



**MEDIA STATEMENT
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(RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS)**

**MALAYSIA ELEVATES ISLAMIC SCHOLARSHIP AND
INTELLECTUAL DISCOURSE ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE
THROUGH THE 27TH SESSION OF
THE INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC FIQH ACADEMY**

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1. The MADANI Government, through the Prime Minister's Department (Religious Affairs), will host the 27th Conference of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) from 16 to 20 November 2026 in Putrajaya, in collaboration with the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA). The conference will bring together prominent scholars, academics and experts from member states of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).
2. The hosting of this conference reflects the Government's commitment to advancing knowledge, intellectual thought and expertise as the foundation for building an informed, ethical and prosperous society, while strengthening the role of Islamic scholarship in addressing the challenges of a rapidly changing world. Under the theme "Promoting Societal Well-Being and Advancing MADANI Values", the conference will bring together expertise from across the Muslim world to examine contemporary challenges and develop solutions that serve the interests of society and the ummah.
3. Key areas of discussion will include artificial intelligence (AI), genetic editing and DNA technology, halal, healthcare and medical ethics, social and ethical challenges, communication and media in the digital age, as well as Islamic social finance. Deliberations will be grounded in Islamic sources and principles, while taking into account contemporary realities and guided by Maqasid al-Shariah, Ijtihad Jama'i and the principle of Wasatiyyah, ensuring that advances in knowledge, science and technology remain aligned with values, ethics and human well-being.

4. In the context of Malaysia as a multicultural society, the conference will also highlight Fiqh Ta'ayush, or the jurisprudence of peaceful coexistence, as a framework for fostering harmony, mutual respect and social cohesion. Advancing this body of thought is important in nurturing a society grounded in knowledge, ethics, justice and the common good, while strengthening understanding that can help prevent extremist and radical ideologies.

5. The 27th IIFA Conference will further strengthen Malaysia's role within the global network of Islamic scholarship and expertise, while providing a platform for Malaysia to share its experience in Islamic institutional development and the management of a plural society. This is in line with the aspirations of Malaysia MADANI, which seeks to balance progress with values, humanity and shared well-being.

6. As a Government that upholds the values of knowledge and civilisation, this conference is more than an international gathering. It is an investment in the future of knowledge and the ummah. Malaysia aspires to be a place where knowledge converges, ideas evolve and expertise is brought together to generate meaningful thought and solutions that benefit humanity.

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