**TOPIC**

Southern Thailand is home to Thailand’s Muslim minority and tensions between this community and the government in Bangkok have attracted world attention in recent years.

The Centre for the Study of Contemporary Islam is currently hosting three visitors from this region who are taking part in a ‘Leadership Program for Young Muslims from Southern Thailand’. The program is funded by the Australia-Thailand Institute in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

They will speak on topics including: ’Running an Islamic Private School in Southern Thailand’; ‘Islamic Studies Higher Education Programs in Southern Thailand’; and ‘How the Thai Government deals with Islamic Education in Southern Thailand’.

**PRESENTERS**

**Mr Phaisan Toryib** is the School Manager of the Attarkiah Islamiah School and the President of the Islamic Private School Association. He completed a BA (Political Science) at the Prince of Songkla University and a Graduate Diploma in Educational Administration at Thakskin University.

**Dr Niloh Wae-u-Seng** is a Lecturer at the College of Islamic Studies, Prince of Songkla University. He completed a B.A (Islamic Studies) and M.Ed (Educational Administration) at the Prince of Songkla University, and a PhD at the International Islamic University Malaysia.

**Mrs Lamaismart Prachwuttikul** is an Educator at the office of the Private Education Commission in the Ministry of Education, Thailand. She completed a B.Ed at Thornburi Teacher’s College and M.Ed (Education Administration) at Srinakharinwirot University.

Tea and coffee will be provided.

**When:** Monday 15 May, 2006  
1.00-2.00 PM

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