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# Kedah looks to Kelantan

PAS-led govt to emulate Nik Aziz's Islamic model

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**KOTA BARU:** The Kelantan Government will be the role model for the PAS-led Kedah government to administer the state effectively, especially in financial management.

Kedah Menteri Besar Azizan Abdul Razak said Kelantan would be used as a yardstick in developing a state along Islamic principles.

"Perhaps in Kelantan, it is accepted for PAS to be in charge but for the Kedahans, it is their first time so it is only logical that we take the East Coast state as a reference point," Azizan said after paying a courtesy

call to Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz-Nik Mat.

He said he is now in the midst of convincing the people that the new Kedah government would develop the state well despite initial worries that the Federal Government may stop providing financial aid.

Several new policies would be implemented and these would be ones which Barisan Nasional had never thought of implementing, said Azizan.

The policies including those concerning socio-economic matters would be studied first to ensure they could fit into the Kedah social fabric.

Later when speaking at a *ceramah*,

Azizan commented that open gambling might be banned in Kedah.

"It needs to be studied but I often ask the non-Muslims if gambling is allowed in their respective religions and they remained quiet."

Gambling is considered a major sin in Islam.

"Some say gambling is in the Chinese culture, but when I ask them, many disagree. I think gambling is a culture of gamblers and it involves all races that still want this vice. We will have to study it."

He said if the religions of non-Muslims allow them to consume alcohol, then he would not take offence to it.