

**INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON  
INTERFAITH HARMONY & TOLERANCE  
AND AWARD CEREMONY 2013**

**IN CONNECTION WITH**



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

**ON:**

**26<sup>TH</sup> AND 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2013 (TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY)**

**ORGANIZED BY:**

**INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY MALAYSIA**

**IN COLLABORATION WITH**

**DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY  
PRIME MINISTER DEPARTMENT, MALAYSIA**

**MA'DIN ACADEMY, INDIA**



## **INTRODUCTION**

International Islamic University Malaysia will collaborate with Department of National Unity, Prime Minister Department, Malaysia and Ma'din Academy, India to hold an International Seminar on Interfaith Harmony & Tolerance and Award Ceremony on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2013 in International Islamic University Malaysia, Gombak Campus and a Harmony Visit Programme at Department of Unity, Putra Jaya on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February in connection with United Nations Interfaith Harmony Week.

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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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. 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

## **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.

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**TENTATIVE PROGRAM**

DATE/TIME	PROGRAM
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26-02-2013    8.30 AM – 9.00 AM	REGISTRATION
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09.00 AM – 10.30 AM	<p>OPENING CEREMONY <b>Launching of International Seminar</b></p> <p><b>Y.B. SENATOR TAN SRI DR. KOH TSU KOON,</b> <b>Hon. Minister In The Prime Minister’s Department</b></p> <p>KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY:</p> <p><b>Y. BHG. DATUK ROSNAH BINTI HJ ABDUL RASHID SHIRLIN</b> <b>Hon. Deputy Health Minister of Malaysia</b></p> <p>AWARD PRESENTATION TO:</p> <p><b>HE. SHEIKH YASSER MOHAMMED ABDO YAMANI</b> (Deputy CEO of CSR Affairs, Dallah Al Brakah Group and Managing Director, IQRA Foundation, Jeddah, KSA)</p> <p><b>Mr. ALUNGAL MUHAMMED</b> (Managing Director, AL ABEER MEDICAL GROUP, SAUDI ARABIA)</p> <p>FELICITATIONS:</p> <p><b>Mr. MANJALAM KUZHI ALI</b> (Hon. Minister for Urban and Minority Affairs, Govt. of Kerala, India)</p>
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	<p><b>DATUK AZMAN AMIN HASSAN</b> (Director General, National Unity and Integration Department, Malaysia)</p> <p><b>PROF. DATO' SRI DR. ZALEHA KAMARUDDIN</b> (Rector, International Islamic University, Malaysia)</p> <p><b>SHEIKH AFEFUDDHIN JEELANI</b> (Al Wariseen Trust, Malaysia)</p> <p><b>SAYYID IBRAHIMUL KHALEELUL BUKHARI</b> (Chairman, Ma'din Academy, India)</p>
10.30 AM – 11.00 AM	Morning Tea Break

11.00 AM – 01.00 PM	<p>AMBASSODORS' CONCLAVE</p> <p>KEYNOTE ADDRESS:</p> <p><b>DR. SHASHI THAROOR</b> (Hon. Minister of State for Human Resource Development, Govt. of India and former Under Secretary of United Nations)</p> <p>Ambassadors' of various countries will attend this session for dialogue, cooperation and worldwide co-ordination and to strengthen interfaith harmony and tolerance.</p>
01.00 PM – 02.00 PM	Lunch Break

2.00 PM – 4.00 PM	<p>ROUND TABLE SESSION</p> <p>SUBJECT:</p> <p><b>HARMONY PROSPECTS AND MEDIA PERSPECTIVE</b></p> <p>Various media representatives from different countries will present their view points on Interfaith Harmony and Tolerance</p>
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4.00 PM – 4.30 PM

Closing Ceremony

26, 02, 2013 07.00 M – 09.30 PM

HARMONY GALA DINNER AND APPRECIATION AWARDS

**HARMONY SPEECH:**

**MR. SHASHI THAROOR**

(Hon. Minister of State for Human Resource Development, Govt. of India and former Under Secretary of United Nations)

GUEST OF HONOUR:

**YB. DATO' SERI MOHAMED KHALED NORDIN**

(Minister, Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia)

**Mr. MANJALAM KUZHI ALI**

(Hon. Minister for Urban and Minority Affairs. Govt. of Kerala, India)

HARMONY HONOUR TO:

**SHEIKH AFEFUDHIN JEELANI**

(Al Wariseen Trust, Malaysia)

FELICITATIONS:

**PROF. DR. ABDELAZIZ BERGHOUT**

(Deputy Rector: International Islamic University).

**DATO' DR. RAJA MUAHMED ABDULLA**

(Chief Editor, OIC Today).

**DR. BACHIR SOUALHI**

(Director/Special Officer International Promotion and Scholarships International Islamic University)

	<p><b>DR. KKN KURUP</b>  (Former Vice Chancellor of University of Calicut, India)</p>
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<b>27, 02, 2013</b>	
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11.00 AM – 01.00 PM	<p><b>HARMONY VISITING PROGRAMME AT PUTRA JAYA</b></p> <p>Managed by Department of National Unity, Prime Minister department, Malaysia</p>
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01.00 PM- 02.00 PM	Harmony Lunch at Prime Minister's Department
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03.00PM – 05.00PM	Cultural Programmes and Putra Jaya boat race
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05.00PM – 05.30PM	Closing Ceremony
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