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Ikim FM goes on air

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KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - The Malaysian Institute of Islamic Understanding today started test transmission of its radio station, Ikim FM, for listeners in the Klang Valley.

Its chairman Tan Sri Ahmad Sarji Abdul Hamid said the test transmission which can be received through the 91.5mh frequency were part of Ikim's efforts at promoting Islamic understanding more effectively.

"The radio programmes would be knowledge-based.

"This initiative is a historic event.

"The radio station is our platform to present our messages to the masses more effectively," he told a Press conference at the Ikim complex today.

Ikim FM will be operational 24 hours using the Celcom Broadcast Services.

He said Ikim's radio FM studio on Jalan Duta would eventually broadcast to 11 transmission centres nationwide.

The outlay is RM10 million for the purchase of equipment and staffing.

Radio Ikim will be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on July 6 when it goes nationwide.

Ikim has appointed Celcom to provide the network and infrastructure for a period of 10 years.

Earlier, Ahmad Sarji and TRI/Celcom chief executive Tan Sri Tajudin Ramli witnessed the signing of a memorandum of understanding between Ikim and Celcom.

Ikim was represented by its director-general Datuk Dr Ismail Ibrahim while TRI/Celcom executive vice-president Bistamam Ramli represented Celcom.