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PM invited to deliver speech on Islam in London

JELI, Sun. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has been invited to deliver a speech on Islam and the re-development of Muslims at the University of London on Sept 22.

Religious adviser to the Prime Minister, Tan Sri Dr Abdul Hamid Othman, said the invitation came from the university's School of Oriental Studies.

"Intellectuals, political and Islamic thinkers and sociologists from England are expected to be in the audience when Dr Mahathir gives the speech," he said.

He said this after addressing participants of a seminar entitled "the growth of Islamic thinking" at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Ayer Lanas today.

The seminar was opened by National Economic Action Council executive director Datuk Mustapa Mohamed.

Hamid said Dr Mahathir was also scheduled to launch Encyclopedia of Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Oxford University in England on Sept 23.

The encyclopedia, published by a renowned Egyptian publisher Darul Fikri, had been published in Arabic and English before it was translated into Spanish, French and Malay.