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IIUM a garden of knowledge

THE International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) was founded in 1983 by the Malaysian Government on the initiative mooted by then Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in 1982 and is co-sponsored by the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) and several Muslim countries.

The university operates under the direction of a Board of Governors with representatives from the governments of Malaysia (host country), Bangladesh, Egypt, Libya, Maldives, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and the OIC.

The philosophy of the university is based on the concept of integration of Revelation and Reason as well as Knowledge and Moral Virtues.

According to this philosophy, knowledge shall be propagated in the spirit of Tawhid, leading towards the recognition of God as the Absolute Creator and Master of mankind.

The recognition of God as the Lord of the World (Rabb al-Alamin) represents the apex in the hierarchy of knowledge. Thus the quest of knowledge is regarded as an act of worship.

The uniqueness of the university's model is its integrated curriculum and holistic system of higher education which unifies religion and science, professional knowledge and ethics, and traditional values and modern sciences.

The vision of IIUM is to become an international centre of educational excellence which seeks to restore the dynamic and progressive role of the Muslim ummah in all branches of knowledge, while the IIUM mission, which is also known as the Triple ICE, states that IIUM seeks to achieve: Integration, Islamisation, Internationalisation and Comprehensive Excellence.

Today, it has grown into one of the most prominent universities in Malaysia and the region, with strong affiliations throughout the academic world.

It is recognised internationally as a tertiary institution of quality and world-class education and its growth throughout its first 20 years has been most impressive, and in a manner which is conducive to the needs of Malaysia and the Muslim ummah as a whole.

It is, without doubt, the most comprehensive and most modern Islamic university in the world.

IIUM has four campuses in Gombak, Kuantan, Petaling Jaya and Kuala Lumpur.

It offers a broad and diversified range of courses of more than 100 internationally-recognised bachelor degrees and post graduate (master's and PhD) degrees in the faculties (or Kulliyahs) of Laws (known as the Ahmad Ibrahim Kulliyah of Laws), Economics and Management Sciences, Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences, Engineering, Medicine, Architecture and Environmental Design, Information and Communications Technology, Science, Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences.

Post-graduate degrees are also offered in most of the faculties including the Centre for Education and Human Development and the Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilisation (ISTAC).

IIUM is the only public university in Malaysia which uses English as its medium of instruction and in its everyday operations since its inception.

In addition, Arabic is also used as the medium of instruction for undergraduate and graduate programmes in the Kulliyah of Revealed

Knowledge. The use of these two languages reflects one of the university's mission which is internationalisation.

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