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SCHOLARS: M'SIA FUNDS CONFERENCE PERMANENT SECRETARIAT

PUTRAJAYA, July 12 (Bernama) -- Malaysia will provide funding for a permanent secretariat of the World Conference of Islamic Scholars, whose formation has received the full support of some 900 local and foreign Islamic scholars and thinkers who are here for its inaugural discourse.

Conference main committee chairman Tan Sri Dr Abdul Hamid Othman however said contributions from other organisations were also welcomed.

He said the conference permanent secretariat with its headquarters in Kuala Lumpur would comprise local and foreign scholars.

The organisational structure would be decided after seeking the view of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, he told reporters on the final day of the three-day conference here today.

Dr Abdul Hamid, who is the Religious Adviser to the Prime Minister, said those attending the conference, including Islamic scholars from the United States and Europe, had also expressed willingness to contribute their expertise to the secretariat.

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