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THE Mahathir Dialogue On The Advancement of the Ummah will be the first of its kind to address issues that concern Muslims following the Sept 11 tragedy.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will have dinner with participants at the Cyber-view Lodge in Cyberjaya today and later moderate the dialogue.

The dialogue aims to provide a venue for scholars, intellectuals and professionals from Muslim communities to exchange and share views on the betterment of the ummah.

This morning, some participants will visit the Umno headquarters at the Putra World Trade Centre in Kuala Lumpur, while others will attend a lecture by the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR).

They will also visit the Institute of Islamic Understanding in the afternoon.

Tomorrow, some participants will attend a discourse on The Politics of Knowledge, Science and Technology organised by the Institute of Knowledge Advancement at Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM).

Others will attend a public forum at the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange.

Participants will then visit the International Islamic University Malaysia after lunch.

This will be followed by a public lecture at UiTM.

In the evening they will attend a postdialogue session at the Cyberview Lodge.

The participants will depart from Kuala Lumpur International Airport on Friday.

Yesterday participants were briefed by the Economic Planning Unit.

They also visited the Islamic Arts Museum in Kuala Lumpur and attended a discussion on knowledge, science and technology, economics and education.