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University must help correct all misunderstandings on Islam, says Abdul Hamid

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - The International Islamic University Malaysia has an important role to play in correcting all misunderstandings of Islam, said Datuk Seri Dr Abdul Hamid Othman today.

Abdul Hamid, who is the Islamic Religious adviser in the Prime Minister's department said the university was not only a seat of higher learning but an institution where students learn in-depth about the religion.

"There are misunderstandings and confusion among Muslims regarding secularism and this must be put in the right perspective," he added.

He said the establishment of the IIUM had also helped in the implementation of Syariah laws in the country which was once "a big political problem".

Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob said the setting of the university was one of the proudest achievements within the country.

"It's very impressive. It is our contribution to the Islamic world," he added.

Education Minister Tan Sri Musa Mohamad said Dr Mahathir's speech was motivating and it was a strong message that Muslims should concentrate on both the "Fardu Ain" and "Fardu Kifayah".

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