inject Islamic values was made to bring progress to Muslims in the country and required them to pray and observe true Islamic practices.

Efforts to enhance Islamic teachings would only be considered successful when Muslims achieved progress while observing such teachings, he added.

He also said that the Islamic approach in the administration introduced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad like working efficiently, trustworthily and responsibly did not run contrary to universal values.

He said Islamic teachings served not only to guide Muslims in their daily lives but also to deter them from improper acts.

He also advised Muslims not to be greedy or to slander others as this could undermine the Muslims' strength and resilience and Islamic teachings.

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