

# Moulding graduates equipped with Islamic knowledge

KOLEJ Universiti Islam Malaysia (KUIM) is set to produce skilled graduates equipped with Islamic knowledge.

"A lot of people think that Islamic studies are traditional and does not prepare them for the modern working environment," said KUIM deputy registrar (Academic Division) Arshad Hamzah.

However, its programmes, although laced with Islamic values, are far from traditional.

"We are introducing three new programmes — Food Biotechnology, Counselling, and Communication — for the next intake. Other programmes in the pipeline are Actuarial Science/Risk Management and Financial Mathematics," he said.

Besides that, KUIM's programmes, he said, integrate *naqli* (theory) and *akli* (practical) aspects.

"We find these elements important to mould excellent and knowledgeable graduates," he said.

Here, students are required to take English Language and Arabic Lan-



guage amounting to eight credit hours for each language.

"This is to ensure that upon graduation, they are well equipped with communication and writing in both languages. After all, Arabic and English are one of the most spoken languages in the world."

To make its programmes recognised abroad, it has taken measures to promote external ties and develop co-operation in academic and international affairs.

As part of its plan to further strengthen its international profile, it has organised activities such as signing a Memorandum of Understanding with Universitas Islam Negeri Syarif Hidayatullah, Jakarta (UIN)

The university is also embarking on a joint collaboration with the General

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Council for Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions, an institution that represents Islamic banks and financial institutions from many countries, including United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and Malaysia, which is located in Bahrain.

It has also taken steps to comply with guidelines for academic programmes as required by the quality as-

surance set by the Ministry of Education. Now, its degrees are recognised by the Public Service Department.

"Our students would have no problem in finding a job in the government sector.

"Our programmes are high in quality. In fact, we are in the midst of acquiring the ISO 9001: 2000, which covers the teaching and learning processes," he said.

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However, the important thing, he said, was to ensure that programmes offered are accepted by the industry.

"The university is serious about this matter and has established a Quality Assurance Unit to make sure that our academic programme reaches a certain standard," he explained.

Meanwhile, in terms of teaching, all lecturers and

teachers are equipped with basic IT knowledge. Its computer labs are equipped with the latest softwares and technology.

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