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UNISSA to Hold Certificate Course for Falak Syar'ie UNISSA-UNISZA 2014

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Bandar Seri Begawan: University Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA) through its Center for Promotion of Knowledge and Language Learning (PPIB) will be holding the "Certificate Course for Falak Syar'ie UNISSA 2014", a collaboration course between the Department of Falak Unit, Contemporary Studies Faculty, University Sultan Zainal Abidin, Terengganu Malaysia (UniSZA) and the Survey Department, Ministry of Development (MoD), Brunei Darussalam.

The opening ceremony for the event will be held on Monday, June 9 at the UNISSA Auditorium at 7.45am. Among the contents include "Pengkajian Falak Dalam Konteks Agama dan Sains" (Astronomy Studies in the Context of Religion and Science) which will be delivered by an invited facilitator, Associate Professor Dr Baharuddin Zainal, Falak Knowledge Export, Department of Falak Unit, Contemporary Studies Faculty, UniSZA, Terengganu, Malaysia.

Entrance is free and target audience will comprise officers and staff of related government departments, lecturers and students of UNISSA, UBD, ITB and KUPU SB; high school students and interested individuals.

At a press conference yesterday, Dr Siti Sara Hj Ahmad, Director of PPIB, UNISSA was hoping that interested individuals will be present for the lecture so they can find out more about Falak Knowledge especially in the context view of Religion and Science.

"Those who wish to participate in this course; entry is open until June 9, depending on the availability".

Due to the maximum course participants being thirty people, the first intake is offered to students and academic staff of UNISSA, UBD, ITB and KUPU SB, officers and staff of Survey Department, State Mufti's Office, Mosque Affairs Department, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Syariah Courts.

Course fee for UNISSA students will be BND\$50, BND\$150 for staff and BND\$300 for others.

The course will focus on related issue, among them the development of Malay Falak Knowledge, Falak Knowledge from the Big Scope of Space Science, Current Issue of Falak Knowledge, Samawi Geometry and Time System, Takwim Istimah and Kiblat Specification, Solat Times, Publishing of Solat Timetable, Usage of Falak Syar'ie Almanac and many more.

Meanwhile, the instrumentation and practical will focus on Theodolite Usage, Earth Geographical Coordinate Specification, Survey Compass Usage, Kiblat Direction Marking, Sun Observation for Specification of an Azimuth and Telescope Usage.

The course valuation will be based on eighty per cent attendance, sixty per cent course work and Amali and forty per cent in final examination. Failure to pass the examination will result in participants awarded with an attendance certificate only.

Facilitators from the Sultanate will comprise Hj Julahi Hj Lamat, Acting Senior Surveyor and Hj Khairul Abidin Hj Sulaiman, Acting Surveyor.

Foreign facilitators are Associate Professor Dr Baharuddin Zainal, Falak Expert from UniSZA and Ahmad Taufan Abd Rashid, Assistant Expert.

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