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BETTER PROGRAMMES: Putit (third left) and Hatta (second right) discussing the programmes by IIC. Also seen (from left) are Zabariah, Badri and Haslina. — Photo by Jeffery Mostapha

## IIC to host programmes to improve understanding of Islam

**KUCHING:** The Islamic Information Centre (IIC) will host a series of programme this year to further strengthen the relations between the various ethnic groups in the state.

Sarawak Islamic Council (MIS) chief Datu Putit Matzen said the programmes will help to improve the understanding of Islam, especially among the non-Muslims.

He said this at the 'Islamic Information Centre with the Media' event held at IIC yesterday.

Meanwhile, IIC chief executive

officer Zabariah Matali said among the new programmes in the lineup were 'My Prophets', Islamic Sharing, and the Sarawak Islamic and Innovation Creativity Festival from June 22-24.

Other programmes include a seminar on Islam on (Feb 1), Islamic Knowledge Sharing (Mar 17 and 21), IIC Spiritual Journey (April 16-16), Religious Forum (May 16), Islamic Family (July 14), Expo (Aug 10), Unity Race (Aug 10), Information Day (Nov 7) and Media Appreciation Nite

(Dec 7).

At the same event, Zabariah also announced collaboration between the centre and International Islamic University (IIUM) to hold a diploma programme on Islamic religion to commence in April.

Also present were the university's deputy director Dr Haslina Hassan, Islamic Faculty dean Dr Badri Najib Zubir and Islamic Information Centre advisory panel Datu Hatta Solhi.

For more info on the centre's programmesurfwww.sarawakiic.org.my or call 082420799.