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**4TH INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON INTERFAITH HARMONY & TOLERANCE
AND AWARD CEREMONY 2015**

IN CONJUNCTION WITH



**INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK
(UNITED NATIONS INITIATIVE)**

DATE/DAY:

4TH-5TH FEBRUARY 2015 (WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY)

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1. INTRODUCTION

IIUM Global Forum, International Islamic University Malaysia and Ma'din Academy, India will collaborate with The Ministry of Culture, Youth and Community Development; UAE, Department of National Unity & integration, Prime Minister Department, Malaysia and OIC Today Magazine to host the "4th International Seminar on Interfaith Harmony & Tolerance and Award Ceremony 2015" on 4th- 5th February 2015 (Wednesday - Thursday) in International Islamic University Malaysia, Gombak Campus. Harmony Visits at Department of Unity, Putrajaya and Sabah Island in connection with United Nations Interfaith Harmony Week.

The Seminar 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.

2. WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK

The World 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".

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 a strong dosage of peace and harmony.

3. THE INITIATIVE

This initiative will discuss uniting the mindset of people and encouraging tolerance.

To co-ordinate and unite 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.

4. RATIONALE

The primary objective of the International Interfaith Harmony Award & Seminar and visit is to spread the message of harmony and tolerance among the followers of religions, faith 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’.

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

5. OBJECTIVES

1. To discuss integration of unity of the mindset of people and to encourage of having more tolerance.
2. To coordinate and unite 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. TENTATIVE PROGRAM

DAY 1
4TH FEBRUARY 2015/WEDNESDAY

8.00AM – 9.00AM	REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST	Senate Hall Rectory, IIUM
09.00AM –11.00AM	<p><u>OPENING CEREMONY:</u></p> <p>-ARRIVAL OF GUESTS & PARTICIPANTS -ARRIVAL OF IIUM MANAGEMENT -ARRIVAL OF IIUM GOVERNORS AND MAJLIS MEMBERS</p> <p>-ARRIVAL OF: SAYYID IBRAHIMUL KHALEELUL BUKHARI CHAIRMAN, MA'DIN ACADEMY, INDIA</p> <p>-ARRIVAL OF: MR. L. GANDESAN DIRECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY AND INTEGRATION, PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT MALAYSIA</p> <p>-ARRIVAL OF: Y.BHG. DATO' SRI PROF. DR. ZALEHA KAMARUDDIN RECTOR INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY MALAYSIA</p> <p>-ARRIVAL OF: Y.BHG. TAN SRI DATO' SERI UTAMA DR. RAIS YATIM PRESIDENT INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY MALAYSIA</p> <p>-ARRIVAL OF: H. E. SHEIKH NAHYAN BIN MUBARAK AL NAHYAN MINISTER OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, UAE</p> <p>ARRIVAL OF: TAN SRI DATO' HJ. MUHYIDDIN BIN HJ. MOHD YASSIN (PROPOSED) DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA</p>	Senate Hall Rectory, IIUM

	<p>WELCOMING SPEECH BY:</p> <p>Y.BHG. TAN SRI DATO' SERI UTAMA DR. RAIS YATIM PRESIDENT INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY MALAYSIA</p> <p>KEYNOTE SPEECH BY:</p> <p>H. E. SHEIKH NAHYAN BIN MUBARAK AL NAHYAN MINISTER OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, UAE</p> <p>SPECIAL SPEECH BY:</p> <p>TAN SRI DATO' HJ. MUHYIDDIN BIN HJ. MOHD YASSIN (PROPOSED) DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA</p> <p>LIFE LONG ACHIEVMENT AWARD TO:</p> <p>H. E. SHEIKH NAHYAN BIN MUBARAK AL NAHYAN MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, UAE</p> <p>EXCELLENCE IN HEALTHCARE AWARD PRESENTATION TO:</p> <p>DR. SHAMSHEER VAYALIL MANAGING DIRECTOR, VPS HEALTHCARE, UAE</p>	
11.00AM –11.30AM	Tea Break	Banquet Hall

11:30 PM – 01.00 PM	<p><u>HARMONY ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION– 1</u></p> <p>Sub: Malaysia Experience</p> <p>-Will be conducted by:</p> <p>Department of National Unity and Integration, Prime Minister’s Department Malaysia</p>	Senate Hall Rectory, IIUM
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01.00 PM – 02.00 PM	LUNCH BREAK & ZUHR PRAYER	Banquet Hall
2.00 PM – 4.30 PM	<p><u>KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY:</u></p> <p>PROF. DR. IBRAHIM MOHAMED ZEIN Dean Kulliyah of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences, IIUM</p> <p><u>HARMONY ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION- 2</u></p> <p>SUB: “The Role of Interfaith & Harmony in solving the Humanitarian problems”</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>-Head/Chairman/Director General of World Humanitarian organizations</p>	Senate Hall Rectory, IIUM
04.00 PM	Refreshment & End of DAY 1	
08.00PM-10.00PM	GALA DINNER	TBD
<p>DAY 2 5TH FEBRUARY 2015/THURSDAY</p>		
8:00AM – 9:00AM	BREAK FAST	Banquet Hall
9:00AM – 11:00AM	<p><u>WELCOMING SPEECH BY:</u></p> <p>DR. BACHIR SOUALHI Chairman, IIUM Global Forum Director, office of the Deputy Rector, (Internationalization & Industry and Community Relations), International Islamic University Malaysia</p>	Senate Hall Rectory, IIUM

	<p><u>KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY:</u></p> <p>TAN SRI PROF. DR. MOHD KAMAL HASSAN Distinguished Professor & Former Rector International Islamic University Malaysia</p> <p><u>HARMONY ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION- 3</u></p> <p>SUB: UAE Experience</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Mr. Surender Singh Kandhari Rev. Canon Andrew Thompson Deacon Ashaia Haroun Mr. Mohan Jashanmal</p> <p>-UAE Delegation</p>	
11:00AM – 11:30AM	TEA BREAK	Banquet Hall
11:30AM – 1:00PM	<p><u>HARMONY ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION- 4</u></p> <p>SUB: “The Role of Youth in establishing harmony & peace in societies & communities”</p> <p>Panelists: -Youth leader & Youth researchers. -President/Chairman of Youth organizations.</p>	Senate Hall, Rectorry, IIUM
1:00PM – 2:00PM	LUNCH & ZUHR PRAYER	Banquet Hall
2:00PM – 4:00PM	<p><u>KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY:</u></p> <p>DR. YOUSEF AL HASSAN UAE</p> <p><u>HARMONY ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION- 5</u></p> <p>SUB: “How the Role of Interfaith can solve the</p>	Senate Hall, Rectorry, IIUM

	<p>Ethnic & Religious conflicts”</p> <p>PANELISTS:</p> <p>DR. ROBERT DICKSON CRANE Secretary to Richard Nixon, former US president and advisor of UN Interfaith Harmony Initiative</p> <p>PROF. DR. NASR ARIF Advisor to the Minister Ministry of Culture, Youth and Community Development, UAE</p> <p>DR. BRAIAN J ADAMS Director, Multi Faith Centre Griffit University, Australia</p>	
4:00PM – 5:00PM	<p><u>CLOSING CEREMONY:</u></p> <p>SPEECH BY:</p> <p>PROF. DR. ABDELAZIZ BERGHOUT Deputy Rector, (Internationalization & Industry and Community Relations) International Islamic University Malaysia</p> <p>SAYYID IBRAHIMUL KHALEELUL BUKHARI Chairman, Ma’din Academy, India</p> <p>CONCLUDING SPEECH BY:</p> <p>PROF. DATO’ SRI DR. ZALEHA KAMARUDDIN Rector International Islamic University, Malaysia</p> <p>-SOUVENIR PRESENTATION</p> <p>-END OF THE SEMINAR</p> <p>-PHOTO SESSION</p>	Senate Hall, Rectory, IIUM
5:00PM	HI TEA & DISPERSE	Banquet Hall