

## **The University**

The International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) was established in 1983, as an institution of higher learning by the government of Malaysia in accordance with the wishes and initiative of the Prime Minister, Dato' Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad. During recent years, the university has expanded on all fronts and is offering courses in Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences, Economics and Management, Laws, Medicine, and Engineering. It is also planning to develop in other areas of knowledge. The student population has rapidly grown to over nine thousand. The students and the faculty truly represent an international character. The university regards knowledge as a trust from Allah, to be utilised in accordance with His will, and the quest of knowledge is regarded as an act of worship. This philosophy of knowledge and education is based on the recommendations of the First World Conference on Muslim Education held in Makkah in 1977.

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The Kulliyyah (Faculty) of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences was established in January 1990 with a new approach and vision. Many universities in the Muslim world and elsewhere offer programmes in Social Sciences, Islamic Studies and other professional areas. However, with their faculties of Islamic Studies they still observe a secular classification of knowledge as Islamic and non-Islamic. This faculty of IIUM is unique in the sense that it combines in all its academic programmes the contents of Revealed Knowledge in an integrated manner with Human Sciences. While teaching Human Sciences, the subject matter is presented in an objective manner without excluding the Islamic views on that subject. Added to it is a content of course work in areas of Islamic Revealed Knowledge such as Qur'anic Studies, Hadīth Studies, Fiqh, Sīrah and Islamic History.



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