

**Virtual Islamic University To Be Set Up Next Year**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 9 (Bernama) -- The first virtual Islamic university, combining 285 Islamic universities from 51 countries under the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), will be set up next year.

International Islamic University of Malaysia Rector Prof Datuk Seri Dr Zaleha Kamaruddin said the university, to be managed by the Federation of Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW) would provide easy educational platform to the global Islamic community.

"This is a way to spread knowledge to Muslims worldwide, requiring them to only interact online, without having to go abroad to study at any of the Islamic universities," she told reporters after the fourth FUIW Virtual Islamic University Board of Trustees meeting here Saturday. She said, learning would be conducted online through video conferencing and virtual libraries that allowed students to obtain material from all universities.

Among universities involved in the project are the University of Sharjah, Islamic University in Uganda, Kuwait University, Azerbaijan State Economic University and the University of Sheikh Anta Diop-Senegal.

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