

Effort to bring Muslims back to the Quran

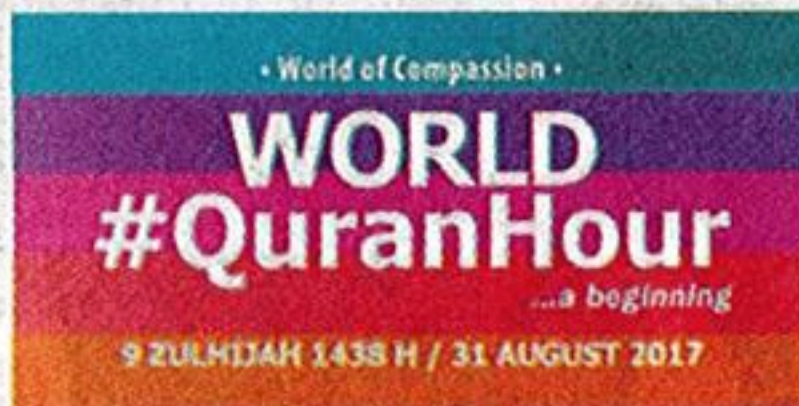
SERDANG: Despite many religious activities being organised to bring Muslims closer to the Quran, such efforts are often being taken for granted.

In saying this, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) Islamic Centre director Mat Razi Abdullah added that Muslims were “wandering aimlessly” when it came to understanding Islam.

“There are opportunities, such as free classes for Muslims, to learn about the Quran, but many of them don’t make use of them.

“Hopefully, when we support the World #QuranHour campaign at our university on Aug 31, it will cultivate the culture of reading the Quran,” he said at UPM’s Islamic Centre here, yesterday.

Mat Razi said that during the World #QuranHour campaign, which would be held at UPM’s



mosque at 9.45am, a total of 29 *qari* (reciters) would recite verses one until 29 of the Quran for an hour.

“After that, the public is welcome to join us to recite verse 30 together.

“The morning will be graced with a religious talk titled ‘Quran Penunjuk Sepanjang Zaman’ by Ustaz Zamri Zainuldin.

“We are expecting more than 300 people to join us. Many of them are UPM students, the mosque committee members and residents who live nearby among others.

“Foreign students from 27 countries are expected to come

as we have disseminated information on this programme to everyone,” said Mat Razi.

He hoped such programmes could encourage Muslim deviants to return to the teachings of the Quran.

“With the many challenges the world is facing now, this is an effort to bring Muslims back to the Quran and live our life based on its teachings,” Mat Razi said.

The World #QuranHour will be held in conjunction with the *wuquf* in Arafah, Mecca, on the 9th day of Zulhijjah of the Islamic calendar, which coincidentally falls on the same day as National Day on Aug 31.

For an hour, Quran recitations will be held to encourage reading, understanding and discussions of the holy scripture.

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