



Sealed deal: Prof Asma (fourth from left) with Prof Musa (fifth from left), Prof Ado and Prof Ambali (second and third from left), and representatives from the varsities after the ceremony.

Pact with Nigerian unis

UNIVERSITI Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM), in Nilai, Negri Sembilan, recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with two leading Islamic universities in Nigeria namely Al-Qalam University and Ilorin University.

USIM was represented by its vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Musa Ahmad. Al-Qalam University was represented by its vice-chancellor Prof Shehu G Ado, and Ilorin University by its vice-chancellor Prof Abdulganiyu Ambali.

The MoU ceremony was witnessed by the Education Ministry's Higher Education Department director-general Prof Datuk Dr Asma Ismail.

It was held in conjunction with

a programme on "Collaborative Workshop On Leadership For Higher Education - A Vision From the Islamic Perspective".

Prof Musa said among the areas and scope of cooperation under the MoU was the exchange of students and academic staff between USIM and the two universities.

Other activities included workshops as well as research and development projects on leadership and management issues in Islam.

Meanwhile, the 16th convocation of the Kolej Universiti Insaniah in Kuala Ketil, Kedah, which was scheduled for yesterday and today, has been postponed to a later date.

Its rector Datuk Mohd Yusof

Kasim said the postponement was because many of its graduands came from the east coast states that were affected by the floods.

"About 350 out of the total of 1,200 graduands involved in the ceremony have been affected by the floods, and this is a significant number," he said.

Meanwhile, Mohd Yusof said the institution also launched its flood disaster fund to collect contributions and assist its students affected by the floods.

About RM10,000 had been collected so far, he added.

It will also send a team of volunteers including its staff and student leaders to assist in cleaning the homes of flood victims in Kelantan. - **Bernama**