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IIUM receives RM7.6m from Saudi foundation

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - The Prince Sultan Abdul Aziz Charity Foundation is donating US\$2 million (RM7.6 million) to the International Islamic University of Malaysia.

"A total of US\$1 million is for the students' fund and another US\$1 million is for the university," said Saudi Arabia's Second Deputy Prime Minister Prince Sultan Abdul Aziz Al-Saud in his acceptance speech after receiving an honorary doctorate in political science from the university here today.

IIUM constitutional head Sultan Ahmad Shah of Pahang conferred Prince Sultan Abdul Aziz, 70, the honorary degree at a special convocation ceremony.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi tonight hosted a dinner for Prince Sultan Abdul Aziz.

Also present at the dinner were Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

Prince Sultan Abdul Aziz, who is also the Saudi Arabian Aviation and Defence Minister, arrived in Malaysia yesterday for an eight-day visit at the invitation of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

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