

Penyampai : TAN SRI DATO SERI AHMAD SARJI BIN ABDUL HAMID
Tajuk : UPACARA MEMPERKENALKAN Y.A.B. PERDANA MENTERI, DI SEMINAR "THE
ROLE AND INFLUENCE OF RELIGIONS IN SOCIETY"
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Terlebih dahulu, bagi pihak IKIM dan the Goethe Institute, saya mengucapkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan kepada YAB Dato Seri Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad, Perdana Menteri, yang telah sudi untuk menyampaikan ucapan kepada seminar yang bertajuk: "The Role and Influence of Religions in Society". This is the fourth time that YAB Dato Seri Dr.

Mahathir bin Mohamad has honoured IKIM; the first time, he gave a landmark speech on Muslim Civilization, on the occasion of the official launch of IKIM. On a second occasion, YAB Dato Seri gave his views on Islam and Industrialization. On a third occasion, he spoke to us on "Islam and Justice". This seminar which is organized jointly by IKIM and the Goethe Institute is discussing important matters relating to the role and influence of religions and society. The discussions are being led by local experts, 4 experts from Germany and an expert from the USA. The subjects include the influence of Christianity on State Philosophy, the influence of Islam on State Philosophy, the influence of Christianity on laws, the influence of Islam on laws, the impact of Christianity on Education in School and family, the impact of Islam on education and family, the influence of Christianity on Economics and the influence of Islam on economics. We look forward to hearing YAB Dato Seri's views on these subjects, and also to answer questions in a dialogue session, soon after his keynote address.

IKIM will continue to organize seminars of this nature, with a view to foster greater understanding of Islam, and to promote religious harmony. We have already produced books which cover the seminars organized by IKIM on Islam and Vision 2020; Islam and Industrialization and "Islam and Justice" and the collection of articles which have appeared in the local press. A book which will contain the papers presented and the views expressed in this seminar will be produced by IKIM as soon as possible. On the occasion of the official opening of our own building in January 1994, IKIM will also organize an international seminar on "Islam and Tolerance". We hope the Rt.

Honourable Prime Minister will honour us again by officially opening the building as well as the seminar concurrently.

I now have the honour and privilege to invite the Rt.

Honourable Dato Seri Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad to deliver his keynote address.