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DR ABDUL MONIR NAMED IKIM'S DIRECTOR-GENERAL

KUALA LUMPUR, March 22 (Bernama) -- An assistant director-general of the Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysian (IKIM), Datuk Dr Abdul Monir Yaacob has been appointed as director-general with effect from April 1.

He will succeed Datuk Dr Ismail Ibrahim who will finish his contract on the same date.

IKIM Chairman Tan Sri Ahmad Sarji Abdul Hamid said in a statement here today that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had appointed Dr Abdul Monir, 55, to the post for a two-year term on contract basis.

A graduate of the Al-Azhar University, Dr Abdul Monir obtained his Ph.D from the International Islamic University (IIU) in 1991. He was appointed as IKIM assistant director-general in 1997.

IKIM, the brainchild of Dr Mahathir, began operation in 1992.

Ahmad Sarji said another assistant director-general Nik Mustapha Nik Hassan had been appointed as IKIM deputy director-general.

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