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Enhancing understanding of Islam

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - The Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (Ikim) will be organising a three-day seminar entitled Enhancing The Understanding of Islam For The Media from July 1.

It is being held in conjunction with the conference of Foreign Ministers of the Organisation of Islamic Conference.

The seminar, to be held at the Ikim headquarters in Langgak Tunku, off Jalan Duta here, is scheduled to be officiated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

It is aimed at correcting the wrong image of Islam portrayed by some members of the foreign and local media.

It is also intended to enhance the understanding of Islam by providing a basic insight into the faith.

The seminar will also highlight Malaysia's relatively successful socio-economic development model that does not exclude Islam.

Another of its objectives is to provide examples from other Muslim nations about Islam and to distinguish between Islam as a faith and Islam as a culture.

The seminar is open to all senior editors/journalists/news analysts and reporters from major international and national newspapers, television networks and Internet-based information providers.

It will also cater to Press attaches at foreign missions here, academicians, scholars and religious authorities.

Those interested in obtaining more information can call Sarina Othman or Shamsul Kamal Mohd Amin at 03-6510889 or 03-6519741 or fax to 03-6514189.

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On-line registrations can be made through Ikim's homepage at [www.ikim.gov.my/s301-reg.htm](http://www.ikim.gov.my/s301-reg.htm)

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