

Call to strengthen teaching methods

Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA) Rector Dr Haji Norarfan bin Haji Zainal in a group photo with participants and attendees of the Inter-Universities Seminar for Post-Graduate Studies (SAPLI 2018)



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UNIVERSITI Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA) through the Centre for Postgraduate Studies (PPLI) concluded the 5th Inter-Universities Seminar for Post-Graduate Studies (SAPLI 2018) with the presentation of a seminar resolution on Thursday.

The event was held at the UNISSA Auditorium.

UNISSA Rector Dr Haji Norarfan bin Haji Zainal was the guest of honour.

According to a press release, the seminar was organised in collaboration with Kolej Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Selangor (KUIS), Malaysia.

KUIS Rector Professor Dato' Dr Ab Halim bin Tamuri was also present.

The two-day seminar carried the theme, 'Contemporary Islamic Studies between Theory and Application' and attracted the attention of scholars and researchers to share their views through presentation of working papers.

A total of 73 papers were presented,

including two main papers. The seminar aimed to provide students with exposure to various research projects and activities to enrich their academic experience and a platform for them to present research findings.

The resolutions were presented by Seminar Chairman and PPLI Director Dr Hajah Sri Rahayu @ Hajah Nurjanah binti Haji Dollah.

The resolutions included emphasising the need to strengthen the teaching methods as one of the solutions to the

challenges of the digital era, based on Islamic principles and ethics.

Controlling social media to check the transmission of negative content was also emphasised in the resolution as an alternative step for maintaining the well-being of mind and soul of the user.

Seminar Co-Chair and Director of the Centre for Graduate Studies, KUIS Dr Haji Mohd Farid Ravi bin Abdullah, the deputy rector, assistant rector and principal officers were also present.

Khatam Al-Quran ceremony held for 16 students

| SYAZWANI HJ ROSLI |

SIXTEEN students of the Al-Quran/Muqaddam Class of Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkihah Mosque in Kampong Sungai Akar marked their completion of 30 Juzuks of Al-Quran with a *Khatam* Al-Quran ceremony yesterday.

Acting Director of Mosque Affairs Haji Amir Hisham bin Haji Masri was the guest of honour.

The religious ceremony began with the recitation of *Surah Al-Fatihah* led by the guest of honour and the recitation of Al-Quran verses by the



Guest of honour Acting Director of Mosque Affairs Haji Amir Hisham bin Haji Masri (C) during the event

Khatam participants followed.

The *Doa Takhtim* was later read by the class teachers, while *Doa Khatam* was recited by Muhammad Aiman bin Aminuddin.

The event continued with the recitation of *Dikir Asyraqal* by the Muslimah group of the Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkihah Mosque and the presentation of certificates and sprinkling of scented flowers to the *Khatam* participants.

The event concluded with a recitation of *Doa Selamat* by Md Hadiudin bin Haji Hali.

Refrain from slander, Imams remind Muslims

| AZLAN OTHMAN |

MUSLIMS must learn to imprison the tongue to refrain from vain talk and exercise restraint, Imams said in the Friday sermon.

The *Ummah* should also speak good or else keep silent and were asked to refrain from saying unwanted and despicable words or lies, backstabbing and slander.

"We should use our tongue to read Al-Quran, recite *Zikir* and prayers, to give advice, to disseminate knowledge, speak the truth and do good deeds.

"We will be questioned in the days of hereafter for any words that we say.

"In this modern and hi-tech era, one should watch every word one uses on social media.

"We should take responsibility for what we spread on

the social media and ensure that the story is verified, authentic and truthful," Imams said.

If a person wants to say something, he should think beforehand.

If it seems to him that it will not do any harm, then he should speak, but if he thinks otherwise, then he should refrain from speaking.

Islam teaches the *Ummah* that if one wishes to give advice, they must think first. One should not advise if it brings harm.

"Making offensive remarks will destroy ties, spark dispute, create misunderstanding and bring hatred. Let us spread words that bring goodness to mankind, or to carry out welfare activity that gives multiple rewards.

"Pray to Allah the Almighty to keep us away from sinful acts and evils," Imams concluded.



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Participants during the *Khatam* Al-Quran ceremony

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