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Tajuk : Promote Islam Through Arts Too - Daud.



SPREADING THE MESSAGE: Daud (right), accompanied by Awang Hambali (left) and organising committee members, takes a good look at a banner on display at an exhibition booth.

Promote Islam through arts too — Daud

KUCHING: Muslims should strive to be creative and smart in spreading the teachings of Islam.

Assistant Minister in the Chief Minister's Office (Islamic Affairs) Datuk Daud Abdul Rahman, who made the call, said the misperception that arts, especially music, are forbidden in Islam should be corrected.

"Islam is a beautiful religion, and there is nothing wrong to spread the teachings of Islam through arts and music, as long as it is within the allowed context," he said at the closing of Borneo Islamic Arts Festival 2013 at the Teachers Training College (IPG) Batu Lintang yesterday.

Daud added that arts were

an alternative way to remind Muslims of their role towards the religion while at the same time improve their cognitive skills.

On the participation of trainee teachers in the festival, Daud said the festival served as a platform for them to look at the creative side of teachings.

"The students you will be teaching will be the generation to lead the country, so it is your duty to provide them with the best education. This challenge must be embraced by having great patience and will."

IPG Batu Lintang director Awang Hambali Awang Hamdan, in his speech, said the festival had been held annually since 2009. It was previously

known as Islamic Arts Week.

"The participants are from IPG Tun Razak, Sempoerna Polytech college, Polytechnic Kucing, Polytechnic Mukah, University Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas), UiTM Kota Samarahan and Universiti Islam Sharif Ali Brunei.

"We hope we can get participants from Kalimantan next year."

The festival, which was held from Sept 26 to 29, was meant to expose trainee teachers to the concept of arts in Islam, to foster greater ties among higher learning institutes, and to create a better organisation, especially among participants, in spreading the teachings of Islam.