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M'SIA HOSTING OIC's ENDOWMENT MINISTERS CONFAB IN OCTOBER

KUALA LUMPUR, July 9 (Bernama) -- Malaysia will host the seventh conference of endowment and Islamic affairs ministers of the Organisation of Islamic Conference from Oct 8 to 11, the Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Abdul Hamid Zainal Abidin said.

"The Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will open the conference to be attended by 57 OIC member countries," Abdul Hamid, who would chair the meeting, told Bernama today.

Earlier, he inspected facilities at a local hotel which was being considered as one of the conference venues here.

The conference would, among other things, discuss solidarity among Muslim countries and the challenges ahead in improving the lot of the Ummah world-wide.

He said the last conference in Indonesia picked Malaysia as this year's host based on the country's various accomplishments in bringing about advancement to Muslims and consolidating the teachings of Islam.

Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Kuwait and Jordan would be among the countries presenting working papers at the conference, he added.

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