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**T**HE Executive Diploma in Mosque Management (EDMM) offered by the Asia e University (AeU) is the first of its kind in Malaysia and will be offered to other Islamic countries around the world soon.

Recently, the AeU turned out the first batch of EDMM diploma-holders who had completed the course in School of Professional and Executive Education (SPEED).

Launched only in 2008, the EDMM course is a collaborative programme with the Islamic Religious Department of Perak (JAIP).

Raja Muda of Perak Raja Nazrin Shah ibni Sultan Azlan Muhibbuddin Shah presented the EDMM certificates to 45 administrators of Perak's mosques and JAIP employees.

At the same ceremony, 58 students also received their diploma in Tahfiz Al-Quran, a course conducted by JAIP.

Also present at the presentation ceremony at the Institut Tadbiran Islam Perak (INTIM) were Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abdul Kadir, state exco members, officials of the Islamic Religious Council of Perak and AeU president Prof Datuk Dr Ansary Ahmed.

The presence of State officials indicated the support for the development and growth of Islamic studies as part of life-long learning.



DYMM Raja Nazrin Shah ibni Sultan Azlan Muhibbuddin Shah, Raja Muda Perak Darul Ridzuan handing out the Diploma scroll to a student, witnessed by Profesor Datuk Dr Ansary Ahmed, president/CEO, AeU.

AeU developed the EDMM programme in 2008 with the aim to equip administrators in mosque management with the focus on strategic planning, programme management, marketing, information and communication technology and other areas.

The modules are delivered over one year in a flexible manner via online learning as well as face-to-face classes.

This programme is one of the comprehensive lists of offerings of professional development programmes by SPEED.

The diploma course in Tahfiz Al-Quran has been successfully carried out over the past 14 years by JAIP. It is a fully sponsored programme by the Perak state government and includes modules on Arabic, English, ICT, Tahfiz, Syariat, Taranum and Qiraat.

AeU is a dual-mode multinational university established in 2007. An initiative of the Federal government, it is set to be a prime mover for e-education in Asia. It has the support of 31 ACD member countries as confirmed by the Islamabad 2005 and DOHA 2006 ACD Ministerial Meetings.

AeU aspires to be a premier educational hub in promoting e-learning initiatives in Asia by being an instrument for greater cooperation in Asia and in narrowing the digital divide among communities to meet the future needs of Asia.

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