

Asem wants to hear more about Islam Hadhari

KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has been invited to talk on how Malaysia promotes Islam Hadhari and integration among its multi-religious community during the sixth Asia Europe Meeting (Asem) Summit in Helsinki.

Head of Asem 6 secretariat Hanna Lehtinen said it had issued an invitation to the Prime Minister to give a talk to leaders of Asem member countries during the summit to be hosted by Finland on Sept 10 and 11.

"We look forward to having Abdullah represent Malaysia for the inter-faith dialogue," Lehtinen said, adding that the introduction of the concept would exemplify a liberal and flexible Islam. "Malaysia's Islam Hadhari will be an interesting aspect in the Asem summit."

Launched in 1996, Asem is a forum for Asian and European countries to strengthen dialogue and interaction between the two regions.

It groups the 25 European Union member states, the European Commission, 10 Asean member states as well as China, South Korea and Japan.