



KUIM Delegation visits Arabian Gulf and signs MoU in Bahrain

A delegation from KUIM visited Bahrain and Dubai recently. A memorandum of understanding was signed between KUIM and the General Council for Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions (GCIBFI) in Bahrain on March 28, 2004. The MoU will benefit both parties in five main fields. Among these fields, it will facilitate the placement of students of KUIM to undergo practical and industrial training at selected outstanding international Islamic financial and banking institutions.

FI, Dr. Ezzedine Khoja. KUIM Registrar Hj. Addenan Hj. Abd. Rahman and Mr. Abdul Latif Abdul Rahim Janahi, a member of the Board of Directors of GCIBFI, also signed the MoU as witnesses from both parties.

The MoU takes effect from the date of signing and remains effective for five years. It may be extended for any further period thereafter upon mutual consent from both parties.

The KUIM delegation also included the Deputy Rector for Student Affairs & Development, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Hj. Alias, and En. Hammad Farhi Mohd. Saudi, Deputy Registrar at the Chancellery Department.

Prior to visiting Bahrain, the KUIM delegation was in Dubai to promote the university through an agency of the Malaysian Ministry of Education that had recently established an office there. The delegation met with Hj. Shushilil Azam Shuib from the

MOE agency and discussed ways of promoting KUIM, in line with the Ministry's publicity plans for the other public universities of Malaysia, to prospective students from the Middle East.

The delegation took this opportunity to present to the MOE agency various promotional material of KUIM, including prospectuses, brochures, faculty guide books and INFAD publications. As a token of appreciation, KUIM souvenirs were also given to Hj. Shushilil and his staff.



MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR OF KUIM

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

Alhamdulillah and congratulations to KUIM Bulletin Editorial Board for successfully producing *Risalah KUIM*, which not only documents and reports various information relating to the development and activities of the university, but also indirectly serves as a platform for the staff to express and share their ideas and thoughts in writing.

Risalah KUIM portrays KUIM as a public institution of higher learning that contributes to the development of the nation's education sector, and at the same time produces graduates who are superior academically, linguistically and technologically, and thus are able to meet the current demands of globalization.

I hope *Risalah KUIM* will be an effective medium as an information feeder to KUIM staff specifically, and the masses, in general.

Thank you.

"Knowledgeable, Disciplined, and Pious"

PROF. DATO' DR. ABDUL SHUKOR HJ. HUSIN
Rector of KUIM



KUIM's Rector, Dato' Prof. Dr. Abdul Shukor Hj. Husin shaking hands with Mr. Abdul Latif Abdul Rahim Janahi from GCIBFI. Looking on is KUIM's Registrar, Hj. Addenan Hj. Abd. Rahman and (partly hidden) Dr. Ezzedin Khoja of GCIBFI.

The MoU will also invite staff from both parties to engage in joint research in areas of mutual interest. The other fields covered by the MoU include holding joint seminars on issues of common interest, and cooperation in "fatwa" reference and management, especially in the areas relating to international Islamic banking and finance.

The MoU was signed by the Rector of KUIM, Prof. Dato' Dr. Abdul Shukor Hj. Husin and the Secretary General of GCIB-

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Islamic Banking Seminar a big success

Report by: Hisham Kandil

The Faculty of Economics & Muamalat of KUIM recently organized the National Seminar of Islamic Banking and Finance (iBAF) with the theme, "Global Challenges and Competitiveness of Malaysian Financial Institutions."

The seminar, which was held on March 2 and 3, 2004, at the Putrajaya Marriott Hotel, was officially opened by the Chairman of the Board of Directors of KUIM, Tan Sri Dr. Mohamad Yusof Noor. Also present at the opening ceremony as a guest of honor and participant was the President of the Association of Islamic Banking Institutions of Malaysia (AIBIM), Dato' Ahmad Tajuddin Abd. Rahman, who is also the Managing Director of Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad.

In his welcoming address to the guests and participants at the opening ceremony, Prof. Dr. Muhamad Muda, the Dean of KUIM's Faculty of Economics & Muamalat, stressed the upcoming challenges that local Islamic financial institutions will have to face in the era of globalization. He said that there is currently "tremendous demand for innovative and marketable Shariah-compliant financial products." As other countries have also set up their own Islamic financial services institutions, some of which have gone international, Prof. Muhamad Muda advised local players "to re-strategize themselves in order to face up" to the growing competition.

He added that this re-strategization may prove to be essential as foreign Islamic banks and financial institutions are poised to enter the Malaysian market and thus Islamic banking clients and customers will have a wider choice of Islamic financial products to choose from, and accordingly, the local institutions will need to be ready for these changes. Be-

sides that, he has also highlighted some of the areas that may need attention by the local institutions, including regulatory framework, workforce, and product development.

Tan Sri Dr. Mohamad Yusof Noor, in his opening speech, hoped that the semi-



Prof. Dr. Muhamad Muda, the Dean of the Faculty of Economics & Muamalat,

nar would benefit all the participants and Muslims at large. He also hoped that the seminar could "become the platform for idea generation and sharing of knowledge among the participants" who comprised personalities from the banking and finance industry as well as academicians from various Malaysian economics and business schools. He went on to say that KUIM's aim is to put "Islamic teaching as its foundation for the advancement of knowledge and seeking solutions to human problems." Furthermore, he said that this seminar was the manifestation of this aim, and he believed that KUIM "will continue to strive to work together as partners with the industry" for the mutual benefit of both parties and the betterment of Malaysian and the Muslim society.

The two-day seminar witnessed dis-

cussions of more than 25 academic research papers in both English and Malay languages, which were grouped under several categories, including development and performance of Islamic investment and financial services, the efficiency of Islamic banking institutions, service quality and delivery of Islamic financial services, regulatory issues in Islamic banking and finance, Shariah perspectives and Islamic financial systems, and the future prospects and critical issues in Islamic finance.

The research paper presenters came from various Malaysian universities, such as KUIM, Universiti Utara Malaysia, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi Mara, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, International Islamic University, Universiti Tenaga Nasional, and Universiti Malaysia Sabah. In addition, there was also a participant from Universitas Islam Indonesia.

Some of the notable personalities from the Malaysian banking industry who made presentations at the seminar were Dato' Ahmad Tajuddin Abd. Rahman, the Managing Director of Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad and the President of AIBIM, En. Fazlur Rahman Ebrahim, Chief Executive Officer of Bank Muamalat Malaysia Berhad, Dato' Mohd. Fadzil Yusof, Chief Executive Officer of Takaful Malaysia Berhad, and Dato' Hj. Md. Noor Yusoff, Chief Executive Officer of Bank Industri & Teknologi Berhad.

The research paper presentations, which were concurrently held in two adjacent halls at the Putrajaya Marriott, were well attended. The Q & A sessions that followed each presentation were used to the maximum by those asking questions. It was also noticeable that even the late afternoon paper presentations had a large audience. This perhaps gives an overall indication that members of the audience were genuinely interested in what was being presented.

List of Books published by the Publications Unit

Below is a list of books that have been published by KUIM's Publications Unit from 2002 until today:

▶ *Kebatilan dalam Ajaran Kebatinan*, Editors: Abdullah Muhammad Zin; Mohd. Alwi Yusof; Muhammad Haizuan Rozali, 214pp, RM25.00.

▶ *Ulum Islamiyyah—Malaysian Journal of Islamic Sciences*, 204pp, RM38.00.

▶ *Abd. Qadir Al-Jilani's Method of Islamic Da'wah Mission*, Author: Abdullah Muhammad Zin, 299pp, RM37.00.

▶ *Isu Dakwah & Kemanusiaan dalam Era Globalisasi*, Authors: Muhammad Yusof Khalid; Syamsul Bahri Andi Galigo; Mohd. Radhi Ibrahim, 156pp, RM25.00.

▶ *An-Nubuwwah Bayna Al-Mutakallimin Wa al-Falasifah—Dirasah Muqaranah* دراسة مقارنة بين المتكلمين والفلاسفة, Author: Abdul Shukor Husin, 513pp, RM40.00.

▶ *Kajian Syariah dan Undang-Undang*, Editors: Abidah Abdul Ghafar; Dina Imam Supaat, Syahirah Abdul Shukor; Irwan Mohd.

Subri; Md. Yunus Abd. Aziz, 190pp, RM24.00.

▶ *Intelektualisme dan Dakwah Masa Kini*, Editors: Abd. Rahim Arsyad; Marina Abdul Mutalib; Roslizawati Ramli; M. Radhi Ibrahim, 110pp, RM22.00.

▶ *Language & Islamic Studies*, Editors: Hersi Mohamed Hilole; Muhammad Yusof Khalid; Abd. Rahim Arsyad, 252pp, RM24.00.

▶ *Islamic Da'wah in the Age of ICT*, Editors: Hersi Mohamed Hilole; Muhammad Yusof Khalid; Abd. Rahim Arsyad, 260pp, RM24.00.

▶ *Prosiding Seminar Hasil Penyelidikan KUIM*, 225pp, RM35.00.

▶ *Isu Semasa Pengajian Quran dan Sunnah*, Editors: Afaf Abdul Ghafoor; Adel Abdulaziz; Mohamed Abdullahi Nur; M. Mustaqim Zafir, 315pp, RM24.00.

▶ *Prosiding Diskusi Syariah & Undang-Undang*, 185pp, RM24.00.

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Prof. Dr. Mohamad Asin Dollah, the Deputy Rector for Academic Affairs & Research, speaking at Keh village, Cambodia.

Simple People with Big Hearts: The Mission to Cambodia

Report By K. Selvarani

The Students' Representative Council of 2003-04 and the Students' Welfare Committee of Riviera II, III and Sri Penara hostels of the Islamic University College of Malaysia organized a humanitarian mission to Cambodia from March 24 to 30, 2004 to Keh village, Kampong, Cambodia. Keh village is in one of the rural provinces situated south of the capital, Phnom Penh. This mission was carried out in collaboration with the Student Affairs Division of KUIM and the Regional Islamic Da'wah Council of South East Asia and the Pacific (RISEAP).

A total of 30 students participated in this mission. The delegation, which included three university officers and leaders of the Student Representative Council, was headed by the Deputy Rector for Academic Affairs & Research, Prof. Dr. Mohamad Asin Dollah. The theme for the mission was "Caring Students, Peaceful Society."

The reason for choosing Cambodia was to give KUIM students an opportunity to witness the burdens and sufferings faced by the poor people in that respective country. It is hoped that this experience will serve to be an eye opener for students to appreciate the many rich and peaceful blessings that Malaysians enjoy.

In the areas where the KUIM delegation visited, poverty and malnourishment were rampant. Rats, cats, dogs, pigs and various kinds of insects share the same living quarters as humans, all making a valiant effort to survive.

This country is still in the midst of regaining its foothold, especially after the Khmer Rouge's horrific reign in which religious leaders and scholars were among the million people who were executed. These events are still fresh in the minds of its people, and every soul in Cambodia sheds tears when asked about the agony of being victimized by the Khmer Rouge

regime.

But the situation in Keh village was relatively peaceful and the environment was rather clean compared to the nearby villages. This particular scenario may be due to the fact that the villagers in Keh have embraced Islam, which calls on its followers to be habitually clean. Muslims in Cambodia are a small minority in the predominantly Buddhist country.

The greetings from our students, "Suo Sedei-Sok Sabai?" which means, "Hello, how are you?" were well received by the friendly people of the village. Various programs were carried out during our stay there, such as "gotong royong", the distribution of rice, sugar and clothes to villagers, and books and stationery to the local pupils. The biggest success was the building of a public toilet and a bathroom for the villagers. Even though three contract workers had been assigned to this task, the presence of KUIM students most definitely helped to speed up the project to completion within five days.

It was truly a valuable experience for students from KUIM who had to carry water for bathing, and with the absence of electricity, there were no television sets, Internet, radios, or telephones. Life was so different then being cut off from the outside world. In the midst of being separated from all telecommunications devices, the students experienced the most warmth and love from the simple people of the village, who were blessed with big hearts. Even though it was a short stay there was a bond between the villagers and the students from KUIM. When it was time to bid farewell, families and women were shedding tears, tears of love because it was so hard for the villages to say goodbye to our students.

KUIM is proud of the overall success of the mission and hopes that more students will participate in such programs in the future, as KUIM hopes to develop farther the relationship between its students and the people of Cambodia.

KUIM Academic Staff on Study Leave

Currently there are 13 academic staff from KUIM who are pursuing either Master's or Doctorate degrees locally and overseas. The following is a list of the staff on study leave and what and where they are studying:

Faculty of Leadership and Management

- Azhar bin Ibrahim Residi, Tutor, M.A. in Da'wah & Islamic Thinking, International Islamic University, Malaysia.
- Marina Munira bt. Abd. Mutalib, Tutor, M.A. in Islamic Studies, University of Birmingham, England.
- Mohd. Rushdan bin Mohd. Jailani, Tutor, Ph.D in Aqidah & Tasawwuf, University of Exeter, England.
- Sapora bt. Sipon, Lecturer, Ph.D in Counseling, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.
- Suhailiza bt. Md. Hamdani, Tutor, M.A. in Da'wah & Islamic Studies, Al al-Bayt University, Jordan.

Faculty of Shariah and Law

- Marjan bt. Muhammad, Tutor, Ph.D in Fiqh & Usul Fiqh, International Islamic University, Malaysia.

Faculty of Economics & Muamalat

- Abdullah bin Jalil, Tutor, MBA, International Islamic University, Malaysia.
- Amir bin Shaharudin, Tutor, M.A. in Islamic Banking & Finance, International Islamic University, Malaysia.
- Suhaila bt. Abd. Hamid, Tutor, M.A. (field not specified), University of Essex, England.
- Zurina bt. Shafii, Tutor, Ph. D (field not specified), University of Durham, England.

Faculty of Quranic & Sunnah Studies

- Norakyairee bin Mohd. Raus, Tutor, M.A. in Usulludin & Revealed Knowledge, International Islamic University, Malaysia.
- Rabiatul Adawiyah bt. Mohd. @ Amat, Tutor, M.A. in Qur'an & Sunnah, International Islamic University, Malaysia.

Arabic Language Unit

- Arnida bt. A. Bakar, Tutor, M.A. in Arabic Language, Heriot Watt University, Scotland.

New Academic Programs

A number of new programs will be introduced as of the start of the new academic year 2004-05. Among these programs are a pre-Medical School program called "Tamhidi", two new Bachelor's degrees to be introduced in the Faculty of Leadership and Management, a new program at the Faculty of Shariah and Law, and a pioneer program at the Faculty of Science and Technology.

- *Tamhidi* KUIM is a feeder program that covers a period of one year (2 semesters) and is designed to prepare candidates for admission into the Bachelor's degree of Medical Science program of the university. Students of *Tamhidi* KUIM are subject to all university requirements with respect to the implementation of the Islamic education principles. While the conduct of the program will integrate basic science-related courses, the students will also be exposed to the Islamic views on science, and will be required to enroll for Arabic and English language classes.

- The Faculty of Leadership and Management introduces two new programs this new Academic year 2004-05. The first is a Bachelor of Counseling (Hons.) program while the second is a Bachelor of Communication (Hons.) program. The goal of both programs is to produce high quality graduates who are skillful, knowledgeable and also possess the fundamentals of Islamic Studies.

- The Faculty of Shariah and Law is proposing to offer the Bachelor of Shariah and Law (Hons.) program which will run for five years (10 semesters). The program provides its students the opportunity to further their studies in law via the double major system, i.e. Shariah and Law. The main aim of the program is to produce law graduates who have profound knowledge in both Shariah and Law, and thus are able to practice or apply the knowledge in the Civil and Shariah Laws system.

- The Faculty of Science and Technology, which was recently established, will be conducting its pioneer program as of the new academic year 2004-05. The Bachelor of Science in Food Biotechnology (Hons.) program aims to be an educational incubator that uses Islam as the guiding principle of learning and teaching.

So Long, Prof. Abdullah Zin

Prof. Dato' Dr. Abdullah Muhammad Zin, who was the Deputy Rector until recently, left KUIM to enter the Barisan Nasional (BN) political arena a couple of weeks before the general elections that were held on March 21, 2004. He currently represents the Besut constituency of Terengganu in the federal parliament after winning that seat with a majority of 8,200 votes in the general elections. Prof. Abdullah is also holding the portfolio of Minister in the Prime Minister's Department in charge of Religious Affairs.

Prof. Abdullah Zin was one of the pioneers of KUIM as he helped with the establishment of the university and remained in its service for more than four years. He, along with the other founding members of this university, was instrumental in steering KUIM onto a path of physical, material, spiritual and intellectual growth, so that the university could proudly take its place in the Malaysian higher education sphere as the 12th public university.

His experience in tertiary education, research, and cultural life has contributed to his success as the former deputy rector of the university. Prior to working at KUIM, he was a professor in Da'wah at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM). Early on in his academic career, Prof. Abdullah also taught at the Islamic College of Klang. Besides his teaching duties, Prof. Abdullah is also a prolific researcher. He has written numerous research papers in diverse Islamic fields, such as Da'wah, Islamic education, and Islamic ethics. In addition, he has published several books dealing with Islamic history and Da'wah. Prof. Abdullah has also quite frequently appeared on television as a guest in a number of televised forum programs and talk shows.

Prof. Abdullah, 57, graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Islamic Studies and Philosophy from the Islamic University of Madinah in Saudi Arabia, and went on to do a Master's in Shariah at Al-Azhar University in Egypt. He also earned a Diploma in Education from Ain Shams University of Egypt before traveling to England to complete a Ph.D in Da'wah and Sufism at the University of Kent. His fields of academic expertise are



Dato' Prof. Dr. Abdullah Muhammad Zin, former Deputy Rector of KUIM for Academic Affairs and Research.

Da'wah, Sufism, and Theology.

As an academician, both at KUIM and earlier at UKM and Islamic College of Klang, his students only have praise for his vast knowledge and effective teaching style. As a senior administrator in KUIM, he was well liked by both the academic and administrative staff for his friendliness and respect for everyone, big and small. Prof. Abdullah, for example, never failed to smile at you if he bumped into you in the ground floor lobby, or in one of the hallways at KUIM. If you happened to ride the elevator with him, he had the ability to start a conversation with you in your own native language, complete with colloquial expressions. If you are lucky to have attended one of the meetings that he chaired, or to listen to one of his talks at the monthly Tazkirah Shahriya program, his wit, humor, and informal yet efficient delivery style probably captured both your attention and admiration.

KUIM recently organized a farewell ceremony for Prof. Abdullah which was attended by all employees of KUIM. A multimedia presentation of Prof. Abdullah's service at KUIM was the highlight of the ceremony. The ceremony also included speeches by KUIM's key personalities, notably KUIM's chairman, Tan Sri Dr. Mohamed Yusof Noor and the Rector, Prof. Dato' Abdul Shukor Hj. Husin. Before the ceremony ended, a souvenir gift was presented to Prof. Abdullah..

Compiled & Written by Hisham Kandil

A Taste of Literature

By Assoc. Prof. Dr. Che Wan Chik
Che Wan Ibrahim

A writer's passion for language is often his incentive for writing. Words crystallize his thoughts, realize his emotions and bring the images of his mind to the life of literature. Words are the writers' brush and paints and every writer must show some capacity to show their coloration, texture, intensity and harmony to produce an identifiable style.

Metaphorical language is perhaps the writer's most important single source of imaginative power. The effect of the metaphors used by a writer depends mainly on his concreteness and meaningfulness – the purpose of a metaphor is to clarify and not to cloud the thought. If it draws on a subject totally unfamiliar to most readers, it cannot succeed in illuminating the thought. If it draws on that which is too familiar, it also fails because

the reader does not respond to the over-used metaphor.

Symbolic language is a way of simplifying the complexities of thought and experience by hitting upon one thing as representative of many. The symbol may be used as a reminder or a signal or even a call to action. It is a means by which writers seek to express the unity of their perceptions and experiences. It is a hook to hang on to. A symbol is also capable of compressing the emotional impact of an overwhelming experience into a brief descriptive message.

Images are the mental impressions created by words in such a way that we



can perceive sensations without actually experiencing them. Metaphor and symbol are common sources of imagery. Imagery serves as an index to the author's conception of his work. In fact, if it is used with consistency, it may even mirror his interests, his experiences and his temperament. In a particular work, images may be pre-vaillingly violent or beautiful or gloomy.

A Word from the Chief Editor

Assalamu alaikum.

This is the second issue of KUIM's Bulletin, and the first under its new name of "*Risalah KUIM*". It is the second issue of the Bulletin because there was a first issue that was published in 2001.

For those who were in KUIM in 2001 and who had the chance to read the first issue of the Bulletin, they will see that there are some changes in this second issue.

The most noticeable change perhaps is the language of the Bulletin. Whereas the bulk of the 2001 issue of the Bulletin was in Malay, English dominates most of the pages of this issue, in line with the management of KUIM's emphasis on the importance of that language to the university's future as a global educational center of excellence.

In this issue of *Risalah KUIM*, news and events of KUIM in the Academic Year 2003-04 have been highlighted. In addition, a number of articles written by KUIM lecturers have also been included.

I understand that *Risalah KUIM* is published for both internal and external distribution, and it is hoped that both KUIM and non-KUIM readers will find it informative, useful, and dare I say, a little entertaining.

Wassalam alaikum.

Hisham M. T. E. Kandil

Be POSITIVE

By Tun Nur Afizah Zainal Ariff

P - Patience, Perseverance, Proactive and Pray. Patience and perseverance means, you have to try your level best to stay calm so as to continue to make a determine effort despite difficulties. It is also very important to be proactive - have a personal vision, recognize your responsibilities and respond, and pray continuously to acquire peace at heart, mind and soul.

O - Open-minded and Optimistic. It is important for you to keep an open mind. And in addition, be optimistic and forward looking. Always remember that failure is experience.

S - Strive. You should not be too tired to look for new knowledge, skills and experience. You must continually strive to acquire new knowledge, skills and multiply your experiences in order to fulfill your aspirations and cope with hardships.

I - Independent. Self-reliance is a quality much admired and sought after and it

comes from maturity, strong intellectual skills and the ability to learn quickly and assume responsible early.

T - Tactful. Be tactful in dealing with people or difficult situations. This could be achieved through experience and practice. Remember, your tactfulness will lead to peace and harmony!

I - Improve. You must continuously improve your personal self so as to enable you to market and sell yourself well. In other words, improve, excel and impress!

V - Value. Value and appreciate the super big, big, little and tiny things you have in life. Be thankful always. When you learn to value, appreciate and be thankful, you'll soon realize that living is a beautiful opportunity and it's a gift.

E - Enjoy and Exciting. Life may sometimes throw us curveballs, in the form of accidents, misfortunes and illness. However, you live only once. Enjoy the exciting adventure, wonder and the savoury of life. Be excited of being alive!

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KUIM News in Brief

► KUIM's Chancellor

HRH Tunku Najihah binti al-Marhum Tunku Besar Burhanuddin, the Tunku Ampuan of Negeri Sembilan, became the Chancellor of KUIM in an official appointment ceremony that was held during KUIM's first Convocation on August 9, 2003. Tunku Najihah is the wife of the Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negeri Sembilan, Tuanku Jaafar Al Haj ibni Al Marhum Tuanku Abdul Rahman.

► New Deputy Rector

Prof. Dr. Mohamed Asin Dollah, the Dean of the Faculty of Leadership and Management, has become KUIM's new Deputy Rector for Academic Affairs and Research replacing Prof. Dato' Dr. Abdullah Muhammad Zin, who left KUIM to become a cabinet minister.

► KUIM in R&D Expo

KUIM took part in the Public Universities Research & Development Exposition that took place at Putra World Trade Center (PWTC) in Kuala Lumpur from October 9 to 12, 2003. Among the exhibits at KUIM's booth were information brochures and booklets about the various academic programs offered at the university. Information material on KUIM's World Fatwa Management and Research Institute or INFAD was also on display. The former Minister of Education, Tan Sri Musa Mohamad, was one of the many visitors who stopped to examine KUIM's booth at the Expo.

► KUIM Research Seminar

A special seminar on research done by KUIM academicians (*Seminar Hasil Penyelidikan KUIM*) was organized for the first time on October 20, 2003. This seminar, which was held at Nikko Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, was opened by Dato' Prof. Dr. Hassan Said, the Director of the Higher Education Department and Dato' Prof. Dr. Abdul Shukor Husin, the



KUIM's Chancellor, Tunku Najihah Tunku Besar Burhanuddin, with KUIM's top management, (from left) the Chairman, Tan Sri Prof. Dr. Mohamed Yusof Noor, the Registrar, Hj. Addenan Hj. Abd. Rahman, and the Rector, Dato' Prof. Dr. Abdul Shukor Hj. Husin on Convocation Day.

Rector of KUIM. More than 10 research papers in various disciplines were presented in three consecutive sessions.

► KUIM observes Merdeka

KUIM observed the 46th Independence of Malaysia by holding a special ceremony on August 29, 2003 at 8:00am. The ceremony began with the raising of the Malaysian flag and the singing of the National Anthem followed by patriotic songs, including the "Jalur Gemilang", "Keranamu Malaysia", "Wawasan 2020" and KUIM's own song, "KUIM terus maju." Then, prayers and pledges were said. There were also poetry recitals and Nashid performances by KUIM student Nashid group.

► Graduate Studies Center

A Graduate Studies Center was established

in 2002 to monitor postgraduate programs at KUIM and to act as a liaison between the various faculties and graduate students in both the academic and administrative spheres. KUIM now offers Masters and Ph.D degrees in four disciplines, namely Shariah & Law, Da'wah & Islamic Management, Quranic & Sunnah Studies, and Economics & Muamalat Administration.

► Publicity Seminar in Langkawi

KUIM organized a seminar entitled "National Islamic Higher Education: Opportunities & Challenges" in Langkawi, Kedah, on December 13, 2003. The seminar, which was held to promote KUIM as a new public university with Islamic ideals, invited principals of religious schools, officers of state education and religious departments, as well as lecturers to participate. Four working papers were presented in one session. In another session, the deans of KUIM's major faculties spoke to the audience about the academic programs and degrees offered by each faculty.

► Class of 2003

A total of 236 students graduated from KUIM in a ceremony that was held on August 9, 2003 at the new Felda Premier Auditorium in Gurney, Kuala Lumpur. This Class of 2003 represents the first batch of graduates who were students in three faculties, namely the Faculty of Shariah and Law, Faculty of Leadership and Management, and the Faculty of Qur'an and Sunnah Studies. The inaugural Convocation ceremony was attended by KUIM's Chancellor, HRH Tunku Najihah Tunku Besar Burhanuddin, the Tunku Ampuan of Negeri Sembilan, the Education Ministry Parliamentary Secretary, Dato' Mahadzir Mohd. Khir, KUIM Chairman, Tan Sri Dr. Mohamed Yusof Noor, the Rector, Prof. Dato' Dr. Abdul Shukor Hj. Husin, distinguished guests, and KUIM's own senior management and academic staff.



KUIM's student Nashid group singing during the university's Merdeka celebrations.

A Lecturer's Day at KUIM

By Hisham Kandil

Below is an informal account of a day's events for a lecturer at KUIM:

The U.K. Jam. It is 7:30am and a number of KUIM lecturers are stuck in traffic on the Middle Ring Road II. The so-called U.K. (Ulu Klang) Jam is in full swing. If you're reading this and you live in one of the housing estates or hilltop communities of Ulu Klang, then you know about the U.K. jam in the morning. Starting from around 7:15 until 9:30am, the entire stretch of the Middle Ring Road II in the direction from the National Zoo to Ampang Point is hopelessly jammed. So, how does one pass the time in a traffic jam? Most of us listen to the radio, I suppose, but some of us also sometimes call colleagues and/or friends who are also stuck in the same jam to exchange news on anything from traffic updates to world affairs.

Morning Prayer. At precisely 8:00 a.m. on every single work day, a "do'a" is delivered by a lecturer in Arabic, and sometimes in both Arabic and Malay, if the lecturer saying it happens to be Malay. It's a beautiful way to start one's day. This daily morning prayer is heard all over KUIM's building by means of the public address system.

Tazkirah Shahriya. This is a unique feature of life at KUIM. Once a month, all academic, administrative, and professional staff meet for something like an assembly, held at 8:30am, to listen to a speaker who is usually one of the key personalities at KUIM. (The literal translation of *Tazkirah Shahriya*, by the way, is "Monthly Reminder.") There is usually a topic that the speaker deals with and some words of advice given. The *Tazkirahs* that have been attended so far blended religion, work ethics, discipline, news, and humor, all in one dose. Most of the speakers also mixed Arabic and Malay quite liberally so that everybody could understand, as some International lecturers do not understand Malay.

Going to Classes. All classes are held in Menara B of KUIM. The most common way of getting there from one's office in Menara A is through Level 8. From your office, you go down the stairs to Level 8, cross the parking lot, and go up a floor or two to your class in Menara B. When there's a downpour, you need to have a contingency plan as the Level 8 parking area is not covered, and you as well as your notes and books risk getting wet. Many lecturers take the elevator to the ground floor, walk past the mall shops to Menara B and take another elevator from the ground up to their desired floor. The sidewalk canopies above the mall shops shelter one from the pouring rain.

Food, Glorious Food. When it comes to lunch, KUIM employees are truly spoiled for choice. The current location of KUIM is advantageous if you don't like to eat the same thing day after day or if you're tired of your packed sandwich that you bring from home. On campus one has a choice of two cafeterias. Next to the campus is a small shopping mall which has a couple of Thai restaurants, a couple of Malay restaurants, a Japanese-style eating place, a bakery, and the epitome of American fast food, a McDonald's. There's also a food court with TV monitors so that you can watch daytime soaps as you munch your lunch. If you fancy Indian Muslim food, you only need to walk across the main thoroughfare near campus, and there you have three or four Indian restaurants to dine in. The cost of a meal in most establishments is reasonable, but the ultimate price that you pay for all this is probably an expanding waistline.

Afternoon Session. If one doesn't have classes or is not meeting students, then the afternoon session (2:00 - 4:30pm) is either spent attending committee meetings (most lecturers in KUIM are members of three or four committees, at the very least) or catching up on one's lesson preparations or assignment grading. Some lecturers work through the afternoon session in the privacy of their rooms, while others (especially those who have rooms without windows, which tend to get rather cold due to central air-conditioning) go up to the library or the computer lab to finish their work in bigger, brighter and warmer environments.

After 5:00pm. While some lecturers rush home to avoid worsening traffic jams after the official office hours are over, others stay behind at KUIM for a couple more hours or so. A few may have evening classes to teach. Those whose work is not finished stay behind in their offices to finish it. By dusk, a certain air of serenity descends on KUIM as lights begin to be turned off gradually. Those still in the building would have performed their *maghrib* prayers, and one by one they quietly punch out and head for home.

STAFF PROFILE

Asma Abdul Rahman
Lecturer, Arabic Language Unit

She was born in Makkah, Saudi Arabia, yet she is Malaysian. She looks like someone who perhaps might be half Malay and half Chinese, yet her native language is neither Malay nor Chinese; it is actually Arabic. She has a degree in nursing, yet she teaches Arabic language. With Asma Abdul Rahman, an Arabic language lecturer at KUIM, the word "ordinary" probably does not apply. Soon she will be going off to pursue Ph.D studies, as she has been offered places at a number of universities, including Oxford University.

Asma lived in Saudi Arabia for the first 17 years of her life, growing up and attending girls' schools in Makkah. Although her family is a mixture of Arab and Malay ethnic origin, the language that was used at home was Arabic. You only need to listen to her for a few seconds to realize that she speaks Arabic just like any other Arab woman.



Asma Abdul Rahman with the former Minister of Education, Tan Sri Musa Mohamad, during the latter's visit to KUIM's booth at the IPTA Research & Development Expo in October 2003.

After finishing secondary school

(science stream) in Makkah, she studied Dental Nursing at King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah. Before she could graduate, she had to fulfill the university's requirement of doing practicum training overseas. She chose Egypt, and successfully completed her nursing training at Ain Shams University Hospital in Cairo. Then she returned to Jeddah to receive her bachelor's degree in Dental Nursing, which she got with first class honors.

For a year and a half after graduation she worked as an assistant to a doctor at Hira'a Specialist Hospital in the Aziziya suburb of Makkah. But while working at the hospital, she felt that she needed to go back to studying, not nursing, but to study Arabic, the language that she had been in love with for many years. Another desire of hers was to see the country of her ethnic roots. So, she decided to study Arabic away from the land of the Arabs, in the land of her ancestors, Malaysia. How could she pursue undergraduate studies in Malaysia without knowing Malay? Why, at UIA of course.

In 1992, Asma enrolled at the International Islamic University in Petaling Jaya to study Arabic language and literature. While at UIA she also began to learn the Malay language. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in Arabic language and literature from the Kulliyah (Faculty) of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences, she switched to Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia to do postgraduate studies. At the same time she worked as an Arabic language teacher at Darul Ihsan Islamic College in Shah Alam. For two years she taught at this college and studied for a master's degree in Arabic Studies and Islamic Civilization at UKM. When she obtained her master's in 2000, she joined KUIM that same year, and quit her job in Shah Alam.

Besides her teaching duties and committee responsibilities at KUIM, Asma likes to keep herself busy with research. She is currently involved in two research projects, one of which deals with teaching Arabic to non-Arabic speakers, and the other focuses on the linguistic difficulties that students of Islamic Studies face.

Asma is also quite active outside of KUIM. She is a member of the language committee of the Arab Gulf Cooperation Council, and she is also a translator for the Organization of Islamic Conference. Her interests and numerous activities have taken her to many countries, including Algeria, Australia, Egypt, England, France, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Morocco, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, and the United Arab Emirates.

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PESANAN DARI REKTOR



Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

Saya mengambil kesempatan ini untuk memanjatkan kesyukuran kepada Ilahi dan tahniah kepada sidang redaksi Buletin KUIM "Risalah KUIM", kerana berjaya menerbitkan sebuah wadah yang bakal mendokumentasikan dan menyalurkan pelbagai maklumat berkaitan dengan perkembangan dan aktiviti universiti.

Usaha murni ini adalah merupakan satu langkah bijak dalam usaha menonjolkan KUIM sebagai sebuah IPTA yang bukan sahaja mampu dalam memajukan sektor pendidikan di negara ini, malahan bagi melahirkan graduan yang cemerlang dalam akademik, penguasaan bahasa dan

teknologi maklumat selari dengan perkembangan globalisasi masa kini.

Saya percaya dengan terbitnya penerbitan "Risalah KUIM" ini, ianya mampu menjadi citra KUIM kepada masyarakat di luar kampus di samping menggalakan aktiviti wacana minda menerusi penulisan agar dipergiatkan dalam konteks budaya ilmu warga KUIM.

Justeru itu, adalah menjadi harapan saya agar "Risalah KUIM" ini akan dapat dijadikan sebagai 'medium' paling berkesan bagi menyebarkan maklumat dan berita yang boleh mengerakkan minda masyarakat kampus, di samping menjadi citra KUIM kepada masyarakat luar.

Terima Kasih.

"BERILMU, BERDISIPLIN DAN BERTAKWA"

PROF. DATO' DR. ABDUL SHUKOR HJ. HUSIN
Rektor

TAJAJAN KEWANGAN SUMBANGAN BIMB

Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad (BIMB) dalam suratnya yang bertarikh 2 Safar 1425H bersamaan 23 Mac 2004, telah secara rasminya menyatakan persetujuan untuk memberikan sumbangan tajaan kewangan kepada pelajar-pelajar KUIM yang layak. Tajaan kewangan yang berbentuk biasiswa dengan nama 'Basiswa KUIM-BIMB' tersebut akan diberikan kepada tiga orang pelajar untuk mengikuti program pengajian peringkat Ijazah Sarjana Muda di KUIM bagi sesi akademik 2004/2005. Sumbangan biasiswa keseluruhannya adalah berjumlah RM84,000.00. Ini bermakna biasiswa yang akan diterima oleh seorang pelajar ialah RM7,000.00 setahun dan akan diterima sepanjang tempoh empat tahun pengajiannya. Pengendalian serta kos pengiklanan biasiswa juga akan ditanggung oleh BIMB.

Calon-calon yang dianugerahkan Biasiswa KUIM-BIMB dan berjaya menamatkan pengajian mereka boleh dipertimbangkan untuk diberi jawatan yang setimpal dengan kelulusan mereka sama ada di KUIM atau BIMB. Jika selepas enam bulan menerima ijazah seseorang calon tidak mendapat tawaran pekerjaan daripada KUIM atau BIMB, calon tersebut akan terlepas dari ikatan kontrak.

Selain biasiswa tersebut, BIMB juga telah bersetuju untuk memberikan sumbangan berjumlah RM150,000.00 untuk dana Tabung Ehsan KUIM. Tabung Ehsan ini akan digunakan untuk para pelajar yang memohon bantuan dan dikenal pasti menghadapi masalah kewangan.

Sumbangan-sumbangan seumpama ini akan memberikan peluang kepada para pelajar KUIM yang tidak mempunyai kemampuan dari segi kewangan untuk meneruskan pengajian mereka di samping menjadi pendorong untuk mencapai kejayaan yang lebih cemerlang.

Hubungan dua hala antara KUIM dengan Al-Azhar

KUIM berhasrat untuk menjadi sebuah universiti yang terkehadapan dan tersohor bagi memartabatkan pendidikan Islam dalam perkembangan arus perdana pendidikan negara. Dalam usaha ke arah itu, hubungan yang lebih erat dan terarah dengan agensi ataupun organisasi luar adalah amat penting untuk dijalinan.

Selaras dengan usaha ke arah memberikan pendidikan yang cemerlang dan berkualiti tinggi, KUIM telah mengadakan perbincangan dan seterusnya ingin memeterai perjanjian dengan Universiti Al-Azhar, Mesir, iaitu sebuah universiti yang telah dikenalpasti dapat membantu KUIM dalam mengerakkan Fakulti Perubatan dan Kesihatan.

Memorandum Perjanjian yang dicadangkan ini dilaksanakan untuk mencapai objektif seperti berikut:

1. Mewujudkan interaksi dua hala yang lebih terarah atau terfokus mengikut skop-skop yang telah dipersetujui antara KUIM dengan Universiti Al-Azhar.
2. Mengadakan kerjasama demi kepentingan bersama dan mewujudkan jaringan hubungan yang lebih erat antara KUIM dengan pihak luar.
3. Membantu ke arah pengantarabangsaan KUIM.
4. Membantu proses pengajaran dan pembelajaran terutamanya bidang Perubatan dan Surgeri dengan peminjaman tenaga pelawat akademik dan tenaga akademik yang bersesuaian daripada Universiti Al-Azhar.

Ringkasan skop kerjasama adalah

seperti berikut:

1. Peminjaman tenaga pelawat akademik dari Universiti Al-Azhar khususnya dalam bidang Perubatan dan Surgeri dengan kemudahan-kemudahan sepertiimana yang dinyatakan dalam dokumen.
2. Peminjaman tenaga akademik Al-Azhar yang bersesuaian untuk mengajar di KUIM.
3. Penyelidikan bersama.
4. Pertukaran pelajar dan pemindahan kredit.
5. Penganjuran persidangan / seminar bersama.
6. Penerbitan dan pertukaran hasil penyelidikan.

Lawatan KUIM ke Negara Teluk

Satu delegasi dari KUIM telah melawat Bahrain dan Dubai baru-baru ini. Hasilnya, satu memorandum persefahaman (MoU) telah ditandatangani antara KUIM dan pihak *General Council for Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions (GCIBFI)* di Bahrain pada 28 Mac 2004. Antara persefahaman utama yang dicapai termasuk proses penempatan pelajar dan graduan KUIM untuk menjalani latihan praktikal dan industri di beberapa institusi antarabangsa terkemuka dalam bidang kewangan dan perbankan Islam dan memudahkan tatacara menjalankan kerjasama untuk menjalankan penyelidikan secara bersama dalam isu-isu yang berkepentingan kepada kedua-dua belah pihak.

Memorandum ini telah ditandatangani oleh Y.Bhg. Prof. Datuk Dr. Abdul Shukur Hj. Husin, Rektor KUIM dan Setiausaha Agung GCIBFI, Dr. Ezzedine Khoja dan disaksikan oleh Tuan Hj. Addenan Abdul Rahman, Pendaftar KUIM dan En. Abdul

Latif Abdul Rahim Janahi, salah seorang ahli Lembaga Pengarah GCIBFI, dan ianya mula berkuatkuasa pada tarikh perjanjian untuk tempoh selama lima tahun.

Sebelum melawat Bahrain, delegasi KUIM juga telah mengambil kesempatan melawat Dubai untuk mempromosikan Universiti. Di sana, satu perjumpaan rasmi telah diadakan dengan wakil daripada Kementerian Pelajaran Malaysia yang diketuai oleh Tuan Hj. Shushilil Azam Shuib untuk membincangkan langkah-langkah untuk mempromosikan KUIM sejajar dengan matlamat dan objektif Kementerian untuk mempromosikan IPTA di negara-negara Timur Tengah. Beberapa bahan promosi KUIM yang terkini juga telah diserahkan kepada wakil Kementerian termasuk prospectus pengajian, risalah, buku panduan pengajian dan terbitan-terbitan INFAD untuk tujuan tersebut dan lawatan ini diakhiri dengan satu majlis ringkas pemberian cenderamata kepada wakil Kementerian.

Berita Ringkas

► KUIM, Naib Johan Forum B.M. IPT 2004

KUIM muncul naib johan di peringkat akhir Pertandingan Forum Bahasa Melayu IPT Piala Tengku Naquiddin yang telah diadakan pada 25-27 Januari 2004 di Kolej Kediaman Ketiga, Universiti Malaya. Sebagai naib johan, KUIM diberi hadiah wang tunai RM1000, piala iringan, medal, buku dan sijil. Peserta KUIM terdiri daripada pelajar Fakulti Syariah & Undang-Undang, Khairul Anuar Jaafar dan Mohd. Mahyeddin Mohd. Salleh, serta Anuar Elias dari Fakulti Ekonomi dan Muamalat, dan juga Shahrulkarnain Mohamad Nazir dari Fakulti Pengajian Qur'an dan Sunnah, yang dipilih pengerusi terbaik forum itu. Forum Bahasa Melayu IPT 2004, yang dianjurkan oleh Kolej Kediaman Ketiga, Universiti Malaya dengan kerjasama Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka dan Bahagian Hal Ehwal Pelajar Universiti Malaya, telah disertai oleh sepuluh universiti tempatan

dan dua kolej universiti. Tema forum tahun ini ialah: "Menjadikan Bahasa Melayu Wacana Kecemerlangan Ilmu."

► Kumpulan Pertama Graduan KUIM

Sejumlah 236 pelajar perintis KUIM telah menerima ijazah mereka dalam satu majlis bersejarah yang telah diadakan pada 9 Ogos 2003 di Auditorium Perdana Felda, Kuala Lumpur. Majlis Konvokeysyen sulung ini telah disempurnakan oleh DYMM Tuanku Najihah binti Tunku Besar Burhanuddin, Tunku Ampuan Negeri Sembilan merangkap Tuanku Canselor KUIM. Daripada 236 graduan, 85 orang adalah penerima Ijazah Sarjana Muda Syariah dan Kehakiman dengan kepujian, 76 orang menerima Ijazah Sarjana Muda Da'wah dan Pengurusan Islam dengan kepujian, dan 75 orang menerima Ijazah Sarjana Muda Pengajian Quran dan Sunnah. Seramai tiga orang pelajar telah berjaya mendapat Ijazah Kelas Pertama dan Anugerah Pelajaran diRaja telah berjaya dimenangi oleh Cik Halilah bt. Abdullah dari Fakulti Syariah dan Undang-undang.

Penyelidikan Tenaga Akademik KUIM di 2003

1. Graduate Employability: A case study of Islamic Studies graduates from selected public institutions of higher learning in Malaysia. (Oleh Prof. Dr. Mohammad Hj. Alias, Pn. Zurina Kefeli @ Zulfefli, Puan Hanim Misbah, Puan Nursilah Ahmad.)
2. Peranan Tarekat Tasawuf dalam memulihkan penagih dadah: Satu kajian di Sg. Ikan, Terengganu. (Oleh Dr. Muhammad Yusuf Khalid dan Dr. Hersi Mohd. Hilole.)
3. Negotiation skills in family conflicts: Comparison between rural and urban areas. (Oleh Pn. Norhayati Rafida Abdul Rahim)
4. Fiscal transparency and financial integration in Islamic economy. (Oleh Cik Fara Madehah Ahmad Farid.)
5. Aspirasi orang Melayu Pasca DEB/DPN dalam era globalisasi: Kajian perintis dalam lembah Klang. (Oleh Prof. Dr. Muhamad Muda)
6. Kesukaran-kesukaran bahasa yang dihadapi oleh pelajar-pelajar Pengajian Islam di KUIM dan UIA. (Oleh Pn. Asma Abdul Rahman)
7. Perlindungan hak isteri dalam pentadbiran undang-undang penceraian di Mahkamah Syariah Wilayah persekutuan dan Selangor. (Oleh Prof. Dr. Abdul Samat Musa, En. Arif Fahmi Md. Yusof, Pn. Dina Imam Supaat, En. Abdul Manan Ismail.)
8. Pandangan ibubapa yang menghantar anak-anak ke Sekolah Agama Rakyat di Kedah dan Kelantan terhadap sains dan teknologi. (Oleh En. Mohd. Radhi Ibrahim dan Dr. H. Abd. Rahim Arsyad.)
9. Extensive Reading: The effect on KUIM students' MUET achievements. (Oleh Pn. Hazleena Baharun, Pn. Tun Nur Afizah Zainal Arif, Pn. Harison Mohd. Sidek.)
10. Pengurusan dan proses percetakan Al-Qur'an di Yayasan Restu, Yayasan Terengganu dan Maktabah Al-Muarif: Kajian Perbandingan. (Oleh En. Kairul Anuar Mohamad, Tn. Syed Ahmad Termizi Syed Omar, En. Irwan Mohd. Subri.)
11. Pembentukan pengukuran personaliti pendakwah. (Oleh Prof. Datin Dr. Hj. Mizan Adiliah Ahmad Ibrahim, Prof. Madya Dr. Ali Ya'kub Matondang, Pn. Asma Abdul Rahman.)
12. Impact of Rule making in relation to disagreement on Inheritance law in Islamic jurisprudence and its contemporary implication: A case study in Selangor. (Oleh Prof. Dr. Abdul Samat Musa dan Dr. Mohd. Ben Mohd. Bechir.)
13. Profil permasalahan saudara baru di Malaysia. (Oleh Prof. Dr. Mohamed Asin Dollah dan Prof. Datin Dr. Hj. Mizan Adiliah Ahmad Ibrahim.)



Para graduan KUIM bergembira pada Hari Konvokeysyen.

Abstrak Kajian

Profil Masalah Golongan Mualaf India Negeri Selangor

Oleh: Prof. Datin. Dr. Hjh. Mizan Adiliah Ahmad Ibrahim

Satu kajian berbentuk "survey" telah dijalankan bertujuan mengenalpasti masalah yang dihadapi golongan Mualaf dari keturunan India di Negeri Selangor dan bentuk perkhidmatan yang mereka perlukan. Seramai 37 orang responden telah ditemubual menggunakan soal selidik semi-struktur. Majoriti responden (65%) hanyalah berpendidikan antara PMR dan SPM sahaja dan tinggal di bandar-bandar seperti Petaling Jaya, Gombak dan Kelang. Faktor utama mereka memeluk Islam ialah perkahwinan (75%) dan hanya sebilangan kecil sahaja yang menyatakan pengaruh dari rakan atau keinginan sendiri. Tiada responden menyatakan mereka terpengaruh dengan usaha-usaha dakwah Islam dari mana-mana pihak. Mereka juga mendakwa tidak mempunyai pengetahuan yang jelas mengenai Islam kerana beberapa faktor seperti kekurangan bahan bacaan Islam dalam bahasa Tamil, sibuk dan sebagainya. Terdapat beberapa masalah utama yang dapat dikenalpasti seperti kesukaran bidang pengajian Islam yang dipelajari (55%), kesukaran membaca dan menghafaz ayat al-Quran (52%), kesukaran mengingati ayat untuk bersembahyang (35%), tidak mendapat guru yang baik (25%), masalah bahasa (20%), kesukaran berpuasa (20%) dan tiada kawan untuk berunding (20%). Masalah lain pula berkaitan penerimaan keluarga asal dan penerimaan orang Melayu sendiri yang tidak memahami dan sebaliknya berusaha menjadikan mereka Melayu. Di samping itu juga, masalah kewangan, ketiadaan "support group" dan maklumat mengenai saudara baru, kesukaran mendapatkan hak sebagai saudara baru dan kerenah birokrasi dalam proses memeluk Islam amat menyukar dan mengecewakan mereka. Hasil kajian mendapati bahawa antara cadangan khidmat yang boleh dimanfaatkan oleh saudara baru India di negeri Selangor termasuk menyediakan "support group" atau keluarga angkat dari golongan India-Muslim, memperbanyakkan bilangan pendakwah yang boleh berbahasa Tamil, menambahkan bilangan rumah perlindungan sementara untuk penyesuaian diri dan menyediakan lebih banyak bahan bacaan Islam dalam bahasa Tamil. Dari aspek lain pula, masyarakat Melayu Islam juga perlu diberi pendedahan mengenai status saudara baru untuk mengelakkan kekeliruan di samping mewujudkan kumpulan pendakwah pelbagai etnik yang mahir dan berpengetahuan dalam bidang psikologi, metodologi dan pedagogi dakwah semasa.

Abstrak Kajian

Penggunaan Hadith Palsu: Tumpuan Kajian di Lembah Kelang

Oleh: Mohd Fauzi Mohd Amin

Satu penyelidikan bertajuk "Hadith Mawdu'- Implikasi Dalam Kehidupan Masyarakat Malaysia. Tumpuan Kajian di Lembah Kelang" telah dijalankan oleh satu kumpulan penyelidik KUIM daripada tahun 2001 hingga 2003. Ia bertujuan mengupas beberapa persoalan utama berkaitan Hadith Mawdu' (Hadith Palsu) seperti persepsi masyarakat, sebab-sebab ianya tersebar, kemudaratannya dan usaha-usaha yang dilakukan untuk menanganinya. Ini disusuli dengan kajian lapangan yang telah dijalankan di beberapa kawasan di Lembah Kelang untuk mengetahui tahap penyebaran Hadith Palsu dan medium penyebarannya di kalangan masyarakat. Hasil daripada kajian mendapati bahawa kebanyakan Hadith Palsu tersebar melalui buku-buku agama (42 hadith), diikuti akhbar mingguan (11 hadith), majalah (8 hadith), kaset ceramah agama (5 hadith) dan khutbah Jumaat (2 hadith). Kebanyakan Hadith Palsu ini berbentuk *Fadha'il A'imal* (kelebihan beramal) dan *al-Tarhib Wa al-Tarhib* (galakan berbuat kebajikan dan meninggalkan maksiat). Rata-rata responden yang dikaji pula menyatakan bahawa kebanyakan daripada mereka tidak mempunyai pengetahuan yang tepat mengenai Hadith Mawdu' dan mendakwa tidak mendapat pendedahan yang jelas mengenainya. Oleh yang demikian, pendirian mereka mengenai Hadith Palsu tertakluk kepada penjelasan yang dapat diberikan oleh pihak berwajib mengenai kepalsuan dan kebatilannya. Ini menunjukkan bahawa secara kasarnya, pemahaman masyarakat mengenai isu Hadith Mawdu' masih lagi lemah dan sederhana walaupun terdapat kaedah tertentu yang digunapakai oleh para ilmuan sejak dari dulu lagi untuk mengetahui kesahihan sesuatu hadith. Ini mengunjurkan bahawa kerjasama di antara pihak-pihak yang bertanggungjawab seperti JAKIM, YADIM, IKIM, IPTA dan NGO perlu diperkemas supaya dapat memberikan penjelasan yang lebih berkesan kepada masyarakat menerusi media massa terkini di samping bertindak dan menggubal garis panduan terhadap penggunaan dan penyebaran Hadith-hadith Palsu di kalangan masyarakat.

PELABURAN ZAKAT MENURUT PERSPEKTIF ISLAM

Oleh: Abdul Manan Ismail

Zakat merupakan salah satu daripada rukun Islam yang diwajibkan ke atas setiap orang Islam yang memenuhi syarat-syaratnya. Harta yang diperolehi daripada sistem Zakat pada dasarnya adalah menjadi sumber utama dalam kumpulan harta negara, dan penulisan ini cuba menengahkan pandangan para Ulama berkenaan isu pelaburan zakat menurut perspektif Fiqh Islam.

Definisi

Zakat dari segi bahasa bermaksud "berkat", "suci" dan "lebihan", manakala pengertiannya dari aspek istilah ialah: "Pengambilan kadar tertentu daripada harta yang tertentu berdasarkan syarat-syarat tertentu yang diberikan kepada golongan tertentu". Pelaburan pula bermaksud: "Jumlah wang yang dilaburkan dalam sesuatu usaha niaga atau sesuatu yang dibeli dengan harapan akan mendapat keuntungan yang berlipat ganda". Justeru pelaburan Zakat bermaksud melaburkan harta Zakat dalam sesuatu usaha niaga untuk mendapatkan keuntungan.

Hukum Melaburkan Harta Zakat Menurut Fiqh

Terdapat tiga perbincangan utama berkaitan isu melaburkan harta Zakat iaitu yang melibatkan hukum orang yang berhak menerima Zakat (*al-Mustahiqqun*) melaburkan harta Zakat, hukum pengeluar Zakat melaburkan harta Zakat dan hukum

pemerintah melaburkan harta Zakat. Dalam rencana ringkas ini, tumpuan akan diberikan kepada hukum *al-Mustahiqqun* dan pengeluaran Zakat melaburkan harta Zakat mereka.

Hukum Orang yang Berhak Menerima Zakat Melaburkan Harta Zakat

Para Fuqaha bersependapat menyatakan bahawa ianya adalah harus. Ini kerana, harta Zakat yang diberikan kepada mereka merupakan satu pemilikan yang sempurna.

Hukum Pengeluar Zakat Melaburkan Wang Zakat

Terdapat dua pandangan utama mengenainya. Majoriti (*jumhur*) Ulama (*Hanafiyyah*, *Malikiyyah*, *Shafi'iyah* dan *Hanabilah*) menyatakan bahawa seseorang yang diwajibkan mengeluarkan zakat tidak boleh melaburkan harta zakat tersebut, manakala Abu Bakr al-Jassas pula menyatakan sebaliknya, iaitu seseorang yang diwajibkan mengeluarkan zakat boleh melaburkannya. Berdasarkan penelitian yang teliti, didapati bahawa pendapat majoriti Ulama adalah lebih kuat. Namun, menjadi kewajipan ke atas pengeluar Zakat mengeluarkan Zakatnya dengan segera supaya mengelakkan para penerima daripada ternanti-nanti akibat pelaburan wang Zakat yang dilakukannya.

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كيف تكون قارئاً ماهراً؟

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تمهيد

أهمية تنمية المهارات اللغوية للطلاب

من خلال الدراسة في جامعة العلوم الإسلامية بماليزيا تتوسع قدرات الطلاب لغوياً وتزيد احتياجاتهم الأكاديمية في مجال التعمق في فهم مهارات اللغة العربية، والقدرة على توظيفها في الحياة العملية، وكتابة البحوث العلمية المتخصصة، وذلك لأن العربية هي لغة التدريس الأساسية في الجامعة، ولتحقيق هذا الهدف النبيل تولي وحدة اللغة العربية تنمية المهارات اللغوية اهتماماً خاصاً. وفي هذا العدد من نشرة (رسالة كويم) سنتناول مهارة القراءة.

تعريف

تعريف المهارة لغة واصطلاحاً:

أ. التعريف اللغوي: جاء في المعجم الوسيط في مادة مهر: مهر في الشيء مهارة: أحكمه وصار به حادثاً، فهو ماهر. ويقال: مهر في العلم وفي الصناعة وغيرها. وجمعها: مهارات".
ب. التعريف الاصطلاحي: المهارة في أحسن تعريف لها (اصطلاحاً) هي: "أداء يتميز بالسرعة والكفاءة"

أهمية القراءة

القراءة وسيلة مهمة للحصول على العلم والمعرفة والثقافة والمتعة، كما أنها تعين الفرد في حل مشكلاته، وتقربُه من استخدام الأسلوب العلمي في تعامله مع الحياة، وهي أيضاً أداة لتطوير الفكر الإنساني بشكل عام. ولذا أصبح المفهوم الحديث للقراءة (تعرفُ الرموز المكتوبة ونطقها وترجمة تلك الرموز إلى معان وأفكار؛ بهدف الفهم والاستفادة من ذلك في الحياة العملية).

مهارات القراءة الأدائية
تعتمد القراءة على مجموعة من المهارات الجسمية والعقلية لأدائها.

أ. المهارات الجسمية ومن أهمها: حركات العين وتعريف الحروف والكلمات، والنطق الصحيح، والتنغيم (الأداء الصوتي المناسب) ومراعاة الوقوف، والسرعة في الأداء.
ب. المهارات العقلية، ومن أهمها: إدراك المعاني والفهم الصحيح، واستخراج الأفكار وتصنيفها، والتفريق بين الأفكار الرئيسية والأفكار الثانوية، وفهم العلاقات بين الأفكار، وإدراك المعاني القريبة والمعاني البعيدة، والتفاعل مع المقروء، والتحليل والنقد.

أنواع القراءة من حيث الأداء

أ. قراءة جهرية:

وهي تتطلب من القارئ نقل الأفكار والمعاني والانفعالات إلى غيره من المتلقين. وهي أصعب من القراءة الصامتة لكونها تستلزم مهارات أخرى كالنطق الصحيح والتعبير عن المقروء بالتنغيم لنقل الأحاسيس والمشاعر، والوقوف الصحيح.

ب. قراءة صامتة: وتتميز بالسرعة، فهي أوفر للوقت وأنها أكثر عوناً على الفهم، وأكثر استعمالاً في الحياة العملية.

الخطوات الإجرائية لاكتساب مهارة القراءة

أ. الإلمام السريع بجوانب الموضوع: قبل أن تشرع في القراءة قم أولاً بتصفح الموضوع بأكمله وبسرعة، فاقرأ العناوين الرئيسية والعناوين الجانبية، واستطلع مقدمة كل جزء بسرعة. فهذه

الخطوة تفيد كثيراً في سرعة فهم الموضوع عند الرجوع إليه بقراءة تفصيلية ودراسته بامعان.

٢. حدد الغرض من القراءة: اجعل لقرائك هدفًا؛ واسأل نفسك دائماً، وأنت تقرأ عن الفكرة الرئيسية التي يعبر عنها النص المقروء.

٣. القراءة بتمعن: بعد الخطوتين السابقتين (الإلمام بالموضوع وتحديد الهدف من القراءة) تتطلب الخطوة الثالثة بقراءة الموضوع بشكل مفصل للوصول إلى المعاني البعيدة للنصوص المقروءة.

إرشادات لاكتساب مهارة القراءة

١. اقرأ في مكان هادئ، لأن الضجيج يعيق الاستيعاب، والقراءة في مكان هادئ تساعدك على الاستيعاب السريع، وبالتالي تزيد من سرعة قراءتك.

٢. اقرأ في وقت مناسب تتوافر لك فيه شروط النشاط الذهني.

٣. نوع من طبيعة قراءتك حسب هدفك من القراءة. لا تقرأ كل الكتب بنفس الطريقة وبنفس السرعة.

٤. اقرأ قراءة صامتة... فالقراءة الصامتة تحقق استيعاباً أكبر.

٥. اذهب بعينك إلى الأمام على السطور، لا تتراجع بها إلى ما قرأت إلا للتأكد من فكرة ما.

٦. لا تقف طويلاً عند كل كلمة، اجعل عينيك دائماً تنتقل إلى الأمام فقط.

٧. توقف عن القراءة عندما تشعر بالملل.

٨. ضع خطوطاً تحت الأفكار الرئيسية أو التعريفات.

٩. اسأل من هو أكثر منك علماً عن الأفكار والمعاني التي لم تفهمها.



دور الجامعات الإسلامية في المجتمع

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تقوم الجامعات الإسلامية في العالم الإسلامي بمهام جليلة وعظيمة تتمثل في خدمة المجتمع الإسلامي والإنساني وفق نظرة متزنة مستندة إلى منهج علمي عظيم نابع من حاجة البشر الفعلية وفق تكوينه الحقيقي القائم على الروح والجسد، إذ لو توفي حاجات الجسد بعيداً عن الروح لأصبح الإنسان لا يختلف عن باقي المخلوقات الأخرى جسداً فقط بما فيه من الشهوة الحيوانية للطعام والمتاع والنمو فقط، ولو صح أن توفي الحاجات الروحية للإنسان فقط لأصبح الجسم خاوياً لا يقدر على القيام بتلك الحاجات الروحية أو التكاليف المترتبة عليه.

لذلك فالمنهج الإسلامي الذي تقوم عليه الجامعات الإسلامية، هو أعظم منهج لخدمة المجتمع الإنساني بشكل عام، لأن هذه الجامعات تقدم للمجتمع طاقات علمية وتقنية قائمة على

بناء الروح والجسد، فالطبيب الذي تخرجه الجامعات الإسلامية منضبط وفق الضوابط الشرعية والأخلاقية التي تقوم عليها مهنة الطب في الإسلام ويعرف من خلال ذلك ما له وما عليه أن يقدمه لغيره، ولا يقصر في ما يقوم به من خدمة للمجتمع.

والمهندس والمعلم والخبير كلهم درسوا وتعلموا داخل إطار صحيح من العلم، يقوم على الإخلاص والصدق والأمانة لتي يجب أن تقوم عليها كل مهنة مما يخدم المجتمع.

لذلك فإن الجامعات الإسلامية لها دور كبير في خدمة المجتمع لما لأهمية الكفاءات التي يحتاج إليها في مسيرته في الحياة، وأهمية انضباط تلك الكفاءات، لتؤدي ماعليها بأمانة وإخلاص، فتجعل من المجتمع الذي تخدم فيه مجتمعاً متوراً متحزراً قوياً مستقراً، لما للضوابط الأخلاقية والدينية التي يتعلمها كل من يخدم المجتمع من أصغر فرد فيه حتى أكبر فرد، فيتعلم الصغير من الكبير، فيكون هؤلاء الذين

تقدمهم الجامعات الإسلامية من كفاءات قودة غيرهم من خريجي الجامعات الأخرى ومثالاً يحتذى به في الإخلاص والصدق والأمانة حيث يتم ذلك من خلال ما تقدمه الجامعات الإسلامية لتلاميذها من تهذيب ومعرفة دينية قائمة على القرآن الكريم والسنة النبوية التي تكون موادها إجبارية على طلبتها في كل التخصصات، ليتواكب العلم والأخلاق والتربية الإسلامية، فينتج عملاً متقناً يرتقي بالمجتمع الإسلامي والإنساني إلى مستوى الطموح الذي ينشده كل إنسان في هذا الكون لذا يجب أن تحافظ الجامعات الإسلامية على هذا الدور وتتمسك به فتحقق الطموح المشهود بإذن الله تعالى.

ومن أشهر الجامعات الإسلامية في العالم الآن الجامعة الإسلامية في المدينة المنورة بالمملكة العربية السعودية، والجامعة الإسلامية العالمية في إسلام آباد بباكستان، وجامعة الأزهر في القاهرة بمصر، والجامعة الإسلامية في جومباك بماليزيا، وهذه الجامعة "كويم".

نشرة تصدرها جامعة العلوم الإسلامية في ماليزيا "كويم"

وفد من الجامعة يزور البحرين ويوقع مذكرة تفاهم

هو مفتاح النجاح ومن ثم فان روح الإخاء والتعاون هما أساس مذكرة التفاهم بين كويم والمجلس.

وتتضمن المذكرة الاتفاق على تمكين طلبة وطالبات كويم من القيام بالتدريب العملي والصناعي في عدد من المؤسسات المالية والبنوك الإسلامية التي يختارها المجلس حسب القواعد والشروط المذكورة في المذكرة. وفي المجال الأكاديمي فان كلا من الطرفين يمكنه القيام بأبحاث مشتركة تهتم الطرفين بحيث إذا بادر طرف بالقيام بمشروع بحثي في مجال يكون من المجالات التي يهتم بها الطرف الآخر، فيمكنه دعوة أعضاء هذا الطرف للاشتراك في المشروع حسب القواعد والشروط التي يوافق عليها الطرفان كتابة. وبالإضافة إلى هذا، فان كلا من الطرفين يمكنه القيام بتنظيم ندوات مشتركة تتعلق بموضوعات ذات الأهمية المشتركة.

وأضاف السيد مدير الجامعة في كلمته أنه تم إنشاء مجمع الفتاوى العالمية للإدارة والبحوث في كويم ويهتم هذا المجمع بجمع كل الفتاوى من مختلف أنحاء العالم لغرض جعلها مادة مراجع. ويمكن للباحث المهتم أن يتعرف على هذه الفتاوى من خلال الإنترنت وهذا يكون في المستقبل القريب إن شاء الله. وبخصوص هذا الشأن عبر السيد المدير عن أمله في تعاون الطرفين في هذا الموضوع خصوصا فيما يتعلق بالفتاوى التي لها تأثير على نظم البنوك والشؤون المالية الإسلامية.

قام وفد من جامعة العلوم الإسلامية الماليزية "كويم" بزيارة كل من البحرين ودبي في أواخر شهر مارس الماضي. ففي البحرين تم توقيع مذكرة تفاهم بين المجلس العام للبنوك والمؤسسات المالية الإسلامية المسجل بالبحرين وكويم في ٢٨ من مارس ٢٠٠٤ بهدف تعزيز التعاون بين الطرفين. وقام رئيس الوفد الماليزي وهو أيضا مدير الجامعة داتو الأستاذ الدكتور عبد الشكور حاج حسين بتوقيع المذكرة ممثلاً للجامعة مع السكرتير العام للمجلس العام للبنوك والمؤسسات الإسلامية الدكتور عز الدين خوجا ممثلاً للمجلس وحضر حفل التوقيع الذي أقيم في فندق شيراتون البحرين مسجل الجامعة الحاج عدنان حاج عبد الرحمن وعضو مجلس الإدارة وعضو اللجنة التنفيذية للمجلس العام للبنوك والمؤسسات الإسلامية الدكتور عبد اللطيف عبد الرحيم الجناحي وكذلك الأستاذ الدكتور محمد حاج الإلباس نائب مدير الجامعة لشؤون الطلبة والتنمية.

وفي كلمة له بمناسبة توقيع المذكرة، قام السيد مدير الجامعة بإعطاء نبذة قصيرة عن الجامعة، ثم تكلم على التقدم في مجال التكنولوجيا والمعلومات وكيف أن في هذا العصر صارت المسافات بين الشعوب والبلدان قصيرة وأصبحت مناطق مختلفة من العالم مرتبطة بأماكن أخرى دون قيود، ونتج عن ذلك وجود فرص كبيرة للتجارة وتبادل الخبرات في القرن الواحد والعشرين، ولكن هناك أيضا تحديات مثل المنافسة بين الدول وهذه يمكن أن تواجه بالتعاون الدولي ويكون هذا

أكاديمية مناسبة من الأزهر لغرض التدريس في كويم. ثالثاً، إجراء الأبحاث المشتركة ذات المنفعة الجانبية. رابعاً، تبادل الطلبة بين الجامعتين واحتساب المواد التي تؤخذ في الجامعة الأخرى ضمن مجموع المواد المطلوبة للتخرج. خامساً، تنظيم المؤتمرات والندوات بطريقة مشتركة. سادساً، وأخيراً، الاشتراك سوياً في نشر وتبادل نتائج الأبحاث. ومما هو جدير بالذكر فان هذه الاتفاقية ستساعد كويم على الاتجاه نحو العالمية من حيث توثيق العلاقات مع الجامعات الأجنبية.

حوالي ٤٧١ هكتار. ويتكون المقر الدائم للجامعة من مباني دراسية وبحثية ودينية وخدمية كسكن الطلبة والمستوصف الجامعي بالإضافة إلى ساحات الرياضة والحدائق.

تعاون بين "كويم" وشركة دجاج كنتاكي

تم توقيع مذكرة تفاهم بين جامعة العلوم الإسلامية "كويم" وشركة دجاج كنتاكي المحلي هولدنجز (KFCH) في السابع من أكتوبر سنة ٢٠٠٣. وتتضمن المذكرة إجراء بحوث مشتركة تهتم الجانبين، إلى جانب السماح لطلبة الجامعة بالتدريب الصناعي في هذه الشركة. وقد حضر حفل توقيع المذكرة رئيس مجلس إدارة "كويم" تان سري الأستاذ الدكتور محمد يوسف نور، وتم توقيع المذكرة كل من مدير الجامعة داتو الأستاذ الدكتور عبد الشكور حسين ممثلاً عنها والرئيس التنفيذي لشركة KFCH داتو الحاج أزهري سليمان ممثلاً عنها. كما حضر حفل التوقيع حشد من العاملين بكويم وشركة دجاج كنتاكي وعدد من الصحفيين وأقيم الحفل في فندق ريسانس بكوالالمبور.

المقر الدائم للجامعة

ينتظر أن تنتقل جامعة العلوم الإسلامية "كويم" من مقرها المؤقت في كوالالمبور إلى مقرها الدائم في مدينة نيلاي الجديدة بولاية نكري سمبيلن ضمن منطقة تكنولوجيا الاتصالات العظمى في موعد لم يتحدد بعد حيث إن عملية البناء ما زالت مستمرة، وسيكون الانتقال على مراحل حسب ما يتم إنجازه من مباني وإنشاءات هناك. ويتوقع أن يصل عدد الطلبة إلى ٥٠٠٠ بعد انتقال الجامعة إلى مقرها الدائم وإلى ١٠٠٠٠ عند اكتمال الحرم الجامعي الجديد والذي يقع على أرض مساحتها

أخبار قصيرة

٧٠٤ في المائة من محاضري الجامعة

حاصلين على الدكتوراه بحلول عام ٢٠١٠ تمشياً مع خطة الحكومة الماليزية للجامعات الجديدة فإنه ينتظر أن تصل نسبة الحاصلين على درجة الدكتوراه من المحاضرين في جامعة العلوم الإسلامية "كويم" إلى ٧٠ في المائة في عام ٢٠١٠، علماً بأن نسبة المحاضرين الحاصلين على درجة الدكتوراه في كويم حالياً هي ما يقارب ٣٠ في المائة. وتتصدر كلية القيادة والإدارة بقية الكليات والوحدات من حيث عدد المحاضرين الحاصلين على درجة الدكتوراه وعددهم ثمانية محاضرين ويشكل هذا العدد نصف الكادر التدريسي لتلك الكلية. وينتظر أن يواصل معظم أعضاء هيئة التدريس من غير الحاصلين على الدكتوراه دراستهم للحصول عليها في الجامعات الماليزية وخارج ماليزيا.



رئيس كويم تان سري الأستاذ الدكتور محمد يوسف نور حضر حفل توقيع مذكرة تعاون بين كويم وشركة KFCH.