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DR MAHATHIR TO SPEAK AT LONDON, OXFORD UNIVERSITIES

JELI, Sept 7 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, will speak on Islam and the development of Muslims at the School of Oriental Studies, London University, on Sept 22.

The Prime Minister's Adviser on Religion, Tan Sri Dr Abdul Hamid Othman said Dr Mahathir's audience would include Islamic thinkers, politicians, intellectuals and sociologists in England.

Dr Mahathir would be accompanied by several Islamic Ulama from Malaysia, he told reporters here.

He said that on Sept 23, the Prime Minister would launch the "Encyclopaedia of Dr Mahathir Mohamad" at Oxford University, published by the renowned Egyptian firm of Darul Fikri.

He said all the writings and thoughts of Dr Mahathir are contained in the encyclopaedia which had been published in English and Arabic.

It would be translated into other languages such as French, Spanish and Bahasa Melayu later.

Abdul Hamid said the company had published the encyclopaedia as it was highly impressed with the thoughts and abilities of Dr Mahathir.

It was an honour from the world intellectual community to the Prime Minister for his thoughts and efforts in the development of Muslims.

"The book will be launched in Malaysia by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi at Universiti Islam Antarabangsa on Sept 20 at 9pm," he said.

Abdul Hamid said that recently a noted Western thinker, Tony Brossen wrote that Dr Mahathir was a man with a strong memory and one of the most efficient thinkers.

Brossen, popular for his "memory games", had contacted Abdul Hamid to arrange a meeting with Dr Mahathir and to organise the games in Malaysia.

"I asked him how he knew that Dr Mahathir had such a strong memory, the man replied that there had never been any repetition in all of Dr Mahathir's speeches which he had made over the last 23 years. This is strong enough memory."

Abdul Hamid earlier gave a keynote address at a seminar on Islamic Thought at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Ayer Lanas here. The seminar was opened by the Executive Director of the National Economic Action Council (NEAC) Datuk Mustapa Mohamed.

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