STUDENT SCIENTIFIC AND PRACTICAL CONFERENCE – TOLERANCE IN RELIGIOUS TEACHINGS

Date: February 5, 2025

Organizer: UNESCO Chair in Comparative Study of World Religions, International Islamic

Academy of Uzbekistan (IIAU)

Venue: International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan

Theme: "Human Fraternity and Interfaith Dialogue – A Factor of International Solidarity"

Target Audience: Students, faculty members, and religious scholars

Number of Attendees: Over 50 participants

World Interfaith Harmony Week: Promoting Tolerance and Unity

From February 4 to 8, 2025, the UNESCO Chair in Comparative Study of World Religions at the International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan (IIAU) organized a Week of Scientific, Cultural, Educational, and Sports Events dedicated to World Interfaith Harmony Week. Under the theme "Human Fraternity and Interfaith Dialogue – A Factor of International Solidarity," this initiative aimed to enhance interfaith cooperation, promote religious tolerance, and foster global solidarity.

As the fifth event in the week's celebrations, the UNESCO Chair in Comparative Study of World Religions organized a Student Scientific and Practical Conference on February 5, 2025, themed "Tolerance in Religious Teachings."

The conference brought together students from diverse academic and religious backgrounds, including participants from the **Imam Bukhari Tashkent Islamic Institute** and the **Tashkent Orthodox Seminary**. The event provided a vital **platform for interfaith dialogue, academic discussion, and knowledge exchange**, reinforcing the principles of **tolerance**, **religious harmony**, and mutual respect.

Aligned with the **UN Resolution on World Interfaith Harmony Week**, this conference was designed not only as an academic gathering but also as a **celebration of interfaith harmony itself**. By engaging young scholars in meaningful discussions, the event actively contributed to fostering **peaceful coexistence and human fraternity**.

Key Topics Discussed

- ✓ Interfaith Tolerance in Religious Teachings Examining how different religious traditions advocate for tolerance and respect.
- ∀ The Role of Religious Organizations in Fostering Tolerance and Human Fraternity Exploring the contributions of religious institutions in building social cohesion.

Distinguished Attendees and Collaboration

The conference was attended by:

- Students and faculty from IIAU, Imam Bukhari Tashkent Islamic Institute, and the Tashkent Orthodox Seminary Demonstrating academic collaboration in interfaith education.
- **Scholars and religious representatives** Providing insights into interfaith tolerance and religious teachings.
- Over 50 participants, including young researchers, who actively contributed to the discussions.

Despite limited resources, the event was successfully organized, showcasing the dedication and commitment of the UNESCO Chair to promoting interreligious dialogue and academic engagement. The diversity of perspectives enriched the discussions, making the conference a valuable initiative in the ongoing efforts for religious harmony.

The **Student Scientific and Practical Conference** had a profound impact on attendees by reinforcing key messages of **mutual respect**, **religious tolerance**, **and academic collaboration**.

- Encouraging Youth Engagement: The event empowered young scholars to take an active role in promoting interfaith dialogue through academic inquiry and discussion.
- Strengthening Interfaith Cooperation: By bringing together students from Islamic and Orthodox institutions, the conference fostered understanding and collaboration between different religious communities.
- Advancing the Goals of World Interfaith Harmony Week: The discussions aligned with the UNESCO Chair's mission to promote religious tolerance and human fraternity, reinforcing Uzbekistan's efforts in this field.

The Student Scientific and Practical Conference exemplified the power of education, dialogue, and interfaith collaboration in promoting peace and understanding. As part of World Interfaith Harmony Week, this initiative underscored the UNESCO Chair's commitment to nurturing a culture of tolerance, mutual respect, and academic exchange.

The event's success reaffirms that **consistent and meaningful interfaith dialogue is essential in fostering international solidarity and religious harmony**.

Photos from the event will be provided next.











