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Forum on religious tolerance

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - The Institute for Islamic Understanding will organise an international conference on "The Role Of Islamic Civilisation In Fostering Inter-Religious Understanding" on May 25 and 26.

Ikim chairman Tan Sri Ahmad Sarji Abdul Hamid said it would provide a better understanding of the rights of Muslims in a non-Muslim country and vice versa.

"It is timely as many foreign countries are currently faced with ethnic clashes and religious intolerance among their communities."

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will present a keynote address on the role of Muslims in maintaining religious tolerance among the different communities here.

He will also engage in a dialogue with local and foreign intellectuals, embassy officials, foreign dignitaries and guests.

The speakers are academician Prof Dr Mohd Kamal Hassan who will present a paper on "The Golden Age of Islam - Some Lessons for its Revival?" and Dr Manuela Marin of Spain on "The Participation of Non-Muslim Citizens in the Development of Islamic Societies and Civilisations".

The plenary sessions will be chaired by Ahmad Sarji and Ikim director-general Datuk Dr Ismail Ibrahim.

The seminar is organised by Ikim with the co-operation of the Spanish embassy. It is sponsored by Measat Broadcast Network Systems Sdn Bhd, Binariang Bhd and Powertek Bhd.

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