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Mahathir Dialogue to be held on Wednesday

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - The first-ever Mahathir Dialogue on the Advancement of the Ummah to discuss issues affecting the well-being of the Muslims will be held on Wednesday at Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM).

The dialogue is a first of a series which brings together prominent scholars and representatives from the Muslim communities of North America and Europe.

It will provide a forum for them to exchange views and opinions, especially on the situation of the Muslim minorities in these regions and of liberating the Muslims as a whole.

Co-organised by UiTM, the Institute of Knowledge Advancement (InKA) and the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations, Prime Minister's Department, the programme is sponsored by the Albukhary Foundation.

In conjunction with the dialogue, several pre-dialogue and post-dialogue events will be held, including talks, lectures, visits and discussions with Umno leaders.

InKA will also hold an intellectual discourse entitled "The Politics of Knowledge, Science and Technology".

The discourse, to be held at the UiTM Hotel in Shah Alam on Thursday, aims to help Muslim scholars find solutions to help create a better image of Islam, which has been portrayed as a religion of terror after the Sept 11 incident, instead of a religion of knowledge.