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MEDIA CENTRE AT ISLAMIC CONFERENCE EQUIPPED WITH ICT FACILITIES

KUALA LUMPUR, May 4 (Bernama) -- The Media Centre at the Seventh Conference of the Ministers of Endowment and Islamic Affairs is equipped with information and communication technology facilities to assist media representatives in covering the meeting.

The Centre at Hotel Istana, which is run by Malaysia's National News Agency (Bernama), begins operations today and is expected to accommodate about 200 local and foreign media representatives.

The three-day conference begins on Monday and is expected to be participated by 250 delegates from 56 member countries of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) and eight other countries.

The Media Centre provides various facilities including computers with Internet access to facilitate the journalists in sending their reports to their respective organisations.

In addition, Bernama also provides Newslink information service which gives current news reports as well as articles from Bernama's archives.

A Telekom Malaysia counter is also available at the Media Centre providing facsimile and telephone facilities at certain rates for the convenience of media representatives in making internal and overseas calls, pre-paid cards as well as cellular telephones for hire.

Journalists covering the proceedings can also get information concerning the conference from the pigeon holes provided near the entrance to the Media Centre.

Meanwhile, Kuala Lumpur Traffic Chief Supt Ahmad Shamsuri, when contacted today, said the traffic situation around Hotel Istana, the venue of the conference, was not expected to be affected during the duration of the conference.

He also said no roads would be closed during the duration of the conference.

The seventh conference will be officially opened by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi on Monday while Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will deliver his keynote address on Tuesday.

Nine working papers will be presented at the conference this time, including a proposal on the establishment of a world foundation for Islamic heritage and another proposal on the use of electronic media to disseminate information on Islam in various languages.

The main issue expected to be discussed this time will be the efforts to be taken on the most effective approach to restore the image of Islam which has often been linked to terrorism.

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