



Syed Ahmad (right) viewing the paintings accompanied by the university's Dean of Students Affair Dr Muhammed Nur Manuty.

## Promoting Islam through the arts

MORE Islamic arts should be promoted to enable the public to understand more about the philosophy and relationship between God, nature and man.

The Yang di-Pertua Negeri of Malacca Tun Syed Ahmad Syed Mahmud Shahabudin said this before opening an arts exhibition organised by the Creative Club of International Islamic University yesterday.

Syed Ahmad said the public should be aware of the importance of Islamic

arts as it can help eradicate false information on Islamic values in arts.

"The contribution from the artistic community is important to create awareness among the public."

The exhibition, themed *God, Nature and Man*, is on until Jan 30.

A total of 100 paintings by 40 artists are on display at the Al-Malik Faisal Hall.

Among the activities held in conjunction with the exhibition are a demonstration on *khat*, photography competition, drawing

contest for children, convention on Islamic art and paintings and book sale.

Among the artists involved are Ibrahim Hussein, Mohamed Salem Abdullah, Cheah Yew Saik, Osman Akhbar, Syed Thajudeen, Ruzaikha Omar Basaree, Margilland and painters from the Central Market.

The convention, bearing the same theme, will also be held on Jan 30. Topics to be discussed at the convention include *Philosophy and Civilisation of Islamic*

*Art* by Prof Syed Muhammad Naquib Al Atas and *The Role of Islamic Art and Painting in Preaching Dakwah: Between Tradition and Modern Technology*.

Among the panelists will be Prof Mahmood Saedon, Ruzaikha Omar Basaree and Prof Othman Bakar.

The convention will be open to the public.

"The exhibition is open from 9am to 6pm.

For more information, call the committee members at 7903265 or 7555322 ext 3265 or 3490.

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