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KHALIL HAPPY WITH PREPARATIONS AT MEDIA CENTRE

KUALA LUMPUR, June 26 (Bernama) -- Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob said today he is satisfied with the preparations made at the Media Centre for the 27th session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM).

He said feedback from foreign journalists showed they were satisfied with the facilities and services provided at the centre manned by Bernama, the host news agency for the four-day ICFM.

More than 200 media representatives including 58 foreign journalists had registered at the centre so far, he told reporters after visiting the media centre at the Malaysia International Exhibition Showroom (Mines) in Seri Kembangan here.

The centre offers state-of-the-art facilities for the transmission of news, news photographs and television footages.

Forty computers are provided for newsmen to process their stories. For those pressmen who are less IT-savvy, typewriters are also available.

The centre is located about 1.5km from the Palace of the Golden Horses hotel, the venue of the ICFM meeting, to which a shuttle service is provided.

It was set up by the Information Ministry which is heading the ICFM Publicity and Media Committee.

Khalil said this was the first time the ICFM had set up the committee to coordinate press coverage and publicity for the meeting to be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tomorrow.

About 1,000 delegates from 56 Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) member nations are expected to attend the ICFM.

Khalil also said 13 senior journalists from Africa have been invited to cover the meeting.

So far, five television stations from Brunei Darussalam, the Philippines, Turkey, Iran and the United Kingdom are here to cover the meeting.

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