

# **King Salman Centre For International Peace To Rectify Perception Of International Community On Islam**

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The King Salman Centre for International Peace (KSCIP), to be set up in the country, will help efforts by Muslim countries to rectify perception of the world community towards Islam, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said today.

He said efforts to correct perception on Islam is important with various threats facing the world, including Daesh, as they not only required military force, but also counter-narrative strategy.

He said the selection of Malaysia as the location for the centre by Saudi Arabia reflected the confidence of the Arab country towards Malaysia as a Muslim country which practised moderation.

(Advisor to the Saudi Arabia King) Sheikh Dr Mohamed Abdul Kareem Al-Issa himself said that they could have chosen other country which is richer, bigger and more developed, but they chose Malaysia because they see Malaysia portraying the true image of Islam, which is moderate, tolerant, loving and peaceful in the world, at a time when Islam is seen in a prism that is very saddening, he said.

Hishammuddin said this when asked on the meeting between Mohamed Abdul Kareem, who is also Muslim World League Secretary-General, and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak last Thursday.

He was met after opening the group meeting of the Felda Kahang Timur and Felda Ulu Dengar UMNO branches here.

The detailed information on the centre will be announced during a visit by the Deputy Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia Mohammed Salman to Malaysia soon, he added.

The King of Saudi Arabia, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud and the Yang di-Pertuan Agong are the joint patrons of the centre, while the Saudi Arabia Deputy Crown Prince, as well as the Saudi Arabia and Malaysian defence ministers, are the operators of the centre.

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