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Gathering of young Muslim leaders

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - For the first time, Muslim youth leaders from 72 countries will converge in Kuala Lumpur from Sept 14 to Sept 16 for the International Muslim Young Leaders Conference to discuss issues of Muslim unity, religious tolerance and economic integration.

Delegates will include prominent second echelon leaders of political parties, leaders of social movements as well as religious organisations, said conference chairman Tan Sri Rahim Tamby Chik.

They will represent countries from the Middle-East, South Asia, South-East Asia, Africa as well as minority Muslims from Europe, Australia and the United States.

The conference, themed "Enhancing Islamic Co-operation Through Youth Partnership for a Greater Ummah", is jointly organised by the Yayasan Penggerak Wawasan and the Prime Minister's Department and will be held at the Renaissance Hotel.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi will open it while Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will deliver the closing address.