

Malaysia To Hold Forum On Islamic Studies With OIC Members
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ALOR SETAR, Aug 7 (Bernama) -- The Higher Education Ministry will hold a round table forum with members of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to revive the splendour of early Islamic studies this October, said its minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin.

"Our higher education system has a special place among other Islamic nations and is a reference point for the development of innovative human capital at the OIC level," he said during a press conference after a visit to the Albukhary International University (AIU), here.

He said the participants at the forum would included Iran, Turkey, Egypt, Brunei and Morocco.

He praised AIU for providing free education to eligible poor students from almost 50 countries saying, "AIU helps to develop other countries by providing education to its poor."

AIU is fully funded by the Albukhary Foundation and has more than 600 poor students from countries such as Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Myanmar, Thailand, Uzbekistan, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Nepal and Kenya.

On a separate note, Mohamed Khaled announced Malaysia's selection as host for the Asia-Europe Education Ministers Meeting scheduled for early next year.

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