

REPORT ON WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK CELEBRATION AT KFUEIT, SOUTH PUNJAB, PAKISTAN

(Institute of Humanities and Arts, Khwaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology (KFUEIT), Pakistan)

Event Title: "United in Diversity: Promoting Interfaith Harmony"

The Institute of Humanities and Arts, Khwaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology (KFUEIT), in collaboration with Rural Educational and Economic Development Society (Reeds Pakistan), KFUIT Ethics and Peace for Sustainable Environment Society (KEPSES), Pakistan Interfaith Forum, and NGO "LIOS-SOIL" Vienna, Austria, successfully celebrated World Interfaith Harmony Week. The event was attended by leaders from Christian, Hindu, Muslim, and other religious communities, highlighting the spirit of unity and mutual respect.

Key Highlights: Grand Ceremony: A grand ceremony was held at the university's Civil Auditorium, attended by esteemed guests, including Vice Chancellor Prof. Ir. Dr. Amir Azam Khan, PhD (France), PEng (Pak), CEng (UK), FIMMM (UK), EUR ING (Brussels), Palmes Académiques (France).

Distinguished Speakers: Several distinguished speakers also addressed the gathering, including:

1-Vice Chancellor Prof. Ir. Dr. Amir Azam Khan, PhD (France), PEng (Pak), CEng (UK), FIMMM (UK), EUR ING (Brussels), Palmes Académiques (France).

2-Dr. Afsar Rathor, Founding Member of NGO "LIOS-SOIL" Vienna, Austria (Ex-Senior United Nations Diplomat for 27 Years & Worked in all Countries in the World).

3-Pastor Kamran Shafqat, Christian Religious Leader & In-charge, Day Care Church, Church of Pakistan, Multan Diocese; Guru Sukh Dev Ji, Hindu Religious Leader & Member, District Interfaith Harmony Committee, RYK;

4-Shahid Saleem, Executive Director, REEDS Pakistan & Member, District Interfaith Harmony Committee, RYK.

5- Vernon Anthony, Project Manager, REEDS Pakistan.

6-Babar Zaman, Member, Divisional Peace Committee, Bahawalpur.

7- Allama Riaz Noori, Divisional President JUP & Member, Divisional Peace Committee, BWP.

8-Allama Abdul Rouf Rabbani, Member, Divisional Peace Committee & JUI, RYK.

9- Father Emmanuel Sharif, Parish Priest, Holy Cross Catholic Church, Rahim Yar Khan.

10- Preetam Dass, Representative of Hindu Community, South Punjab

11-Suraj Kumar, Assistant Director Environment, RYK.

Peace Rally: After the seminar, a peace rally was organized in which all attendees, including religious scholars, university officials, and students, actively participated. The rally symbolized unity, coexistence, and the message of interfaith harmony, reinforcing the importance of respecting all faiths and promoting a peaceful society.

Interfaith Harmony Lunch: An interfaith lunch was hosted, bringing together people of different faiths to share a meal and engage in dialogue.

Exposure Visit: A visit was organized to various worship places of different religions, providing an opportunity for participants to learn about the other faiths and appreciate the diversity of faiths and traditions.

Certificate/Shield Distribution Ceremony: Certificates and shields were distributed to participants and organizers of the event, recognizing their contributions to promoting interfaith harmony and understanding.

Quotes from Distinguished Speakers: "The true essence of a peaceful world lies in mutual respect for all religions. As responsible citizens, it is our duty to honor each other's beliefs, religious ideologies, and sacred texts." - Vice Chancellor Prof. Ir. Dr. Amir Azam Khan - "We can only progress as a society when we accept diversity in religions, races, colors, and languages. The most successful

nations are those that welcome people from all backgrounds without discrimination." - Vice Chancellor Prof. Ir. Dr. Amir Azam Khan.

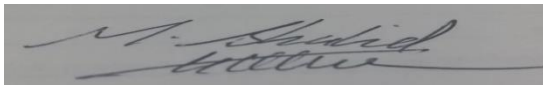
The speakers emphasized that Pakistan provides protection to all places of worship, including mosques, temples, and churches, ensuring religious freedom for all communities. They highlighted that tolerance, and brotherhood can only be maintained through collective efforts. The speakers also praised KFUEIT's commitment to promoting interfaith harmony, urging for more initiatives in the future.

Conclusion: The Interfaith Harmony Week celebrations at KFUEIT were a resounding success, promoting mutual respect, understanding, and peaceful coexistence among people of different faiths and backgrounds.

The event reinforced the university's dedication to fostering a peaceful and inclusive society, and its commitment to promoting interfaith harmony and understanding. And various political and social figures, faculty members, and large number of students attended the event, showing their support for interfaith harmony and peaceful coexistence.

Recommendations: Future Initiatives: KFUEIT should continue to organize such events to promote interfaith harmony and understanding. Collaboration: The university should collaborate with other organizations to promote interfaith harmony and peaceful coexistence. Community Engagement: The university should engage with the local community to promote interfaith harmony and understanding.

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