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Taking the taboo out of dying

Lien Foundation to analyse study on end-of-life issues and how best to deal with them

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GETTING every Singaporean talking about death and dying would help ease end-of-life issues higher up the national agenda, said 30 movers and shakers who were asked for their insights into the topic.

Fifty scholars should have a say in the future of end-of-life care for those at the end of their lives, and present-day laws supporting this should be reviewed.

Associate Professor Terry Kean from the Law Faculty at the National University of Singapore said: “The Advanced Medical Directive is cumbersome and needs updating.”

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He was one of 30 leaders interviewed for a study, commissioned by the philanthropic Lien Foundation to analyse end-of-life issues and how best to deal with them.

The Lien Foundation hopes to analyse the study, which will open in 2014. Both will be in Johor.

‘‘The trip lasts 30 days on average. Mecca, Saudi Arabia, at least once in their lifetime. It stands at 680 places, or 0.1 per cent of the Muslim community. Of those, 33 package tours are available. For haj pilgrims this year, Muis said yesterday that, as a result of feedback from past pilgrims, it has come up with 33 packages – including more moderately priced ones.

More details are at www.muis.gov.sg