

**IKIM Staff Widely Recognised, Says Abdullah  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 22 (Bernama) -- The participation and appointment of Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM) in several national permanent committees proves its staff are widely recognised, said its chairman Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

Abdullah praised IKIM, saying despite facing a manpower shortage, its staff were outstanding in carrying out the duty entrusted to them and that their research into the understanding of Islam enhanced the ability of the institute to continue expanding and contribute to the nation's growth.

He was speaking at the 2010 IKIM excellent service awards ceremony at IKIM here Thursday.

Also present were IKIM director-general Datuk Nik Mustapha Nik Hassan and its former deputy director-general Datuk Prof Dr Zaleha Kamaruddin, who is now rector of International Islamic University of Malaysia.

Since its establishment on Feb 18, 1992, the institute has been appointed as chairman to the special consulting team of the National Governance Committee and the Promotion of Religious Understanding and Harmony Committee Secretariat.

Abdullah acknowledged that Radio IKIMfm was a main contributor to the institute's success.

Meanwhile, Nik Mustapha said the radio station was ranked 11th among the 34 radio stations countrywide by the research company A.C. Nielson .

According to the company, IKIMfm now had almost a million listeners in the region covering Singapore, Indonesia and Southern Thailand.

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