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Ikim plans seminar on gold dinar trade

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - The Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (Ikim) will organise an international conference on "Gold Dinar in Multilateral Trades" on Oct 22 and 23.

The conference, to be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, will highlight, among others, the role played by the Malaysian Government and the central bank towards the international gold dinar trade in potential Islamic and non-Islamic countries.

Ikim director-general Datuk Dr Abdul Monir Yaacob said the institute wanted to give a better understanding on how the gold dinar trade worked.

"The conference will discuss in depth all aspects towards the implementation of the gold dinar trade," Abdul Monir told a Press conference at Ikim headquarters in Jalan Langgak Tunku, here, today.

Four papers by prominent leaders in this field will be presented. Among those expected to attend the conference are bankers, traders, corporate leaders, academicians and representatives of the Organisation of Islamic Conference member countries.

Abdul Monir also announced two other events - a seminar on "Understanding Malaysia As An Islamic Country" on Sept 17 and an intellectual discourse called "Multaqa Sultan Ahmad Shah" on Oct 14.

The seminar, to be organised by Ikim and the Selangor Government, is to discuss Islamic development and identify issues surrounding the Muslims and non-Muslims in Islamic countries, especially Malaysia.

The discourse, to be co-organised by Ikim and the Pahang Government, will be held in conjunction with the birthday of the Sultan of Pahang.

A speaker from the Netherlands, Professor Dr Khalid Mas'ud, will deliver his keynote address, "The Ruled And The Ruler In An Islamic State".

Abdul Monir also announced Ikim's new appointments. They are Mazilan Musa as director of Economic, Social and Technology Centre, Manap Jantan as radio director, Siti Fatimah Abdul Rahman as a senior fellow, Shaikh Mohd Saifuddeen Shaikh Mohd Salleh as acting director for east coast division and Khairul Azhar Idris as a fellow.

Abdul Monir also said that Ikim and the Johor Government had done a research on hudud and its implementation in Islamic countries.

He said the public now had a misconception about hudud, and he hoped the research would help them understand it better.

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