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International organizations have always considered unity as a necessary prerequisite in sustaining political stability and restoring economic growth in a country. We are aware of the economic struggle today is one of eliminating underdevelopment through economic growth. It is undeniable fact that unity and stability are the drivers for accelerated economic growth and development. Every time when we discuss about Muslim unity, without doubt it should start with economic integration through intra-trade cooperation particularly among the Islamic countries.



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Unity for the Future of Muslim World Economy

Muslim nations are known as the world's major producers of primary resources, be it the 70 per cent oil reserves in the oil & gas sector and the biggest rubber and palm oil producers in the world as well as in the agricultural & fishery, gold and diamond sectors. They have built the tallest and the most state-of-the-art buildings on par, if not better, than the Western world, possess the strongest currencies and almost US\$4 trillion in trade volume with a population of over 2 billion Ummah around the world. However, despite such strong trade figures, they only control 17 per cent of that volume, with the EU, the United States of America and China controlling a staggering 83 per cent.

Hence, sadly say that Muslims can only play a marginal role in terms of business negotiations and technology advancements. It must be stated as well that there are also vast disparities in the GDP per capita of Muslim nations. Nevertheless, this should be viewed as an imperative for a greater economic unity rather than as obstacles for closer interactions.

We have heard numerous times about economically unstable Muslim countries have resorted to war and terrorism as a way to rebel and brutal crimes for survival. We have also read about the internal

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disunity among Muslims due to poverty caused by improper political and economic governance which leads to passive trade activities. Are all these would have happened if these nations possessed robust economic collaboration and a strong unity among fellow Muslims? Therefore, it must be emphasized here that economic strength is the catalyst in bringing about Muslim unity and world peace.

Referring to grave and multiple challenges being faced by the Muslims, there is definitely a need to impart the correct understanding of Islam and the importance of economic uplift as a means of empowering the Ummah. As a united initiative, this World Interfaith Harmony Week is timely to provide a focal point to promote peace and harmony as well as encourage tolerance regardless of religions, faiths or beliefs. Additionally, this organized effort will indirectly educate and promote the values of Islam to the world.



Dato Sri Najib Tun Razak

Malaysian Prime Minister

“THE REAL DIVIDE IS NOT BETWEEN MUSLIMS AND NON-MUSLIMS, OR BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING WORLDS, IT IS BETWEEN MODERATES AND EXTREMISTS,”

Prime Minister Dato Sri Najib Razak had covered the places of worship of the nation's five main religions centred in Brickfields, in conjunction with the World Interfaith Harmony Week. Najib visited the Sri Sakhti Karpaga Vinayagar temple and the Buddhist Maha Vihara temple, where he spoke about the need to hold on to the three principles of moderation, respecting those of other faiths, and fairness and being considerate.

He had started off at the Tamil Methodist Church earlier, before moving on to the Taoist Sam Kow

Tong temple and the Madrasathul Gouthiyyah Surau – stepping foot in the compound of each place but only entering the house of worship of the last one.

Najib handed over donations of RM30,000 to each house of worship. Malaysia is known to be a country where citizens of different faith and races co-exist peacefully.

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Solidarity

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The World Interfaith Harmony Week

The World Interfaith Harmony Week was first proposed at the UN General Assembly on September 23, 2010 by H.M. King Abdullah II of Jordan. Just under a month later, on October 20, 2010, it was unanimously adopted by the UN and henceforth the first week of February will be observed as a World Interfaith Harmony Week.

The World Interfaith Harmony Week is based on the pioneering work of [The Common Word initiative](#). This initiative, which started in 2007, called for Muslim and Christian leaders to engage in a dialogue based on two common fundamental religious Commandments; Love of God, and Love of the Neighbour, without nevertheless compromising any of their own religious

Some Letters of Support



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HARMONY SEMINAR RECOGNIZES TRAITS & TALENTS OF HUMANITY

The more the person recognizes and respects traits and talents within himself or herself, the more the person is likely to understand and admire the rest of the humanity. In effect this means just admiring others’ religions and tolerating to their beliefs that is the unique message of the International Seminar on Interfaith Harmony and Tolerance.

Each of us are various threads, by which the fabric of humanity is woven to keep the beauty of the world alive. This unique attire that unites the whole people together is strictly knit on marvelously arranged variety of threads, which differ in colours and creeds. Here the diversity provide the ultimate visual attraction to this integration and unity.



HM King Abdullah II of Jordan

It was a remarkable decision from the royal highness of Jordan for making the world peaceful, uniting various religions together with the common word between us, which was a strong foundation for wonderful formation of world Interfaith Harmony Week resolution of United Nations. The whole world united together to observe the Week of Harmony and Tolerance, when HM King Abdullah II of Jordan proposed a World Interfaith Harmony Week at the Plenary Session of the 65th UN General Assembly in New York on September 23, 2010. The proposal was adopted unanimously by the UN General Assembly in New York on the grounds that humanity bound together by the two shared commandments of 'Love of God and Love of the Neighbour' or 'Love of the Good and Love of the Neighbour'.

Religious groups and organizations join hands one another to spread the message of harmony and tolerance. The presidents and prime ministers of various countries play vital role in uniting the world order for a unique cause. Based on the same objectives of the World Interfaith Harmony Week, the International Islamic University Malaysia will collaborate with Department of National Unity, Prime Minister Department, Malaysia and Ma'din Academy, India is holding an International Seminar on Interfaith

Harmony & Tolerance and Award Ceremony on 26th February 2013 in International Islamic University Malaysia, Gombak Campus and a Harmony Visit Programme on February 27th and 28th at Department of Unity, Putra Jaya and Malacca respectively in connection with United Nations Interfaith Harmony Week.

The international seminar endeavours to promote the ongoing discussions and debates on tolerance among the religions, communities and groups and to open an avenue for further discussions on interfaith harmony and tolerance. This will surely be point for dialogue, cooperation and worldwide co-ordination between major scholars. This venture will be part of United Nations proposal for historic meetings, conferences and dialogue.

The World Interfaith Harmony Week is not a call to water down one's faith, but rather it's a call to respect our differences and personal beliefs and to unite around the basic principles that people of all beliefs agree upon and to understand that harmony can only come if we build upon a solid foundation of dialogues. It is hoped that this initiative will provide a focal point from which all people of goodwill can recognize that the common values they hold far outweigh the differences they have, and thus provide strong measures of peace and harmony.

THE INITIATIVE

This initiative will discuss uniting the mindset of people and encouraging tolerance. This seminar co-ordinates and unites the efforts of all groups, doing positive work with one focused theme which increases collective momentum and eliminating redundancy. This will permanently and regularly encourage the public to declare the peace and harmony. Moreover, teachers, students and researchers commit themselves on the record once in a year to peace and harmony.

We like to share our aims, objectives and encourage people to join in this UN-sponsored World Interfaith Harmony Week.

RATIONALE

The primary objective of the International Interfaith Harmony Award and Seminar visit is to spread the message of harmony and tolerance among the followers of religions, faith and beliefs. This venture recognizes the great efforts of those who contributed to the enhancement of interfaith harmony and tolerance in their own countries and beyond. It also wishes to strengthen the message of harmony and tolerance, which is the necessity to reduce anxiety, stress and personal pressure. This, especially in a secular society, is the time demanding initiative.

The organizers hope that the theme will boost the ongoing discussions and debates on tolerance among the religion, communities and groups, and open a new avenue for further discussion on this matter can shed light to these matters.

OBJECTIVES

1. To discuss uniting the mindset of people and encouraging tolerance.
2. To coordinate and unites the efforts of all groups, doing the positive work with one focused theme which increases collective momentum and eliminating redundancy.
3. To encourage the public to declare the peace and harmony.

RECOGNITIONS

The moral imperatives of all religions, convictions and beliefs call for peace, tolerance and mutual understanding will be recognized. This will reaffirm the mutual understanding and inter religious dialogue constitute important dimensions of a culture of peace. It is also essential to resist forces of division that spread misunderstanding and mistrusts.

THE EXPECTED OUTCOME

- To recognize the moral imperatives of all religions, convictions and beliefs call for peace, tolerance and mutual understanding.
- To reaffirm the mutual understanding and inter religious dialogue constitute important dimensions of a culture of peace
- To resist forces of division that spread misunderstanding and mistrusts especially among people.



AMBASSADORS CONCLAVE

Ambassadors are the real representative to proliferate epitome of their counties vision and mission. Here we form a unique conclave of ambassadors' for harmony and tolerance, which is one of the two very important sessions of the seminar.

Ambassadors of various countries will join together to think about harmony and tolerance among countries. This is an academic opening to harmony and tolerance among the nations and its cultures through their Malaysian ambassadors and high commissioners. This conclave will strongly think on the necessity of harmony among the nations and timely giving out of the great theme of harmony and whole heartedly supporting this great venture of United Nations Initiative.

HARMONY PROSPECTS AND MEDIA PERSPECTIVE

This is the era of new generation media, which play an important role in international politics and policy

making. Media can change the world by contributing much to interfaith harmony and tolerance. The second round table session of the conference will be discussing the role of media in the prosperity of harmony and tolerance.

The media discussion will be exclusively based on topic 'Harmony Prospects and Media Perspective'. This will be panel discussion attended by a number of media delegates from various countries to seriously think on what strategy of media can improve the harmony and tolerance among individuals, groups, societies and counties.

This will be relaying on the right way to spread the inevitable lessons of harmony and tolerance to the general public. It is a creative discussion focusing on the view points of media and the value of spreading message of harmony particularly to the individual and the society in general.

By **ABBAS PANAKKAL**

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“All religions spread the message of peace and humanity, teaching us to remove hatred against one and other through better understanding and cooperation. As we all know, religious disputes occurred various parts of the world and with that tension between followers of different religions appear to be increasing as well.”

Y. Bhg. Dato' Azman Amin bin Hassan,
Director-General of Dept of National Unity & Integration



Religious differences are sadly used by some to dehumanize the others. Fortunately, this is still limited to relatively a small section of the communities. We hope that, through interfaith effort such as the International Seminar on Interfaith Harmony and Tolerance, our peaceful and harmonious relations and its messages will spread across the world.

Our prime minister has urged all nations to choose moderation over extremism in an effort to promote international peace and harmony in his speech at 65th United Nations general assembly. He was expressing concern with the increasing trend in some parts of the world to perpetuate or even fuel Islamophobia. There for he called world leaders to embark on building a global movement of moderates from all faiths to work together to compact and marginalize extremists.

Our prime minister also took opportunity to relate Malaysian experience in managing issues of diversity, consisting of multi racial, multi cultural and democratic society world moderation- Wasatiyya- in Islamic tradition as the way to promote peace and harmony.

Let me share with you our government's efforts in promoting interfaith cooperation for enhancing and strengthening bridges between all communities.

1. Setting up committee for inter-religious understanding and harmony amongst adherent of all faith (JKMPKA).
2. Religion meditation training programme.
3. Bridges building programme.
4. Established religious relation units.

We are shifting our approaches in building the interfaith relationship from tolerance, accommodation and coexistence to promotion of respect, mutual understanding and cooperation. This approach further strengthened our social interaction in the process of creating sustainable social cohesion and harmonious community. In this journey we aim to continuously enjoy a peaceful and harmonious relationship between followers of all faith.

I hope that our foreign delegates will experience the moderation approach practices in Malaysia within your short stay.

I attended the International Seminar on Interfaith Harmony and Tolerance in 2012 as an inaugurator and really impressed with its effects on the society. So, this year Department of National Unity and Integration is an active partner in hosting this remarkable event. I salute the organizing committee and the delegates of the conference.



Mr. Muhammad Alungal: A JEWEL IN HEALTHCARE.



Mr. Muhammad Alungal, the Chairman and Managing Director of Al Abeer Medical Group, was selected for the prestigious special award on healthcare, which will be handed over in an auspicious session by Malaysian Prime Minister's Department of National Unity and Integration, International Islamic University

Malaysia and OIC Today in connection with the United Nations' harmony initiative. Y. Bhg. Datuk Rosnah Binti Hj Abdul Rashid Shirlin, deputy health minister of Malaysia will present the award to Mr. Alungal.

It is a special award for his excellent contribution in the field of health care sector of GCC countries as well as India. He is a jewel in the crown of health care sector of GGC and India providing sophisticated health care systems at affordable cost.

While people complete their education from books and enter in to a job or business, he is a person who completed his MBA in health care management from Washington International University after more than a decade's experience in health care industry.

Migrated to Saudi Arabia as part of the Gulf boom in the 1980s, he worked in many companies in different positions from 1980 to the latter half of 1990s. Later, he became the first Investor Visa holder in the Medical field in Saudi Arabia. The success story of Al Abeer Medical group is an example of the hard work and perseverance of Mr. Mohammed Alungal. Established in 1999 with a humble beginning with 36 employees and serving a patient count of 36,500, it grew to an unbelievable extend now having 2000 employees and serving 2.5 million patients every year.

Unquenchable when it comes to growth and success, the group is still expanding in to other GCC countries, the recent being a 100 bed project in the Sultanate of Oman. Al Abeer Medical Group is also horizontally expanding in to other fields like software development with Calmove Technologies in Techno park, Trivandrum, Kerala, Media and advertising (Core media, Jeddah), Medical tourism, Business process outsourcing etc.

As part of the visionary thought of the group's chairman, he has designed and announced Al Abeer Educity Project in Malappuram, Kerala State, India in 68 acres of land, as an Educational Hub from KG to Higher Secondary School with CBSE and International Syllabus, Medical College with an yearly intake of 150 students, Engineering College, Para medical courses and Business Administration School with courses in MBA and MHA. This project is mainly aiming at giving quality education with International standards under one umbrella at an affordable cost.

The Edu-city aims teaching, training and research in all fields. This institute will team up with philosophic, linguistic, administrative, management, technical, mechanical and medicinal genres of Human-care. This is a unique gateway to complete healthcare.

Educity will utilize the potential and academic strength of top medical universities of the world. It will introduce new generation courses designed by Harvard School of Medicine, Massachusetts Institute of Medical Science and Melbourne University in Medical Engineering and Medicinal Sciences.

The estimated project cost is 150 million USD. Mr. Alungal is also interested to expand his business to Malaysia.



IIUM

THE INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY MALAYSIA



About IIUM

The International Islamic University Malaysia also known as IIUM or UIAM, is a public publicly-funded university in Malaysia. Its main campus is located in Gombak, Selangor with its Centre for Foundation Studies situated in Petaling Jaya / Nilai and its medical-centric branch in Kuantan, Pahang. The university is sponsored by eight different governments from the Organisation of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC). It is completely distinct from the International Islamic University Islamabad, Pakistan and International Islamic University in Chittagong, Bangladesh. The University was established in 23 May 1983, founded on Islamic principles with the aim to become the premier Islamic university in the world. It was meant to be a comprehensive international high education institution, "inspired by the world-view of Tawhid and the Islamic philosophy of the unity of knowledge as well as its concept of holistic education". Islamic values are inculcated into all disciplines. At present, the University offers various bachelor, master's degree and Phd courses at its 13 faculties, also known as kuliyyah.

Philosophy

The philosophy of the University was inspired by the recommendations of the first World Conference on Muslim

Education held in Mecca in A.H. 1398/ A.D 1977. The spirit of this philosophy is based on the Holy Qur'an, in particular the five verses revealed to the Prophet Muhammad S.A.W., namely Al-Alaq, verses 1-5:

1. Read! In the name of the thy Lord and Cherisher, Who created
2. Created man, out of a leech-like clot :
3. Read! And thy Lord is Most Bountiful He Who taught (the use of) the Pen
4. Taught man that which he knew not

According to this philosophy, knowledge shall be propagated in the spirit of Tawhid, leading towards the recognition of Allah as the Absolute Creator and Master of mankind.

The spirit behind this recognition of Allah as the Lord of the World (Rabbal-Alamin) represents the apex in the hierarchy of knowledge. Thus, all disciplines of knowledge should lead towards subservience of this truth.

This is because knowledge is a form of trust (amanah) from Allah to man, and hence man should utilize knowledge according to Allah's will in performing his role as the servant and vicegerent (khalifah) of Allah on earth. In this way, the seeking of knowledge is regarded as an act of worship.

Welcome Message by the Rector

In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious,
the Most Merciful...

The International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) was established as a result of the recommendations of the First World Conference on Muslim Education held in Makkah in 1977, where scholars from various fields and from different parts of the world highlighted education as being the key to overcoming the plight of the Muslims, and where they deliberated on key issues such as the nature of man, the aims and objectives of Muslim education, and the concept of an Islamic university, which subsequently led to the blueprint on Muslim education. Among the recommendations at the conference was that Muslim educational systems should be based on the Islamic worldview, and that knowledge should be viewed from the Islamic perspective—otherwise known as the Islamization of knowledge. Hence, Islamization of knowledge has always been a major item on the agenda of this university and, because of this, IIUM's various academic disciplines are taught from both the Islamic and Western perspectives.

From its humble beginnings in the Petaling Jaya campus in 1983, the university, which started with only two inaugural programmes, the Bachelor of Economics, and the Bachelor of Laws, has now grown into a highly respected, internationally recognized university, with twelve faculties or kulliyahs and four institutes that offer numerous academic programmes. Our past must be recorded and our achievements evaluated, but we must at the same time consider the challenges our university will have to face in the years to come so that we can ensure that the IIUM will become an even greater source of



**Prof. Dato' Sri Dr.
Zaleha bt Kamarudin**
Rector of IIUM

pride to all concerned. We must be strong enough to shoulder our heavy responsibilities and amanah, thus making the IIUM a shining example of an international centre for research and excellence in the Muslim world.

IIUM still has many areas to improve on. There will be numerous colossal challenges in its road ahead, especially those that concern research. These include, among others, the challenges to engage in more groundbreaking research, to establish research clusters that will be points of reference to the outside world, to empower its academic staff to produce greater volumes of articles in cited journals, to encourage greater adoption of innovative ICT tools in teaching, learning and research, to attract more renowned scholars and researchers to come to the university, and to be listed as a world class institution of higher learning. We hope that the university will continue to grow and to develop, and we hope to achieve our goal of becoming a leading university which seeks to restore the dynamic and progressive role of the Muslim ummah in all branches of knowledge and to achieve our mission of integration, Islamization, internationalization, and comprehensive excellence.

International Interfaith Harmony Award for *Yasser Yamani*

Kuala Lumpur: Mr. Yasser Mohammad Abdo Yamani, Managing Director, Iqraa Foundation, has been selected for the esteemed Interfaith Harmony Award specially endowed with United Nations' Interfaith Harmony Week initiatives and observations.

Interfaith Harmony Award will be presented to Mr. Yasser Mohammad Abdo Yamani on 26th February in a special harmony seminar hosted in International Islamic university Malaysia Gombak campus with regards to his contribution in the field of Harmony and Tolerance.

His illustrious vision to improve the current status of the world by eradicating the poverty, which can be highlighted in this moment: "Helping people is at the core of our Belief; you have to contribute to charity and do something in your community and in other communities in order to feel balance in your life."

International Interfaith Harmony Award is the prime attraction of the International Seminar on Interfaith Harmony and Tolerance jointly organized by International Islamic University, prime Ministers

department of national unity and integration Malaysia and Madin Academy, Kerala, India.

The International Interfaith Harmony Week, United Nations initiative, seeks to spread the message of harmony and tolerance among the followers of religions, faiths and beliefs. It promotes the common basis of "Love of God and Love of the Neighbor, or Love of the Good and Love of the Neighbor". There are number of programmes, organized by various organizations around the world.

This award aims to strengthen the message of harmony and tolerance, which is the necessity to reduce anxiety, stress and personal pressure among the societies. This, especially in a secular society, is the time demanding initiative.

Mr. Yasser Mohammad
Abdo Yamani,
Managing Director, Iqraa
Foundation





Special Feature:
**REACH DIVINITY
THROUGH
RIGHTEOUSNESS**

Following are excerpts from an interview with Sayed Ibrahimul Khaleelul Bukhari, the Chairman of Ma'din movement. He spoke about the organizational details and the philosophy behind the novel initiatives:



What is the success secret of the Ma'din Academy?

In the inception year, in 1997, Ma'din had only 7 cents of land and 118 students. With Allah's Grace and the support and prayers of hundreds of thousands of people from all walks of life, we could achieve a steady growth. Ma'din has been trying to use new techniques and strategies with the blend of spiritual lessons. More than Intelligence Quotient and Emotional Quotient the new world is searching for Spiritual Quotient. So, we believe in uplifting the new generation with high moral spirit and social commitments.

Is Technorium a great technique towards that end?

Yes that is a right assessment. But, it is only a single access to attain the lost wealth of a believer. There is a holy words of Prophet, peace be upon him, that knowledge is the lost wealth of a believer. Technorium is an attempt to ease the way to accomplish wisdom. Human soul is striving for utmost wisdom, which can be attained through proper education. Madin

is facilitating the ground for the progression of generations. This is not an end. If I quote the poet, 'we have miles to go even before a sleep'. Madin aims the technical education to make the student competent enough to achieve the changes of time.

The mass appeal of the Ma'din prayer congregation is increasing year by year. How do you see this development?

In fact, it's a common fallacy that spirituality is only prayer. On the contrary, there is a broad dimension to spirituality. Any form of sincere effort to attain truthful goal can be spiritual. Education is one among them. We may be educated but there is still an obvious sort of gender and economic imbalance prevailing in our existing education system. Ma'din aims to minimize this imbalance by running educational institutes.

Please brief the origin and evolution of the Ramadan Swalath Congregation?

Twenty five years ago, we started it

as a small monthly prayer meeting. It used to be held on the last Thursdays of each Arabic month. Gradually, it culminated to a major event conducted on the 27th night of the Holy Month of Ramadan. Until a few years ago, the Swalath was not such a massive crowd-puller. But now, besides thousands of participants from across the country, people are also turning out from foreign countries to attend the Swalath.

How do you see the allegation of religious congregations assuming a terrorist disposition?

It's common knowledge that a prayer conference of this magnitude would not have happened without the whole-hearted support of people from all communities. Besides, I have the right conviction of the real tradition and culture of our country, which is based on utmost tolerance and religious harmony. Terrorism is not a product of any religion; rather it springs out of the crookedness of some tainted politicians who wanted to exploit the religion for political ends.

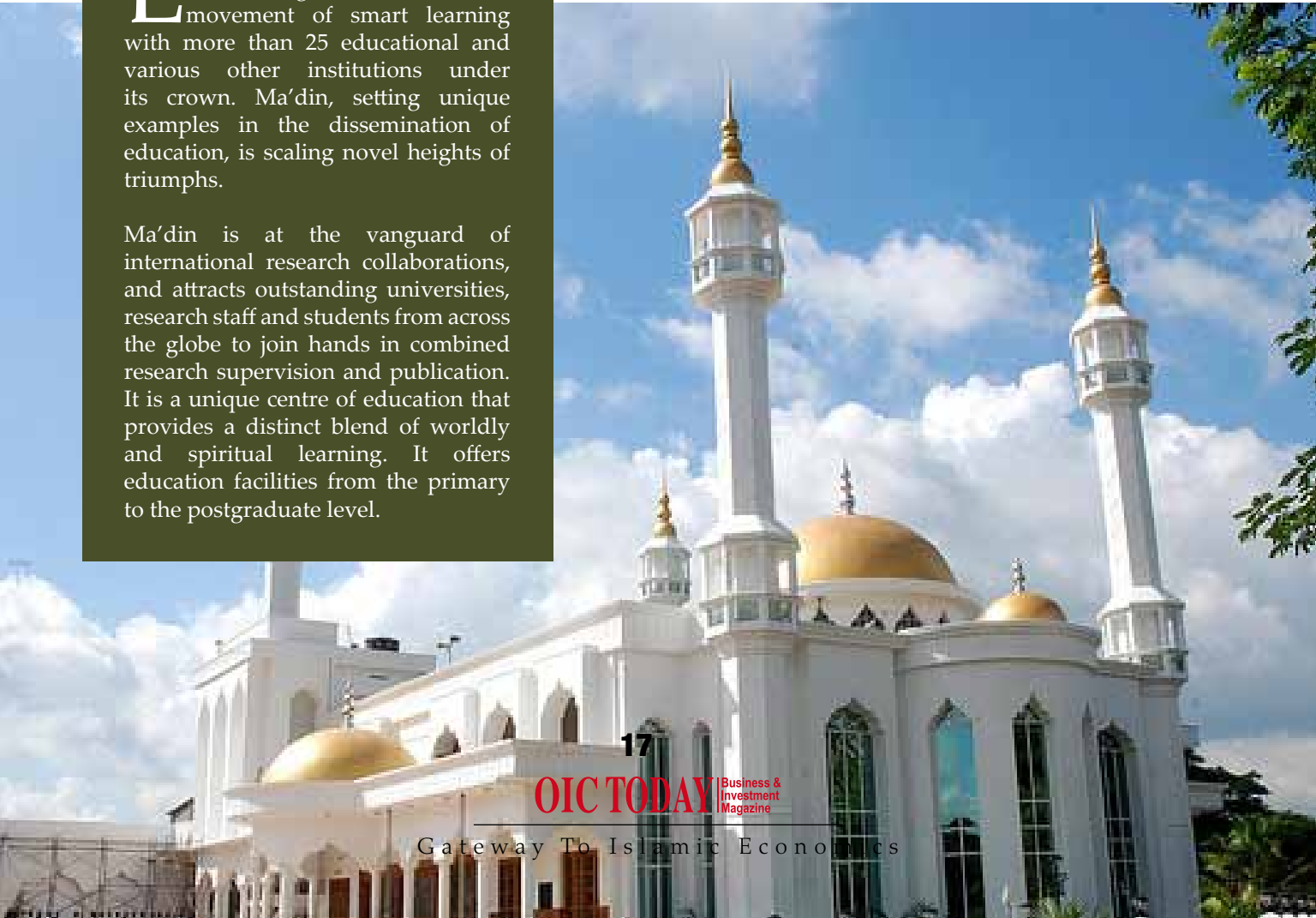
Ma'din:

TESTIMONY OF SUCCESS

Ma'din Academy aims the apex at the forefront of learning, teaching and research. It is the testimony of success, righteousness and high merit in the moral vista of educational and spiritual renaissance.

Established in 1997, Ma'din has now grown into a mass movement of smart learning with more than 25 educational and various other institutions under its crown. Ma'din, setting unique examples in the dissemination of education, is scaling novel heights of triumphs.

Ma'din is at the vanguard of international research collaborations, and attracts outstanding universities, research staff and students from across the globe to join hands in combined research supervision and publication. It is a unique centre of education that provides a distinct blend of worldly and spiritual learning. It offers education facilities from the primary to the postgraduate level.





Institutions under Ma'din

College of Islamic Sharee'a is the first educational institution to come up in the Ma'din Campus in 1997. It was meant to bring up scholars in religious matters and to impart higher education in theology. This college offers undergraduate postgraduate and PhD research programmes in Islamic Sharee'a. Ma'din Da'wa college offers undergraduate and post graduate programmes.

Qur'an College facilitates for the deep study of the Holy Words. There is a special section the learning of the Holy Quran by heart with Thajveed. Arts & Science College, affiliated to University of Calicut, offers undergraduate courses to lead the students through joint and collaborative initiatives to make significant

Polytechnic College offers three year diploma courses in Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical & Electronics Engineering and Computer Engineering. Industrial Training Institute is another venture of Ma'din in the field of vocational education. Madin develops multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary technical programmes, designed to address many challenges of the society.

Language Resource Centre is an attempt to promote and encourage the linguistic abilities of students. Diploma courses are designed as a solution to the problems arise in day to day communication of English, Spanish, Arabic and Hindi languages.

The home science centre offers certificate courses in home science and family development. It is also encourage women studies and the studies on social predicaments.

Ma'din School of Journalism is an institute for media studies on its campus. It is an endeavor towards a greater goal of producing outstanding media persons. Institute of Computer Technology offers diploma and certificate courses in computer hardware as well as software.

The research world is an academic entity working seriously on international relation, cooperation, research and publication. The centre urges various research study programmes in collaboration with international universities and research organizations. The Library and Research Centre is known for its vast collection of material, germane to serious research and academic enquiry. Model Academy is a new method of blending the worldly and spiritual learning. Ma'din Higher Secondary School also scripts a success story. It has both residential and day school facilities. Ma'din also runs an English medium public school along with the CBSE syllabus.

Residential School imparts quality education in a completely healthy and moral environment. The school has residential facilities for students from primary to higher secondary levels.

Charity Activities

Ma'din offers help to the poor and the down-trodden in the society, besides acting as a source of help to the hapless victims of natural calamities. The deaf, the dumb, the mentally challenged and the physically disabled all get the soothing touch. It provides facilities for education from the primary to the postgraduate level. It is a unique centre of education that provides a distinct blend of worldly and spiritual learning to every one of the society.

The orphanage is a worthy charitable venture of Ma'din. Hundreds of orphans are being taken care of in the Ma'din orphanage without making them feel the absence of their parents. Ma'din loudly proclaims that orphans are not to be sidelined and by no means to be disqualified from entering the mainstream of society.

The orphanage provides them all facilities free of cost. They are also given vocational training along with tips for personality development. In a friendly atmosphere they also are marching ahead to realize their dreams.

Ma'din Special School for the Blind accommodates children who are never reminded of their visual impairment but are mentally nourished by a group of well-trained teachers. It has all the facilities to impart them the right kind of education even while taking care of them in the most compassionate way. Ma'din is providing them all facilities including food, education, accommodation and free treatment.

Ma'din also has a special care unit for the deaf and dumb children. Well trained and experienced teachers take special care in dealing these kids. Besides conducting educational institutions for various sections of the society, Ma'din also offers scholarship to the poor and bright students to pursue their studies. There a number of other programmes to motivate students and enhance their abilities.

Knowledge Hunt

Ma'din Knowledge Hunt is a novel vision of teaching and learning. Here learners enjoy first hand experiences of the great civilizations and various cultures. It is specially designed course module that crosses the age limits and barriers of the class room walls. Students with support of subject expert explore the heritage and culture various countries. Students and teachers travel around the world. The programme has already covered countries like Saudi Arabia, UAE, Oman, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Palestine, Uzbekistan, China, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Brunei etc. This institute offers short term Certificate course in Islamic Heritage and Tourism.

Manuscripts Foundation

Ma'din takes much strain in collecting and preserving manuscripts, the living history of past. And it helps students and the researchers to decode the culture and heritage of the society from the scribes. The Foundation conducts seminars and classes to create awareness among the general public on the very private manuscripts, which are the properties of some families and restricted groups.

Taking care of manuscripts is preserving the cultural, ethnic, artistic, intellectual, civilizing footprints of the generations through lectures, seminars, publications and other outreach programmes. The centre encourages public's engagement with manuscripts. Our exclusive treasury of collected manuscripts reveals the way of addressing society, limitation of the era, vast number of old jargons.

Committed to ————— INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

Ma'din Academy has strengthened its educational and charity initiatives with the support of international universities, academic organizations, research entities and cultural foundations. Ma'din inked an agreement in 2010 with International Islamic University Malaysia for co-operation in various academic ventures. This was the first such arrangement between the IIUM and an Indian institution.

The agreement is for mutual understanding for exchanging students and teachers, facilitating research and publication in various fields, conducting international seminars and workshops and credit transfer between faculties. This enables students from India to pursue their higher study in 50 faculties and 150 academic programmes of IIUM.

A collaboration agreement has also been signed between Instituto Cervantes in New Delhi, a Spanish government organization and Ma'din Academy to impart Spanish language courses in Kerala. The Instituto Cervantes is a non-profit organization founded by the Government of Spain in 1991. Its mission is to promote Spanish language teaching as well as that of Spain's co-official languages, in addition to fostering knowledge of the cultures of Spanish-speaking countries throughout the world.

The chairman of Ma'din Academy, Sayyid Ibraheemul Khaleelul Bukhari visited Instituto Cervantes in New Delhi and held a discussion with the director of the centre, Mr. Oscar Pujol Reimbau on the possible collaborative ventures between both institutions. This is the first initiative from Kerala to teach Spanish from the authentic sources. According to the agreement signed by both parties, Instituto Cervantes will offer Spanish language courses from basic level to advance at Ma'din Spanish Academy, Malappuram and will provide native Spanish teachers for the successful completion of the courses.

Instituto Cervantes will also introduce their Spanish courses via the Spanish Virtual Classroom (Aula Virtual de Español: AVE) to the Students of Ma'din Spanish Academy. A Ma'din delegation led by its chairman Sayyid Bukhari visited Australia last year and succeeded to attract various universities to India. This visit was arranged by University of Southern Queensland and Ma'din has concrete plan to use USQ's potential for Technorium, the sophisticated edu tech hub under Ma'din Academy. Earlier, Sayyid Bukhari and Dr. KKN Kurup, the director general of Ma'din Academia for Research and International Studies, visited Zayed University in United Arab Emirates and discussed the possibilities of mutual collaboration.



Ma'din to host *'Alive in Our Hearts'* Programme in India

Initiative Aims to Spread The Harmony Message of Prophet PBUH

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates: Ma'din Academy inked an agreement with Tabah Foundation, the Abu Dhabi based leading research and consultation foundation with focus on reformulating modern Islamic discourse, to expand the prestigious 'Alive in our Hearts' programme, launched by Tabah Foundation to bond relations with the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH), in India through various activities and awareness programmes.

According to the agreement signed by both parties at Tabah Foundation's headquarters in Abu Dhabi, Ma'din Academy will implement, under the supervision of Tabah Foundation, a series of activities and programmes relating to 'Alive in our Hearts' programme in India. Furthermore, Tabah Foundation will provide consultations to enable Ma'din Academy to better implement the programme in line with the objectives of two entities to help greater segments of the community to know more on the Prophet's doctrine of moderation.

The agreement was signed by Mr. Noor Al Din Al Harthi, the CEO of Tabah Foundation, and Sheikh Ibrahim Khalil Al Bukhari, chairman of Ma'din Academy at the presence of Sheikh Al Habib Ali Al Jafri, Chairman of Tabah Foundation and representatives from both entities.

Commenting on the agreement, Al Habib Ali Al Jafri said, "The expansion of 'Alive in our Hearts' programme into India, the multicultural country where a huge number of Muslim live, comes at a very important time as the whole world is in urgent need to get closer to biography of the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) and to learn from his unique leadership, personality lessons for the whole humanity".

"Since the dawn of Islam, the Muslim Nation has closely associated with the great personality of the Prophet and his noble features. Such intellectual and spiritual relation that was relived over generations has purified the ethics of Muslims. We are now in need to consolidate this relation so that Muslims will be the best ambassadors of this noble religion", he added.

Al Jafri went on added that Tabah Foundation has been honoured to launch 'Alive in our Heart' programme some years ago which has been immensely hailed and echoed via its various forums such as Al Mahabbah Awards. "This initiative is part of Tabah Foundation's role in shedding more lights on the noble biography of the Prophet and to strengthen our relations and love of our community towards our greater Leader, especially

amongst the young who are the cornerstone of the progress of our nation in future."

Sheikh Ibrahim Al Bukhari has commended the commitment of Tabah Foundation to bring into centre stage the great biography of the Prophet and his noble life with an aim to spearhead the moderate and forgiving doctrine of Islam. "Ma'din Academy shares with Tabah Foundation such great objectives as there is an urgent need to shed more lights on biography of the Prophet who has taught the humanity great lessons for the goodness and charity".

Mr. Noor Aldin Al Harthi, the CEO of Tahab Foundation, said, "We are honoured to see that 'Alive in our Hearts' that was born in Abu Dhabi becoming a global programme reaching countries such as Jordan, Yemen, the UK and Canada where a great number of people have taken part in its various activities. The success of reaction towards this initiative that was implemented with no marketing or awareness campaign highlights the great love and respect people have towards our great Prophet", he said.

Tabah Foundation launched 'Alive in our Hearts' in 2006 to revive and bond relations with the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH). The programme encompassed various lectures, hymns, symposiums and forums as well as organising cultural and religious activities focusing on strengthening relations with the Prophet such as Al Mahabbah Awards that were organised in years 2006 and 2008.





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