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IIU to launch collection of Dr Mahathir's speeches today

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - The International Islamic University Malaysia (IIU) will launch a collection of speeches by Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, entitled Encyclopaedia of Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia, at its Culture Activity Centre at 8pm tomorrow.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi will launch the encyclopaedia. Cabinet ministers, chief ministers, ambassadors and other foreign dignitaries have been invited to the launch.

The encyclopaedia is a collection of speeches that Dr Mahathir had made over the last 20 years in local and international forums.

It is published in 10 volumes and covers issues and topics such as Islam and the ummah, the Malay dilemma and Asian themes.

Globalisation and smart-partnership, a special reference to the Malaysian Government, science and technology, human rights, politics and other issues are also covered.

The IIU, the brainchild of Dr Mahathir in 1980, is hosting the launch as a testimonial to a leader who has contributed to the wellbeing of the country and its citizens.

The encyclopaedia was published with the co-operation of four publishers.

They are Dar Al-Kitab Masri (Egypt), Dar Al-Kitab Allubnani (Lebanon), Dar Al-Kitab (Malaysia) and Darul Fikir (Kuala Lumpur).

It is published in English and Arabic and a collection in both languages also available.