

27/06/2004

Discussing issues dealing with Muslims

INTERNATIONAL Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) has always been at the forefront in organising seminars and conferences involving local and international participants.

In August, it organised a three-day international conference on advancements in science and technology to provide a platform for scholars worldwide to share their knowledge and experience.

There were also discussions on areas relating to biological, mathematical and physical sciences, as well as the philosophy of science and technology.

There was also a workshop on photoscience conducted during the conference by Professor K. Razi Naqvi of the Norwegian University of Science and Technology.

In September, it organised the international conference on Gold in International Trade. Themed Strategic Positioning in Global Monetary System, the conference, which was officiated by former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, looked at issues such as the challenges in the adoption of the gold mechanism to make it a credible and practical system for traders. The conference also saw regulators, bankers, accountants, auditors, financiers, fund managers, financial experts and syariah scholars deliberating on the use of gold as an instrument in international trading.

Among speakers were National Economic Action Council (NEAC) executive director Datuk Mustapha Mohamed; Bank Negara Malaysia assistant governor Datuk Latifah Merican Cheong; Bank of Sudan deputy governor Dr Abdul Moneim Mahamoud El Quisi; Bahrain Monetary Agency director of capital markets supervision Ali Salman Thamer; and United States Islamic Chambers of Commerce and Industry chief executive officer Akram Benbarek.

IIUM has been active in organising conferences dealing with Muslims. In October and December, it organised two international conferences on Muslim unity and the poverty among Muslims.

Muslim Unity in the 21st Century: Opportunities and Challenges looked into the status of Muslim unity in the world; political, economic, financial and educational challenges and opportunities for Muslims in the 21st century; and the role of academics and professionals in uniting Muslims in the 21st century, while the conference on Poverty in the Muslim World and Communities: Causes and Solutions looked at poverty eradication as well as the political dimension of the causes and solutions for the problem.

This year, it will organise international conferences on various issues.

These include a conference on spatial planning and decision support system to be jointly organised by IIUM and the Federal Department of Town and Country Planning Malaysia, and the conference on Muslims and Islam in the 21st century.

In terms of publications, IIUM, through its Research Centre, published 23 titles, but the number will increase to 30 titles by the end of 2004.

In 2005, the centre is aiming to publish 35 titles.

For details, log on to: www.iiu.edu.my

(END)