

**Islamic Religious Council Should Carry Out Transformation For Better Performance  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 26 (Bernama) -- All Islamic religious councils should carry out a holistic, comprehensive and integrated transformation for a better and more effective delivery system, said the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin.

"However, in transforming Islamic management to making them in line with the management of other organisations, we have to ascertain that the religious institution is on a strong, solid and effective foundation," he said at the opening of the Congress of the National State Islamic Religious Councils at the Putra World Trade Centre here today.

He said efforts to improve the organisation machinery and administration of religious institution should be carried out from time to time.

"Sustainable source, an orderly organisation structure, integrity of human capital and the wisdom in maximising available potential are among crucial factors which determine the performance of the Islamic religious council."

Tuanku Mizan also wanted investments in education to be enhanced to ensure the Muslim community was not left behind.

He said the role of the Islamic Education Board (Lepai) would continue to be strengthened, together with the State Islamic Council, for the development of Islamic religious education in the country.

"The role and powers of Lepai, which comes under the jurisdiction of the Conference of Rulers, should be re-explained to the relevant education agencies so that religious education can be implemented smoothly," he added.

Tuanku Mizan said efforts should be made to enhance the function of tithes and alms as the machinery to mobilise the Muslims' socio-economy.

The two-day congress is organised by the Islamic Development Department of Malaysia, with the collaboration of the State Islamic Religious Council.

Three working papers will be presented at the conference which is attended by 1,000 participants..

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