Datin Paduka Seri Rosmah Urges IIUM Students To Work Hard
Welcome once again to IIUM News Bulletin. Semester 1 is almost ending and many of us are busy wrapping up our syllabus and ready for the final examination. Some probably are already making preparations for Semester 2 which will begin in early December. Every day when you surf IIUM website you may notice that samples of current news stories on IIUM appear on the website. With the previews of IIUM News Bulletin’s articles on the website, we are hoping that IIUM citizens will get the chance to keep themselves updated with the recent happenings and developments involving IIUM management and staff.

On that note, I would like to call upon IIUM citizens to send their articles or stories about their Kulliyyahs or centres so that IIUM News Bulletin could cover many grounds including our campuses in Petaling Jaya, Nilai, and Kuantan. It is only through collaborative efforts that we can better inform IIUM citizens. IIUM News Bulletin hopes to go online soon and are working hard towards turning that into reality. We will, of course, keep the reader informed of the development of IIUM News Bulletin online.

The October IIUM News Bulletin covers many recent events including the officiating of the Breast Cancer Centre by IIUM Rector and IIUM Educare Permata Kindergarten by Datin Paduka Seri Rosmah Mansor. Breast cancer is becoming more common in our society and hopefully IIUM Kuantan Breast Cancer Centre will play a role in combating this disease through research and communication with public. There is also coverage of the child care centre of IIUM, which recently received contribution from Permata.

Finally, we wish you happy reading.

BOOK OF THE MONTH 2009

Title: Writing Research Proposals & Theses: Substance, Structure and Style
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The major attempt of this book is to consider the pursuit of knowledge within the framework of Islamic epistemology. It is noted the knowledge can be acquired through revelation as well as through reasons via observation, intuition, tradition and theoretical reflection. The book provides a simple guideline on how to prepare research proposals through basic understanding of the step-by-step involved in writing a research proposal in producing a well-planned and well written thesis on time. The book is divided into six chapters with relevant key components under each chapter. It also highlights the importance of writing well through accuracy, brevity, and clarity. The book should be able to help Muslim postgraduates to take research seriously, to write their theses well, and to pursue knowledge within ethical considerations. At the same time, it is also useful for supervisors in guiding their students so that there is a proper guidance besides it can be used as an instructional tool for a research methodology course. - DR. SAODAH WOK