

PM to Nst 25 NOV 2001 launch easy donation schemes

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. — Three new schemes aimed at making donations to charitable causes easier will be launched next week by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The schemes called E-Jariah, Tele-Jariah and Auto-Jariah, will enable people to use the powers of information technology and telecommunications to make their deposits.

The Malaysian Islamic Economic Development Foundation (YPEIM) which introduced the scheme announced that two financial institutions Maybank and Bank Islam and Telekom Malaysia will play a role in this project.

Speaking at a Press conference today, YPEIM director general Abdul Malek Awang Kechil said these schemes are proof that Islamic institutions were not left behind in the information technology era.

"In fact this shows that we can play a role in helping the less fortunate, while adapting to the technologies of the modern era," he said.

Abdul Malek said the E-Jariah scheme will enable people to use its internet website titled www.e-jariah.com.my to donate.

While he said in the case of Tele-Jariah, people can call this number 600-86-775 to make their deposits.

"The Auto-jariah method is where contributors have the option to use any of the participating banks, to make their deposits via their Auto Teller machine," he said.

Abdul Malek said they organised these projects to help the Government enhance the economic status of Muslims in the country.

Also present were Malaysian Resources Corporation Berhad general manager for corporate communications Musni Mohamad and Maybank manager for electronic service section Tham Kong Fee. MRCB is helping to promote the event.