

Tun Abdullah Re-appointed IKIM Chairman
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 3 (Bernama) -- Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has been re-appointed chairman of the Institute Of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM) for three years effective from Sept 1.

"Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has agreed to the re-appointment of Tun Abdullah as chairman of IKIM, effective Sept 1, 2015 to Aug 31, 2018," said IKIM in a statement today.

According to the statement, Prof Datin Dr Azizan Baharuddin has been appointed IKIM director-general for two years from Sept 1, 2015 to Aug 31, 2017.

She replaces Datuk Nik Mustapha Nik Hassan who held the post from Aug 2, 2009 until Aug 1, 2015 for three terms.

Dr Azizan, 60, was previously the deputy director-general of IKIM from Nov 1, 2011 and professor at the Department of Science and Technology in the Faculty of Science, University Malaya.

She holds a doctorate degree from the University of Lancaster, United Kingdom as well as a Masters in Science from the University of London, and a Degree in Science from the University of Tasmania, Australia.

"She first started working in Universiti Malaya in 1978 and has wide experience and exposure at the national and international level in religion and science, dialogues on civilisations and environment.

"Her experience at the national and international levels will help IKIM improve an understanding of Islam among all the communities locally and internationally," the statement said.

IKIM was formed on Feb 18, 1992, with the aim of clarifying to the public about Islam.

In the statement, IKIM's board of directors also expressed their appreciation to Nik Mustapha for his excellent service in heading IKIM.

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