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The Tree under which the Messenger of Allah sought shelter, may the mercy and blessing of Allah be upon him

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From the President

Over the past few months, the University's agenda was full of activities with direct bearing on the environment and the need to conserve, preserve and rationalize in the consumption of natural resources.

During a two-day conference entitled: «The Second Conference on Environmental, Natural and Touristic Resources and Their Role in Developing Economic Investment in Jordan,» His Royal Highness Prince El-Hassan Bin Talal called for optimum utilization of the country's natural resources with a view to conserving these resources for future generations. The availability of a database on these resources, he said, would help in attaining this objective.

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(NCARTT) with the objective of serving the purposes of agricultural research in Jordan.

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As a matter of fact, these activities are part of a series of serious and sterling efforts that the University is exerting to render efficient services to the local environment and to contribute to the national effort in safeguarding the local environment and protecting the Kingdom's meager and ever-dwindling natural resources.

In the *Holy Qur'an*, God compels Muslims to respect the environment when He says, «Greater indeed than the creation of man is the creation of the heavens and the earth.» (40:57)

The Prophet Mohammad told his followers they would be rewarded by God for taking care of the Earth. He said: «If any Muslim plants any plant and a human being or an animal eats of it, he will be rewarded as if he had

given that much in charity.» (Sahih Al-Bukhari, 8:41). He also compared Muslims to a «fresh tender plant» that bends, but does not break, when afflicted with life's inevitable calamities. (Sahih Al-Bukhari, 7:547)

In Islamic history, Ottoman civilization provides us with another example of the seriousness with which Muslims have traditionally taken their environmental obligations. Ottoman viziers, or ministers, advising the sultan on matters of administration and policy regularly encouraged fine on matters deemed potentially damaging to future generations.

Innovations in technology are always hotly debated among scholars, all of whom recognize the importance of considering the long-term impact on both society and the environment.

In Islam, even the Earth has inalienable rights endowed by its Creator.

Sound ecological principles are not limited to Islam, and should be acted upon by practitioners of other faiths. Together, each and every

citizen can tackle the environmental problems that besiege our planet.

The University's practical and applied research and studies have turned the campus and its suburb into an oasis. This is an achievement which we are very much proud of. It is part of the University's lofty goals and sacred mission. Serving Islam and the Muslim *um-mah* has its varied forms and ways. It is not just in offering courses and disseminating theoretical knowledge and information that the University fulfills its mission. As a matter of fact, hand-in-hand with its academic role, goes the University's task in protecting the environment and caring for future generations. The ultimate objective is to enhance the health, safety and welfare of the people and to promote their overall economic and social well-being. This is an integral part of the dictates of Islam and a form of worship on the part of true citizens who have a deep sense of belonging to their nation.

Language Cooperation Discussed with Visiting French Cultural Counsellor



At the office of President Al-Abbadi

University

President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi received in his office on August 29, 2007, Mr. Pierre Colliot, Cultural Counsellor at the French Embassy in Amman.

High on the agenda of their discussions were means and ways of enhancing cooperative relations with counterpart French universities, via the help and support of the French Embassy and the French Government.

President Al-Abbadi emphasized the importance of opening bridges of cooperation between and among universities worldwide with a view to exchanging experience and gaining mutual understanding. The two sides discussed the French Language and Literature program offered by AL al-Bayt University and the need to continue dispatching students on short- and long-term missions to France to improve their language and to obtain graduate degrees from French universities.

Professor Al-Abbadi welcomed French students to join the University to study Arabic for non-native speakers of the language or to join other programs of interest to them.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Ahmad Alawneh, Vice-President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Jihad Majali, Vice-President for Administrative Affairs; and Director of the Department of Modern Languages.

Malaysian Delegation Informed About the Concept of the 'Amman Message'



Discussions with the Malaysian delegation

University

President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi received in his office on August 27, 2007, a Malaysian delegation representing a number of universities and institutions of higher education in Malaysia.

President Al-Abbadi briefed the guests on the establishment of the University and the programs it offers in Islamic Law and Arabic Language. He underscored the importance that the University attaches to Arabic language; the language of The Holy Qur'an.

During the visit, the two sides explored avenues of possible cooperation between counterpart universities, and the possibility of paving the way for an increased number of Malaysian students to gain admission to the University's programs in Islamic Law, Jurisprudence and Arabic for Non-native Speakers of the Language Program offered by the Language Centre.

At the end of the visit, President Al-Abbadi informed the visiting delegation about the text of the "Amman Message," which stresses the peaceful and tolerant message of Islam and vehemently rejects all forms of violence and discrimination.

Present at the meeting were the University Vice-Presidents, Deans of the various faculties and the Cultural Attaché at the Embassy of Malaysia in Jordan.

Later, members of the Malaysian delegation toured the Language and Computer Centers where they were briefed about the services they render to the University community.

Solidifying Links with Somali Universities



Part of the visit of the Somali Cultural Attaché

University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi received in his office on October 8, 2007, Mr. Idris Abdullah, Somali Cultural Attaché in Jordan.

During the meeting, the two sides explored the pos-

sibility of enhancing academic links between AL al-Bayt University, on one side, and counterpart academic institutions and universities in Somalia, on the other, in terms of faculty, student and publication exchanges, and the mounting of joint aca-

demical activities.

The admission of Somali students to the various programs offered by the University, particularly the Arabic for Non-native Speakers of the Language (ASOL) program was on the agenda of discussions. In this context, Dr. Al-Abbadi referred to the open-door policy adopted by the University in facilitating the admission of students from the various Arab and Muslim countries and their treatment on equal footing with their counterpart colleagues from Jordan when it comes to tuition fees and other services.

Iraqi Religious Delegation Visits University

An Iraqi Religious delegation from the city of Najaf in Iraq chaired by Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khagani was on an official visit to the University on September 27, 2007.

Receiving members of the delegation in his office, President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi briefed them on the University's philosophy which combines modern scientific knowledge with the teachings, concepts and principles of Islam and its lofty mission and teachings. As a matter of fact, this philosophy is a translation of the vision of the founder of this University, the late King Hussein, who wanted this University as a distinguished institution of higher education involved with rendering services for the Islamic Um-



Iraqi religious delegation briefed on the University's lofty mission

mah worldwide.

He also briefed them on the courses offered by the University in Islamic Jurisprudence and Law which are intended to deepen students' knowledge and appreciation of Arab and Muslim heritage.

At the end of the visit, President Al-Abbadi informed the visiting delegation about the

text of the « Amman Message,» which stresses the peaceful and tolerant message of Islam and vehemently rejects all forms of violence and discrimination.

Opportunities of future cooperation in the various fields were also discussed with the aim of protecting the image of Islam and disseminating its genuine teachings for future generations.

University to Initiate Links with Royal Jordanian Hashemite Documentation Center



Part of the discussions

On October 9, 2007, University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi received in his office Mr. Mohammad Al-Odwan, Director General of the Royal Jordanian Hashemite Documentation Center, accompanied by Mr. Zaid Abu Al-Itham, Audio-Visual Advisor in the Center.

The objective of the visit was to look into ways and means of initiating cooperation between the two institutions.

During the meeting, the two sides voiced their interest in exchanging information, manuscripts and microfilms in their possession with direct bearing on preserving Jordanian, Hashemite, Arab and Islamic heritage. Also discussed were issues pertaining to the exchange of information and expertise in the restoration, documentation and IT exchange of publications and books addressing archives and documentation technology or any other manuscripts that might be of help in developing the documentation know how techniques between them.

At the end of the meeting, President Al-Abbadi referred to the recent establishment of the Centre for Islamic Heritage Revival which is intended to conserve and preserve Islamic heritage and civilization, and most importantly, to inform the successive generations about the substantial contribution of Islamic civilization to the various fields of knowledge and science.

Charitable Fund Institution for Excelling Students in Saudi Arabia Discusses Cooperation

University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi received in his office on September 2, 2007, Dr. Omar Bamahsoun, Founding of the Charitable Fund Institution for Excelling Students in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



Al-Abbadi presenting the Saudi guest with the University shield

Discussions touched on issues pertaining to the allocation of a number of scholarships for excelling students from AL al-Bayt University as well as facilitating the mission of those foreign students who wish to study Arabic or Islamic-related studies at the University.

President Al-Abbadi referred to the ever-increasing number of foreign students who are joining the University each year, and the distinguished social and academic services offered to them to make their stay on campus rewarding and comfortable.

The visit provided an opportunity for the Saudi guest to gain further information about the university's programs in Arabic for Non-native Speakers of the Language, and other programs on Muslim Shar'ia (Law) and Jurisprudence studies.

ICT Cooperation Prospects Discussed with ICT Minister

University
President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi
received in his office on August 3, 2007, His Excellency Mr. Bassem Rousan, Minister of Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

High on the agenda of their discussions were means and ways of opening channels of cooperation between both institutions in issues pertaining to information and communication technologies.

In this context, the Minister pledged to help the University in providing each and every student at the University with a portable PC, to help them in accessing information needed for their research and study via the Internet and worldwide databases. The total estimated cost of this project is approximately US\$ 400 per PC, to be paid by the student on monthly installments that do not exceed JD 7 per installment/month.

During the meeting, President Al-Abbadi briefed the Minister on the strides made by the University in keeping abreast with modern technologies and in providing state-of-the-art computer and language labs to support the overall teaching/learning process and to provide quality education to students.

Prince El-Hassan Inaugurates Arabic for Speakers of Other Languages (ASOL) Program



Prince El-Hassan holding informal discussions with students



Prince El-Hassan inspecting Language Labs

His Royal Highness Prince El-Hassan urged students attending Arabic for Non-Native Speakers of the Language (ASOL) to participate effectively in all activities that foster human and friendly relationships with counterpart colleagues representing varied backgrounds and myriad cultures.

Patronizing the inauguration of the ASOL program offered by the Language Center of AL al-Bayt University, the Prince called on students to try to identify how Arabic influenced other languages, in its capacity as both the language of present-day media across North Africa and the Middle East (from Morocco to Iraq) and the language of the *Holy Qur'an*.

In his address on the occasion, University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi highlighted the social and academic services offered by the University for its non-Jordanian students. The policy of moderation and tolerance adopted by the University, he added, enabled it to successfully accommodate students of some 31 different nationalities on its campus.

Director of the Language Center Ali Rabba'i referred in his address to the role played by the Language Center in organizing tailor-cut courses in Arabic and Arab culture and civilization which benefited large numbers of students from the Muslim world. The Agreements reached between the center and counterpart centers in China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Bulgaria, and others attest to the popularity of the Arabic program which is attracting an ever-increased number of foreign students each year.

Al-Abbadi Inspects Progress on New On-going Projects on Campus



Part of the President's inspection tour



The President's inspection tour

On October 5, 2007, University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi inspected a number of on-going construction projects on campus. In a passing comment, President Al-Abbadi noted that these projects are designed to support the teaching/learning process on campus and to provide needed services and infrastructure for students; the cornerstone of any university.

The establishment of shaded and umbrella-covered areas are one of those projects. These areas are intended to protect students from rain during the winter and heat during the summer. Asphalted and short-cut roads on campus are also part of these projects which aim at expediting students' commutation from one faculty to another on campus.

During the tour, Dr. Al-Abbadi referred to a number of vital projects that the University has recently tendered like the New University Gate which will link the University campus with the city of Mafraq, a Liaison Office for the University and a Centre for Consultation and Studies in the capital city Amman, and the expansion/automation of al-Hashimiyyah Library services.

Informally chatting with students and hearing their views and complaints, Dr. Al-Abbadi confirmed that a special committee has been formed to offer a feasible solution for their transportation problem.

President Al-Abbadi was accompanied on this tour by Dr. Jihad Majali, Vice-President for Administrative Affairs; and a number of directors of administrative units at the University.

At an Invited Lecture at the National Defense College, Al-Abbadi Speaks About Islam as Part of the Ideology of Jordan

At the invitation of the National Defense College on August 21, 2007, University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi delivered a lecture on: "Islam in the Ideology of the Country of Jordan."

Referring to the establishment of Jordan, President Al-Abbadi noted that more than 90 percent of the population in Jordan adhere to Sunni Islam. Devotion to and identification with the faith is high. Islam is the established religion, and as such its institutions receive government support. The 1952 Constitution stipulates that the king and his successors must be Muslims and sons of Muslim parents.

In the early days of its advent and even today, Islam has shown - and is still showing - the way to a new world... a world that ensures a life of abundance, moral rectitude and salvation for mankind.

Islam has proved that it has the capacity to lead its *ummah* towards civilizational and scientific resplendence and political might and ability.

President Al-Abbadi referred to the role of AL al-Bayt University in promoting the genuine teachings of Islam via its various programs of study by combining and harmonizing modern scientific knowledge and methodology in teaching and research, on the one hand, and the requirements of belief and the clarity of vision, on the other.

... and Lectures on Isra' and Mi'raj at Balqa' Educational Directorate



Part of the lecture

On August 20, 2007, University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi gave an invited lecture at the Educational Directorate of Balqa'/Salt on Isra' and Mi'raj; an important event in the history of Islam.

(Glorified be He Who carried His servant by night from the Inviolable Place of Worship to the Far Distant Place of Worship the neighborhood whereof We have blessed, that We might show him of Our tokens! Lo! He, only He, is the Nearer, the Seer.) (Al-Israa' 17:1)

On 27 Rajab, Muslims remember Israa' and Mi'raj, the miraculous Night Journey and Ascension of the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him). This miraculous journey, President Al-Abbadi explained, establishes, among others, one important fact which attests to the status of the Prophet Mohammad, as he was chosen to lead all the prophets in prayer, and to go where no one else, not even Jibreel, was allowed.

He highlighted the sanctity of Al-Aqsa Mosque and the diligent efforts of the Royal Hashemite Family to repair this mosque and to re-construct its pulpit and furnish it with carpets with a view to preserving it in the best shape possible for many generations to come.

At the end of the lecture, President Al-Abbadi answered the questions raised by the audience on this sacred event.

To Mark the New Academic Year (2007/2008) President Al-Abbadi Meets with Students



The President's meeting with new students

To mark the new academic year (2007/2008), University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi met with new students who gained admission to AL al-Bayt University.

Welcoming the students, the President briefed them on the University's mission, philosophy and programs it offers across the various disciplines and specializations. "The paramount objective," he emphasized, "is to offer programs that meet students' educational needs and career goals in the future."

Besides formal classroom lectures, he said, students have an opportunity to participate in a wide range of extra-curricular activities, not to mention the Internet and Computer Halls made accessible to them. He voiced hope that students would respect the University's laws, by-laws and regulations and would, at the same time, respect each others' viewpoints and opinions and abandon aggressive or intolerant attitudes or behaviors. He emphasized, in this regard, the University's emphasis in molding the character of students in line with genuine Islamic teachings and values coupled with characteristics of contemporary civilization.

He voiced hope that deans, faculty members and chairmen of the various departments would hold periodic meetings with students, with a view to giving them an opportunity to air their views and to address any problems or inconveniences students might encounter throughout the years they spend at the University.

An informal dialogue with the students ensued during which President Al-Abbadi answered the questions posed by students and assured them of rich and productive years in store for them.

During Discussions with Omani First Secretary, President Unveils Plans to Upgrade the Omani Studies Unit into a Center



Discussions with the Omani First Secretary

University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi received in his office on September 13, 2007, the First Secretary in the Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman Ali Daramki.

The visit provided an opportunity for the two sides to revise on-going collaboration between the academic institutions of both countries, via the good offices of the Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman in Jordan.

In particular, President Al-Abbadi recognized the sterling efforts exerted by the Embassy in furthering friendly and productive relations between the two countries and in contributing to the promotion of bilateral academic exchanges. He referred in this context to the Omani Studies Unit that has been established within the premises of the University. He noted that the support provided by the Omani partners to this unit and to the various activities it hosted managed to have profound and lasting impact on Jordan-Omani educational relations.

During the meeting, President Al-Abbadi unveiled plans on the part of the University to upgrade the Omani Studies Unit into a full-fledged Center with a view to further activating its research and studies activities.

On behalf of AL al-Bayt University, President Al-Abbadi thanked Mr. Daramki for the generous contribution of JD 100,000 in support of this unit.

Mafraq Marks International Day for the Eradication of Illiteracy

Jordan is among the top three countries in the region that rank high in the fight against illiteracy, with less than 9 per cent of the Kingdom's population unable to read or write, according to Ministry of Education Secretary General Tayseer Nueimi. Addressing a ceremony which convened at Al-Hussein Bin Ali Auditorium at AL al-Bayt University to mark the International Day for the Eradication of Illiteracy, Mr. Nueimi said the country's persistent efforts resulted in the leap from 88 per cent illiteracy in 1952 to as low as 8.9 per cent currently.

Nueimi said the Ministry of Education established 277 adult education and literacy centers, all but 32 of which are for women, that are presently providing basic education to 3,560 people. The Ministry provides stationary, textbooks and teachers as well as nurseries to encourage women who attend the courses to stay in the program.

Adult education and illiteracy centres (introduced in 1952) as well as mandatory



Part of the celebration

education until the age of 16 (which began in 1987) have all helped gradually reduce illiteracy, which stood at 13 per cent in 2000, Nueimi said.

The Ministry seeks to achieve the international goal of decreasing illiteracy rates to 6 per cent by 2010 and completely eradicating it by 2015, he added.

According to Nueimi, Jordan is achieving the goals of the UNESCO's World Education Forum held in Dakar, Senegal, in April 2000, which are to provide learning opportunities, achieve gender parity, eradicate illiteracy and improve the quality of education.

The UNESCO Office Director in Amman Qutb Khan

said there are 70 million illiterate people in the Middle East, mainly in Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Sudan and Yemen.

There are some seven million school-age children working and educational systems in the region are facing challenges in terms of taking in children in increasing numbers and keeping them from dropping out, Mr. Nueimi said.

At the end of the ceremony, Mr. Nueimi presented awards and prizes to the students and teachers of adult literacy centers.

University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi attended the ceremony.

During a Two-Day Conference at the University, Prince El-Hassan Calls for Conservation of Natural Resources



The inauguration session

Under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince El-Hassan Bin Talal, AL al-Bayt University organized: “The Second Conference on Environmental, Natural and Touristic Resources and Their Role in Developing Economic Investment in Jordan.”

Held in cooperation with the Jordanian Society for the Development of Natural resources, the two-day conference addressed research papers tackling scientific techniques and methodologies on means and ways of protecting

Jordan’s scarce resources.

Prince Al-Hassan reiterated the timely relevance of the conference’s main theme given the dire need of ensuring optimum utilization of the country’s natural resources with a view to conserving these resources for future generations. The availability of a database on these resources, he said, would help in attaining this objective.

University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi highlighted the role played by AL al-Bayt University

in joining national efforts in relation to environmental protection.

The conference was also addressed by Dr. Adnan Harahsheh, Dean of the Higher Institute of the Earth and Environmental Sciences; and Eng. Atallah Mashaqbeh, President of the Jordanian Society for the Development of Natural resources, who referred to the efforts exerted by their respective institutions in attaining overall sustainable development at the national and regional levels.

Water Status in Jordan, an Issue of Grave Concern



Part of the workshop

On behalf of University President, The Vice-President for Administrative Affairs Dr. Jihad Majali inaugurated a workshop entitled: "Water Status in Jordan and Future Strategies," which was organized by the University's Higher Institute of the Earth and Environmental Sciences.

Addressing the inaugural session, Dr. Majali noted that the gravest environmental challenge that Jordan is facing nowadays is the scarcity of its water. Indeed, water is the decisive factor in the population/resources equation. With Jordan's population expected to continue to rise, the gap between

water supply and demand threatens to widen significantly. Responding to the challenge, the government has adopted a multi-faceted approach designed to both reduce demand as well as increase supply. He said that rationalizing in water consumption and optimum utilization of available resources is now needed more than ever before.

Dr. Adnan Harahsheh, Dean of the Higher Institute of the Earth and Environmental Sciences, referred in his address to the University's establishment of the Higher Institute of the Earth and Environmental Sciences as well as the Strategic Environment and Water Re-

sources Research Unit to conduct studies and to undertake projects in the region which turned the University campus and its suburbs into real oasis.

Papers discussed during the various sessions included:

- Future Strategies of Water in the Region, by Dr. Mathias Toul from the University of Gottingen/Germany.
- Water Sources in the Kingdom and Future Strategies, by Dr. Elias Salameh, University of Jordan.
- Al-Bahrain Canal: An Optional Future Strategic Solution to Water Problems in the Region, by Dr. Abdul-Azeez Khulaifat, Mu'tah University.
- Dissemination of Consciousness on Water in the Kingdom and the Role of the Ministry of Water and Irrigation in Protecting Water Quality According to International Standards, by Eng. Ahmad Olaimat, Ministry of Water and Irrigation.

A Center for Islamic Studies in the Pipelines



Part of the graduation

University

President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi announced on August 19, 2007 that plans are now underway at the University to establish a Center for Islamic Studies.

President Al-Abbadi was addressing the graduation ceremony of a group of students who passed a course in Qur'an recital organized by Bilal Bin Rabbah Mosque in cooperation with the University's Center for Consultation, Technical and Community Service

Once established, the center will oversee a number of religious and cultural activities in keeping with the University philosophy and concept, with the objective of disseminating the true and genuine teachings of Islam.

The graduation ceremony included recitals from the *Holy Qur'an* by graduates and religious songs.

At the end of the ceremony, President Al-Abbadi distributed certificates amongst graduates.

The ceremony was attended by the Vice-Presidents, Deans of the Faculties, Imam of Bilal Bin Rabbah Mosque, and students.

University to Join Hands with NCARTT in Agricultural Research



The signing ceremony

A Memorandum of Understanding was reached last August between AL al-Bayt University and the National Center for Agricultural Research and Technology Transfer (NCARTT) with the objective of serving the purposes of agricultural research in Jordan.

Under this MOU, the two institutions are to join hands in supporting researchers from both institutions in their agricultural research and studies. At the same time, NCARTT is to provide needed supervision for graduate researchers from AL al-Bayt University and facilities for their training and practical research and studies.

The two sides are to cooperate in conducting joint research in line with national policies and to organize agricultural research plans to achieve agricultural development.

The MOU was signed, in the presence of University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi, by Dr. Adnan Harahsheh, Dean of the Higher Institute of the Earth and Environmental Sciences, on behalf of AL al-Bayt University; and by Dr. Samir Nsour, Director General of NCARTT, on behalf of NCARTT .

University to Work Hand-in-Hand with Jordan Environment Society in Promoting the Environment



The signing ceremony

AL al-Bayt University and the Jordan Environment Society/Mafraq Branch signed a Memorandum of Understanding on October 16, 2007, paving the way for close cooperation in environment-related activities and studies.

Under this MOU, the two sides are to work hand-in-hand in conducting research and studies and in mounting activities with direct bearing on the conservation and promotion of the local environment. This also involves the organization of workshops, conferences and symposia that aim at disseminating information amongst students and citizens on environment protection.

The MOU provides also for cooperation in recycling of solid waste with the objective of protecting the environment. At the same time, the MOU calls for coordination with all other concerned institutions in Jordan with the ultimate objective of securing national welfare.

In a passing comment, University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi noted that this MOU is part of the University's incessant efforts to serve the community and to conduct needed research and studies for protecting the environment and securing the welfare of the Mafraq local citizens.

The MOU was signed, in the presence of President Al-Abbadi, by Dr. Adnan Harahsheh, Dean of the Higher Institute of the Earth and Environmental Sciences, on behalf of AL al-Bayt University; and by Eng. Hayel Al-Omoush, President of the Jordan Environment Society on behalf of Society.

The University Vice-Presidents and representatives from the Society attended the signing ceremony.

Mou with Biblioslam



The signing ceremony

A Memorandum of Understanding was reached between AL al-Bayt University and Biblioislam, the academic site for “Islam Online” website.

Among other things, the MOU provides for the joint collaboration between both institutions in translating scholarly work on Islam. This also includes the translation of abstracts of Master’s and doctoral teachings, periodicals, proceedings of conferences, and all forms of research and studies that tackle Islam, provided that copyright issues are being protected.

The two sides also pledge to construct bridges of constructive cooperation with counterpart research centers in the Arab and Muslim worldwide to further support their mission.

The MOU was signed, by President Al-Abbadi, on behalf of AL al-Bayt University; and by Mr. Emad Hussein, Editor-in-Chief of «Islam Online» website and Director of Foreign Relations at Biblioislam, on behalf of Biblioislam.

Biblioislam.net is an academic site on Islam, Muslims, Arabs, and the Middle East. Biblioislam.net is the largest free access database that offers a diverse collection of academic and research publications. Biblioislam.net maintains more than 20,000 academic theses, books, journal articles, research essays and conference papers, with 2000 newly added publications every month, including Free Access, and Alerting Service.

President Al-Abbadi bids farewell to the University delegation on its way to perform Al-Omra Pilgrimage



Prof. Sami Shalhoub, a Historian of Islamic Mathematics and Astronomer from Aleppo University/Damascus lecturing on: "The Achievements of Arab Scientists and Astronomers and Their Impact on Europe"



The charitable bazaar that the University Day Care Center and Kindergarten organized on November 4, 2007. On display were gifts, watches, perfumes, clothes, books and folkloric costumes.

FAMILY

I ran into a stranger as he passed by,
“Oh excuse me please” was my reply.

He said, “Please excuse me too;
I wasn’t watching for you.”

We were very polite, this stranger and I.
We went on our way and we said good-
bye.

But at home, a different story is told,
How we treat our loved ones, young and
old.

Later that day, cooking the evening meal,
My son stood beside me very still.

When I turned, I nearly knocked him
down.
“Move out of the way,” I said with a
frown.

He walked away, his little heart broken.
I didn’t realize how harshly I’d spoken.

While I lay awake in bed,
God’s still small voice came to me and
said,

“While dealing with a stranger,
common courtesy you use,
but the family you love, you seem to
abuse.

Go and look on the kitchen floor,
You’ll find some flowers there by the
door.

Those are the flowers he brought for you.
He picked them himself: pink, yellow and
blue.

He stood very quietly not to spoil the
surprise,
You never saw the tears that filled his

little eyes.”

By this time, I felt very small,
And now my tears began to fall.

I quietly went and knelt by his bed;
“Wake up, little one, wake up,” I said.

“Are these the flowers you picked for
me?”
He smiled, “I found ‘em, out by the tree.

I picked ‘em because they’re pretty like
you.
I knew you’d like ‘em, especially the
blue.”

I said, “Son, I’m very sorry for the way I
acted today;
I shouldn’t have yelled at you that way.”
He said, “Oh, Mom, that’s okay.
I love you anyway.”

I said, “Son, I love you too,
and I do like the flowers, especially the
blue.”

FAMILY

Are you aware that if we died tomorrow,
the company
that we are working for could easily re-
place us in
a matter of days.
But the family we left behind will feel the
loss
for the rest of their lives.

And come to think of it, we pour our-
selves more
into work than into our own family,
an unwise investment indeed,
don’t you think?
So what is behind the story?

Do you know what the word FAMILY
means?

FAMILY = (F)ATHER (A)ND (M)OTHER (I) (L)OVE (Y)OU

Mobile Phone Tips

It is not only the choice of phone, but how you use it that is important when you want to control the amount of radiation you are exposed to. Here. You will find a few simple tips that can considerably reduce radiation and therefore also health risks.

- The further away from your body the phone is, the less radiation you are exposed to. Using a hands-free set is the easiest way to radically reduce the amount of radiation you are exposed to if you use a mobile phone.
- By covering large areas of the phone with your hand, you reduce its ability to send and receive signals. The phone then increases its power and transmits stronger radiation to compensate this. So hold the phone as far down as possible, so it can operate at low power.
- You can see the signal reception strength in the display. When reception is good, the phone reduces power and radiation. If reception is poor, the phone uses maximum power and radiation.
- If you have a regular phone, then make calls with it. The amount of radiation is directly connected to the length of time you talk on the mobile phone.
- The radiation you are exposed to is directly related to the time you spend talking on your phone. For longer calls, it is safer (and cheaper) to call from a regular phone.
- Do not use a mobile phone when driving a car. Stop at a safe place and talk.
- Do not use your mobile phone in places where there is a lot of electrical equipment, such as hospitals and aircraft.
- Do not bathe with your mobile phone.
- Do not let small children talk on your mobile phone for long periods. They are more susceptible than adults.
- Show consideration to those around you when you have your phone with you.
- Your colleagues may not be as keen on your phone as you are.
- Turn off your phone when you are in public places such as movie theatres and academic conferences.
- Make a habit of turning it off? it is good for you too.
- A mobile phone can be of great use when you really need it.

Just remember:

- Use a hands-free set
- Hold it at the bottom
- Get in the best position
- Use a regular phone if possible
- Don't talk too long
- Mobile phones are not suitable for use everywhere
- Show consideration to those around you.

HEADACHE? EAT FISH!

Eat plenty of fish -- fish oil helps prevent headaches. So does ginger, which reduces inflammation and pain.

TO PREVENT STROKE DRINK TEA!

Prevent buildup of fatty deposits on artery walls with regular doses of tea. (actually, tea suppresses appetite and keeps the pounds from invading....Green tea is great for our immune system)!

INSOMNIA (CAN'T SLEEP?) EAT HONEY!

Use honey as a tranquilizer and sedative. •••

HAY FEVER? EAT YOGURT!

Eat lots of yogurt. Also-eat honey from your area (local region) daily.

ASTHMA? EAT ONIONS!!!!

Eating onions helps ease constriction of bronchial tubes. (when I was young, my mother would make onion packs to place on our chest, helped the respiratory ailments and actually made us breathe better).

•UPSET STOMACH? BANANAS - GINGER!!!!

Bananas will settle an upset stomach.

Ginger will cure morning sickness and nausea.

ARTHRITIS? EAT FISH, TOO!!

Salmon, tuna, mackerel and sardines actually prevent arthritis. (fish has omega oils, good for our immune system)

•BONE PROBLEMS? EAT PINEAPPLE!!!

Bone fractures and osteoporosis can be prevented by the manganese in pineapple.

BLADDER INFECTION? DRINK CRANBERRY JUICE!!!!

High-acid cranberry juice controls harmful bacteria.

MEMORY PROBLEMS? EAT OYSTERS!

Oysters help improve your mental functioning by supplying much-needed zinc.

COLDS? EAT GARLIC!

Clear up that stuffy head with garlic. (remember, garlic lowers cholesterol, too.)

COUGHING? USE RED PEPPERS!!

A substance similar to that found in the cough syrups is found in hot red pepper. Use red (cayenne) pepper with caution-it can irritate your tummy.

ULCERS? EAT CABBAGE!!!

Cabbage contains chemicals that help heal both gastric and duodenal ulcers

CLOGGED ARTERIES? EAT AVOCADO!

Mono unsaturated fat in avocados lowers cholesterol.

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE? EAT CELERY AND OLIVE OIL!!!

Olive oil has been shown to lower blood pressure.

Celery contains a chemical that lowers pressure too.

BLOOD SUGAR IMBALANCE? EAT BROCCOLI AND PEANUTS!!!

The chromium in broccoli and peanuts helps regulate insulin and blood sugar.

Kiwi: Tiny but mighty. This is a good source of potassium, magnesium, Vitamin E and fiber. It's Vitamin C content is twice that of an orange.

Apple: An apple a day keeps the doctor away? Although an apple has a low Vitamin C content, it has antioxidants and flavonoids which enhances the activity of Vitamin C, thereby helping to lower the risks of colon cancer, heart attack & stroke.

Strawberry: Protective fruit. Strawberries have the highest total antioxidant power among major fruits and protects the body from cancer causing, blood vessels clogging free radicals. (Actually, any berry is good for you. They're high in anti-oxidants and they actually keep us young.....blueberries are the best and very versatile in the health field.....they get rid of all the free-radicals that invade our bodies)

Orange: Sweetest medicine. Taking 2 - 4 oranges a day may help keep colds away, lower cholesterol, prevent & dissolve kidney stones as well as lessen the risk of colon cancer.

Watermelon: Coolest Thirst Quencher. Composed of 92% water, it is also packed with a giant dose of glutathione which helps boost our immune system. They are also a key source of lycopene - the cancer fighting oxidant. Other nutrients found in watermelon are Vitamin C & Potassium. (watermelon also has natural substances [natural SPF sources] that keep the skin healthy, protecting the skin from those darn sun rays)

Guava & Papaya: Top awards for Vitamin C. They are the clear winners for their high Vitamin C content. Guava is also rich in fiber which helps prevent constipation.

Papaya is rich in carotene, this is good for the eyes and indigestion.

Tomatoes are very good as a preventative measure for men, keeps those prostate problems from invading their bodies.

Following is the full text of the address delivered by Dr. Abdel Salam Abbad, on behalf of His Majesty King Abdullah II Bin Al-Hussein to the World Conference on Dialogue among Religions and Civilizations which took place in Ohrid from 26-28 October 2007 under the title: “The Contribution of Religion and Culture to Peace, Mutual Respect and Cooperation”

***In the Name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate
The Creator of all Mankind
Peace and Prayers be Upon all his Chosen Prophets***

**Mr. President,
Excellencies,
Brothers,
Friends,
Distinguished Scholars,**

I am honored to be here today, among such distinguished scholars, to represent His Majesty King Abdullah II Bin Al Hussein, King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

At the outset, allow me to convey the greetings of His Majesty King Abdullah to all participants in the conference. To quote his very words, the King says: “Peace be upon you, we are looking forward with hope and anticipation to your conference and trust the deliberations of the various sessions would lead to results of optimum benefit for the Islamic ummah worldwide.”

Our thanks and appreciation also go to the President, Government and people of the Republic of Macedonia for hosting this universal event and overwhelming us with their generosity and kindness.

At this crucial stage in the Muslim world's relation with the West, convening this conference is quite timely and oportune. The world is in need for your thoughts and recommendations, with a view to establishing everlasting peace, and reaching constructive cooperative and friendly links between religions and nations. The ultimate objective is to avoid terrorism, maintain the unity of human beings and secure equal rights and opportunities to all mankind. This can only be attained by realizing human dignity, ensuring justice and social equality, respecting one another, and boosting the role of the family to build a strong and open-minded society. Indeed, what we all aspire to achieve is an end to all forms of occupation in our world and, subsequently, a world which is strongly based on the respect of the rights of nations to live in peace on their lands

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As part of a series of events and concrete efforts initiated by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan over the past two years, and spearheaded by His Majesty King Abdullah II Bin Al-Hussein, "The Amman Message" was spread with a view to presenting the world with the true picture of Islam as a major contributor to world civilization, and a major denouncer of terrorism and terrorist attacks.

In its major part, "The Amman Message" seeks to reveal a message of tolerance and humanity that rejects extremism as a deviation from Islamic beliefs; thus, stressing the true values of Islam and promoting a proper understanding of the faith which honors all human beings and provides common ground among different faiths and peoples.

God Almighty says in the Holy Quran "Mankind! We created you from a pair of a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes that you may know each other. The most honored of you in the sight of God is the most righteous of you."

I will not spend more time to explain what this message emphasizes as

I will provide you with a copy of its full text in Arabic, English, French and other languages. The copies are displayed on the desk at the entrance of this hall

However, I would like to emphasize that I am in full agreement with the main theme of this session; as we cannot build a practical peace between and among nations before we manage to build a practical peace between and among faiths and religions. Hence, it is very much important to hold more and more dialogues between and among religions and civilizations with a view to constructing bridges of mutual understanding, rapprochements and to respecting our differenced and varied opinions, viewpoints, cultures, backgrounds.

I would like to assure you that Islam denounces all forms of terrorism committed under its name. This point is elaborately discussed and clearly explained in “The Amman Message.” In this message, there is a clear cut distinction and differentiation between terrorism per se, and the act of resisting occupation in a civilized and rightful manner. You all agree with me that every nation has its full right to resist occupation and to fight terrorism, especially when it is being performed by a minority of followers of religion who do not well understand their religions.

I think our conference must emphasize this subject and deal with it very carefully.

I reiterate my thanks and would like to thank as well members of the Organization Committee for their efforts in organizing this event.

Peace be upon you all

On behalf of His Majesty King Abdullah II Bin Al-Hussein
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