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The Editorial

This issue of the Bulletin coincides with the publication of the new issue of the Journal Adyan and the 10th anniversary of the founding of the International Center for Interreligious Dialogue, which has fostered relationships with institutions throughout the world, and whose history is marked by a local and international impact, through its various interfaith activities.

We firmly believe that leaders have played a crucial role and contribute to the success of the DICID, through their continued and unfailing support, both financial and moral. The DICID has always been inspired by the Qatar National Vision 2030, based on the necessity of dialogue between cultures, and cultural openness, while preserving Arab and Islamic identity and values.

It is important to emphasize that the creation of the Center coincided with a critical turning point in the history of our world, which was shaken up by profound changes, putting humanity in difficult situations; wars, political crisis, sectarianism and civil war. The whole situation was shown the hideous and ugly and hateful face of humanity. But there is also, on the other hand, another human face that loves good and peace, believes in the values of justice, freedom and equality.

This is what made everyone, and in particular the peace-lovers, realize the necessity of dialogue and coexistence; that dialogue has become now an imperative, not a mere intellectual luxury. Therefore, we have, as an interfaith institution to be one of the multiple manifestations of that human face. Followers of religions, different civilizations and cultures have to contribute to the creation of an atmosphere of peace and justice, in a world beset by conflicts, ignorance, wars and hatred of the other.

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Our Vision: to be a role model to achieve a peaceful coexistence among followers of religions, and a global reference in the field of interfaith dialogue

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Spiritual and Intellectual security on the light of religious teachings

Scholars, academics, clerics, religious experts and researchers from Qatar and around the world discussed various issues under the theme, "Spiritual and Intellectual security on the light of religious teachings" at the 12th edition of the Doha Conference on Interfaith Dialogue, organized by the Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue.

The discussions were focused on four main panel discussions. The first was entitled «Religion and its Role in Spiritual and Intellectual Security». It discussed how intellectual security can enhance human values and principles, as well as create a sense of belonging.

The second panel was entitled «Destabilization of Moral and Intellectual Security». It discussed whether there is any religious or ideological context that can act as a background to violence.

The third panel discussion was entitled «Protecting Youth from Intellectual and Moral Violation and Cultural Alienation». The panelists discussed how to protect youth from spiritual and intellectual propaganda in the age of globalization.

The final panel discussion was entitled «Strategies for Protecting Spiritual and Intellectual Freedom and Security: Future Expectations». It explored the role of state institutions and other organizations in establishing religious, moral and cultural values in the minds and hearts of young people.

The Doha declaration on the Protection of Spiritual Intellectual Security,

At the end of the conference the Doha declaration on the Protection of Spiritual Intellectual Security was proclaimed by Mr. Mohammad ALGAMDI a member of DICID's Boards of Directors. He stressed the need to strengthen fraternal bonds between the three monotheistic religions and to establish cooperation among the disciples of these religions to achieve its goals for the establishment of the stability and peaceful world.



The Doha Award for Interfaith Dialogue

This Award was honored two institutions and two individuals

Institutions:

- **Mr. Petrit Salimi**

representing the Kosovo Ministry of Foreign Affairs Politician and Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kosovo, who actively contributed in the field of interreligious dialogue activities.

- **PONTANIMA**

An multinational, non-governmental interfaith organization, founded in 1996 in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, by Monk / **Efmarkovic**.

- **Organization Iman/Faith**

An interfaith organization, presided by **Rami Nashashibi**, and founded in 1997 by a team of students, residents and organizers, in Chicago, which aims to combat violence and poverty.

- **The Dialogue Institute**

An interfaith non-governmental organization, Presided by **Mr. Leonard Swidler**, founded in 1978 and headquartered at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Individuals

- **Pastor Rod Scott Bauer**

He is From the Anglican Church in Australia, and has invested much in the field of interreligious dialogue, participating in several international interfaith conferences.



Promoting a culture of dialogue Signing agreements with multiple parties

MOU with the Horizontal-Center for Cross-Cultural Understanding from Montenegro

The Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Horizontal-Center for Cross-Cultural Understanding. The signing ceremony was attended by officials from both sides. The Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue, was represented by HE Chairman Dr. Ibrahim Al-Naimi, and the Horizontal- Center was represented by Chairman Mr. Omar Khalil Kayoshai.

Dr. Ibrahim stressed that the DICID has already initiated diverse activities in the Balkans, such as Kosovo, Georgia, as well as Bosnia. He welcome to the new partnership with the Muslims of Montenegro, through this agreement.

Mr. Omar Khalil Kayoshay, Director of Afaq, said: «The Convention will contribute to making us work within an international network to promote dialogue.» In his speech, he noted that the Republic of Montenegro is a unique example of interfaith and intercultural dialogue, where different races and religions coexist, which share the same religion. He cited as an example, Catholics, Orthodox and Muslims, including Albanians and Bosnians, and other ethnicities.



MOU with the Qatar Debate Center

The Doha International center for interfaith dialogue has also signed a cooperation agreement, with Qatar debate Center, the DICID was represented by the Chairman Dr. Ibrahim Al-Naimi, and Qatar debate Center by Dr. Hayat Abdallah Marafi, the Chairman.

Dr. Ibrahim Al-Naimi, the DICID's chairman underscored that this agreement aims to set up basis for the preparation of the coming generations, based on the culture of dialogue, which is the best way to learn about the other.

From her side Dr. Hayat Marafi stressed that she was very optimistic to activate this memorandum on the ground through the various activities and wished that debate would become a lifestyle, as it is an essential part of the industry and the building of the human being to be active in society.





Radio program dialogue in Islam

The Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue, in cooperation with Qatar Charity, produced the radio program Dialogue in Islam, a talk show in 30 episodes throughout the holy month of Ramadan 1437H, bringing together Dr. Ahmed Abdel Rahim, researcher at the Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue and Broadcaster Mahmoud Salem. The main idea of the program was that dialogue is an Islamic rooted principle and an indispensable human asset to achieve peace, coexistence and acceptance of the other, believing in the year of difference between the people whom God wanted and the water and air indispensable for life. , And was important to the statement of this origin, and diligence in the search for knowledge and work for all Muslims and even others.



The first five episodes of the Dialogue from the Islamic perspective, its concept and purpose, its importance, its etiquette and its rules, and the presentation of the patterns of positive and negative dialogue, and the statement of the firm Islamic origin in the right of choice and freedom of difference, As well as the difference between dialogue, debate and.

The two main sections: First section: Sequences to review the models of Islamic dialogue with the other in the Koran and Sunnah: The dialogue in the Qoran , prophets, believers, unbelievers, people), As well as what was reported on the dialogue in the Prophetic Sunnah.

The second part was the Islamic non-Islamic dialogue and the inclusion of the remaining episodes. It included practical images that were linked to the contemporary human and Islamic reality to reach the true goal of dialogue, namely, coexistence and human peace, freedom of choice and recognition of differences and remaining years.



Dr. Ibrahim gave an interview to Kuwait News Agency

Dr. Ibrahim bin Saleh Al-Naimi indicated first of all that the Doha Centre for Interfaith Dialogue represents an Islamic beacon for promoting dialogue and culture of among peoples.

Dr. Al-Naimi pointed to the prevalence of misconceptions about the Islamic religion and the prevalence of the phenomenon of Islamophobia in a number of Western countries. He also highlighted that a number of Islamic centers specialized in interfaith dialogue are operating in the Arab world, as well as in the West, to combat Islamophobia. Their role is also to present the true image of Islam as a tolerant and peaceful religion. They seek to promote a constructive dialogue between religions for the benefit of humanity.

DICID is considered as one of the most important institutions that are active in the area of inter-religious dialogue. It seeks, through various means, including social networking, to promote dialogue between religions, understanding and coexistence between peoples, and consolidate the positive values among the youth.

He stressed the need for the continuation of the deepening of dialogue between the followers of divine religions to serve humanity and communities, and stressed the importance of the common efforts to combat «Islamophobic» and warn about its negative impacts on peaceful coexistence between people and mutual understanding among different faiths.

Dr. Al-Naimi praised the countries that have played an important role, by supporting comprehensive dialogue between the heavenly religions, including Islam, Christianity and Judaism , that allowed to establish an sustained cooperation among global organizations and centers concerned in this regard, in order to contribute in supporting global peace.

He noted the prevailing tolerance in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) with respect to the heavenly religions, that can reassure the different faith communities residing in that part of the world, pointing, in that regard that interfaith organizations have focused, in their meetings, on the common issues between religions, and have avoided the controversial issues and beliefs that cannot be bridged or overcome



Dialogue across the horizons

The activities of the Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue are not limited to local events. The Center has also representing the DICID in international interfaith conferences, throughout the world, often presenting papers on matters, as well as the DICID's objectives and its activities.

The Doha Center for Interfaith Dialogue attended the International conference entitled (Religion and Peace), held in Batmi – Georgia

Within the international interfaith event, the Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue, represented by the chairman, Dr. Ibrahim Saleh Al-Naimi, attended the international Conference, entitled "Religion and peace", held in Batmi, Georgia, and organized by the Georgian Muslim Association.

The Conference focused on the role of religion in promoting peace in the world. During the presentation of his paper, entitled "The status of peace in the heavenly religions", Dr. Ibrahim underlined that the heavenly religions agreed on the need of calling to peace and human dignity, as the sacred which should not be violated. Sounded, we must face the dangers threatening humanity today-wars and conflicts, extremism and terrorism. Participants also discussed the rights of Muslim minorities, in particular the rights of building places for worship without hindrances. The conference sessions addressed many of the issues related to world peace,

and impediments today's world facing such as conflicts, wars and sectarian conflicts. The debates focused on the need to give the Muslim minorities their rights, regarding the construction of mosques without hindrances, as well as the ways that facilitate integration within European society, as individuals active in all social spheres, especially in Batmi where a number of Muslims are still considered non citizens. During his intervention Dr. Ibrahim Al-Naimi pointed out that, from his view, the best way for Muslim integration, is not to create new political parties but to join the existing ones which are able to support their claims and demand rights, as well as participate in all other public activities without being isolated from society. He also suggests creating more educational opportunities for Muslim children in Batmi; so that can bring them to their goals in the nearest future. It is worth mentioning that the conference has been attended by number of thinkers and religious scholars from all over the world, and countries such as Ukraine, Netherlands, Denmark, Turkey. Among personalities was the Mufti of Ukraine Sheikh Ahmad Tamim and the British prominent Lord **Nazir Ahmed**.

As for the city, Batmi is a tourist town, located on the Georgia Turkish border, on the Black Sea. In the past, the city was composed of 100% Muslims, but in the Soviet Union period some of the Muslim population has been displaced. Therefore, Batmi's inhabitants became an ethnically diverse city composed of Russians, Christians, orthodox and Muslims. Although Muslims still remain the majority, with a half a million, they nevertheless feel persecuted by the government; the whole city has only one mosque.



Peace Message for Muslims & Jews in Argentina Society

from Dr. **Ibrahim Al-Naimi**, Chairman of DICID
on the occasion of the Holy Month of Ramadan 2016.

Dear Brother Ebelman,
Greetings from Qatar.

It's my pleasure and "Doha International Interfaith Dialogue Center", to send congratulations through to Muslim brothers and sisters in Argentina on the occasion of the Holy Month of Ramadan, and to thank the Jewish Organization in Latin America for inviting me to address your good community.


If people are of one nation they should be involved in their community's economic and social activities; and more importantly, share their religious rituals; which creates the spirit of tolerance, coexistence and peace. Muslims in Argentina remain part of a large social setting; consist of their brothers in humanity, and closer brothers of monotheistic religions who are the Jews. The relationship between Muslims and Jews had extended for almost 1,500 years, which has been perilous, as well as filled with opportunities that send the spirit of mutual understanding among them, and reduce ignorance and mutual suspicion; this will happen only through dialogue that plants the seeds of love and peace, and pave the way for the future development of a well-established relationship between Muslims and Jews.

No one can deny that Islam and Judaism are close monotheistic religions, in law and doctrine. We both are descendants of Abraham; who is our common spiritual father, and this will remain the light, which sent the spirit of love and peace among us, and share the ability to transform the pain, which, filling our current world, into hope and reconciliation, with clean hands, full of tolerance, solidarity and common destiny.

On the occasion of this good gathering during the holy month of Ramadan, I would like to remind you that according to the agreed moon-appearance in Jewish expectation, the first day of the month of Sivan in the year 5776 of the Jewish calendar, which claims to begin with the Creation, as estimated through biblical dates coincided with the first day of the Holy Month of Ramadan.

In Jewish tradition, the sixth day of Sivan (and for some, the seventh day as well) is observed as the anniversary of the Revelation of Torah through the assistance of the Prophet Moshe Rabbeinu, "Moses our Teacher," to the entire people assembled at Mount Sinai.

This close connection of the two dates of Revelation is rare. So we are pleased to be able to say -- To Muslims among the audience Ramadan Mubarak! To the Jews among the audience, Goodyontif, Chagsameyakh, Shavuot tov!



Muslims and Jews in Argentina are undoubtedly an integral part of the social and cultural large environment of the country. They are united by their common future in one nation, speaking one language.

The Seventh Roundtable Discussions among local Communities



addressed the issue:

Education for Expats in Qatar: Challenges and Support

The Seventh Roundtable discussions among local communities, organized on 26 November 2016, addressed the education of the expat children in Qatar, highlighting challenges and opportunities, as well as supports, covering all levels of education, schools and university, including the independent and private education and special needs. This event, organized by the Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue, follows in a series of meetings, started in 2010, in which the local communities discuss important issues.

These Roundtables are targeting Qatari society in all its components, and the Expat communities living in Qatar, by tackling issues that concern them, the objective is to spread and strengthen the culture of constructive dialogue, so as to build bridges of understanding between the local communities and acceptance of others on the basis of moral values through cultural and religious diversity. It also seeks to develop a common culture founded on tolerance and mutual respect.

The seventh Roundtable gathers scholars, intellectuals and academics, as well as representatives from the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, Qatar university and Hamad Ben Khalifa University; to discuss



topics and sub-topics as below:

Topic 1: Educational opportunities for expats in schools and university

Sub-topics:

- 1-Public education in independent schools
- 2-Providing educational rehabilitation services for individuals with special needs.
- 3-Higher education at universities in Qatar

Topic 2: Challenges facing the Expats for their children education

Sub-topics:

- 1-High fees of foreign and private schools and the disparity of educational level in some schools
- 2- insufficient number of schools for the number of students for some communities
- 3-Limited support for learning difficulties and students with special needs in independent schools
- 4- Limited proportion of admissions for Expats in Qatar University and Hamad Bin Khalifa University.





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الطاوله المستديرة السابعة للجاليات

أبناء المقيمين في قطر: تحديات ودعم



Topic 3: Support afforded to the Expats to educate their children

Sub-topics:

- 1-Private education in the Foreign and Private schools and develop standards to ensure the education quality
- 2- The method of applying for scholarship in Qatar University
- 3- The method of applying for scholarship in Hamad Bin Khalifa University
- 4- The method of request financial support at Hamad Bin Khalifa University

The Doha International center for Interfaith Dialogue hopes that these meetings will contribute to create a culture of dialogue and tolerance among different communities residing in Qatar, and also contribute to develop and improve the services provided to the communities. All these efforts will certainly strengthen the environment of peaceful coexistence and mutual understanding within Qatari society.

Roundtables

Roundtables are intended to set up a sustained constructive dialogue amongst local communities, intellectuals and university professors in Qatar to discuss the issues of interest to communities in Qatar, in order to strengthen confidence and establish peaceful coexistence between people with different cultures and backgrounds by building a platform of understanding and partnership based on common religious values.

Honoring Ceremony for the winners short story competition
On the sidelines of the round tables, the winners of the short story competition and the article, launched by the Center in cooperation with the Center for Cultural Creativity, were honored. The competition entitled "the Dialogue as a ground of communication among different cultures, religions, customs and language, so to present the Culture of Dialogue as an authentic social way of life, and a model for emerging the rising generations.

The winners :

- **Fatima Khalid Al Saad Al Kuwari** for the story of «Light at the End of the Tunnel.»
- **Anwar Sulaimani** for his «Dialogue of Life»
- **Shaima Mohammad** for her article «Dialogue»
- **Mohammed Abdul Tawab Ahmed,** for his article "dialogue remains the essential"
- **Mohammed Al-Adly Khalil, Laila Osama Al-Beheiry,** and finally **Razan Dulcimi,** were also among the winners.





DICID organized a training course for school students

Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue organized a training course for students (both male and female students), on dialogue skills. The aim of this course is to enhance the value of dialogue among new generations. 48 students from 20 High School attended this course.

During the training course, a number of conferences were presented:

- An introduction to the concept of dialogue, presented by Dr. Ahmed Abdul Rahim, Researcher at Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue.
- Fatima al-Harami's presentation focused on: steps to prepare an effective individual, and how to deal with those who are different from us; she also addressed the philosophical question: why are we created different?
- For his part, Dr. Badran Masoud ben Hassan, assistant professor at the Faculty of Islamic Studies, in Hamad bin Khalifa University, gave a lecture highlighting the commonalities existing between different religions, which can represent a basis of dialogue among followers from different faiths.
- Nadia al-Ashqar, from Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue/DICID, coordinator of the event, said that these courses targeting school students, aimed to spread the culture of dialogue and religious tolerance, inspired by Islamic teachings, in the school environment

that can contribute to foster a dialogue among young generations. Given that the Islamic ideology is open to different cultures and civilizations, this was an opportunity to provide the students with the skills of dialogue and to enable them to appreciate the culture of dialogue between religions and peaceful coexistence among adherents of different religions.

She added it was an attempt by the center to activate the shared religious values; and contribute to the treatment of human problems facing the world today, by focusing on educating young people skills to coexistence in a multicultural world.

For his part, said Dr. Ahmed Abdul Rahim, researcher Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue: Dialogue is an Islamic principle; it also human need, and a prerequisite for achieving peace and coexistence and acceptance of difference as a Divine law. Dialogue is one of the most important means to call to Allah Almighty, and therefore dialogue has become an urgent necessity, more than ever.

From her side, trainer Fatima al-Harami, said that the individual is an important building block in the family composition; she added that the family is basic unit of society, but nations can only develop through the power of their youth. So the importance of preparing an effective individual is a prerequisite condition of our

society development. That can be start by changing the basics in the individual.

As the difference in the creation is the Divine law, since the creation of Adam and Eve, it is therefore of the continuation of life; though differences, men and women began the reconstruction of earth. In fact without differences, the world cannot be developed.

Fatima al-Harami also stressed on the need for fairness with others, and taking into account the benefit and the harm, and also the need to understand the interlocutor's language .

It is worth mentioning that the call for dialogue has become an urgent necessity, imposed by existing cultural conflicts, required by international problems and crises in a row, which showed many directions, seeking to achieve rapprochement and mutual understanding and respect.

There have also been a lot of international covenants, conventions and declarations that uphold human rights, and criminalize wars, violence and dredge the arrogance and racism, which have contributed to the promotion of peace, cooperation and dialogue, creating hope for a future which heralds the demise of tyranny, the increasing recognition religious pluralism, cultural and civilizational diversity.

It has therefore become necessary to bring up new generations in a culture of dialogue, and give them the tools to be able to coexist positively with the other, and at the same time be consciously aware of the values of Arab and Islamic identity.





The interview with Dr. Ibrahim Al-Naimi In the 10th anniversary of the DICID's establishment

Since its inception in 2007, approved by the Amiri decree (20) of June 2010, the Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue has made a number of achievements in the field of dialogue, which earned it a reputation both at the national and international levels, as an institution committed to interreligious dialogue, with a view to promoting a culture of peace in the world.

After this successful phase, Dr. Ibrahim says, we want in the future, other institutions, to collaborate, based in our experience, we want to explore new areas of application of the Center's interfaith experience. Asked about the reasons for DICID's creation, the Chairman answered that the world has become one village, whose inhabitants are interdependent and overlapping, that because of the decline of the distances and the spread of technology to

communicate across continents language.

Hence the need to establish dialogue and promote reciprocal understanding among those who belong to different civilizations that cover religions, cultures, especially in light of the growing phenomena of extremism, ethnic, religious and sectarian intolerance; the Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue was established with the support of the State of Qatar in May 2007.

In addition to this, the Qatar National Vision 2030 that emphasizes the openness of cultures and civilizations and its interact with the world, has also contributed to DICID inception. Various activities are organized by DICID.

- DICID has launched the Doha International Prize for interfaith dialogue in 2013, which is intended to award individuals or institutions that have taken

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interfaith dialogue initiatives, which had a profound and sustainable impact in the lives of communities.

- The Roundtables are an opportunity to bring together citizens, local community members, religious leaders, in addition to the Academics, Governmental organization, to discuss issues of concern to Expat Communities living in Qatar, and At the same time open, through dialogue, bridges of understanding, and acquaintance about the commonalities between communities spectra Qatari society.
- Publication of an interfaith scholarly journal (Adyan/ Religions), Newsletters, studies and researches, as well as translation of interfaith books and studies.
- The Center has also produced a radio program, entitled "islam from islamic perspective", broadcasted throughout Ramadan.

Dr. Ibrahim Annaimi, Chairman of DICID, concluded that we seek to contribute to the strengthening of international peace, in our globalized village, in cooperation with all relevant actors, all over the world, to face hatred, racism and sectarianism.



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The Center has participated in the Book Fair

The Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue has participated in the Doha International Book Fair 2016. The DICID pavilion presented the most important activities of the center, as well as seminars and workshops, as evidence of the role played by DICID locally, regionally and globally. It also included the Arabic and English versions of proceedings of the Center, the 12th Doha international interfaith Conference, entitled «spiritual and intellectual security in the light of religious teachings», in addition to selected papers, from the same conference, in Arabic entitled «the spiritual and intellectual security in the light of the purposes of Islamic law,» authored by Dr. Ali Mohiuddin Ali AlQaradagi, and the second in English dealt with the concept of jihad and its impact on dialogue between religions, authored by Dr. Aref Abdullah.

The Center also produced a thirty episode radio program, came out in CD thirty episodes radio program, on the theme of «Dialogue in Islam», which was broadcasted over the radio in Qatar, during Ramadan, prepared by Dr. Ahmed Abdul Rahim, Researcher at the DICID, the program was held in the collaboration between the Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue, and Qatar Charity.

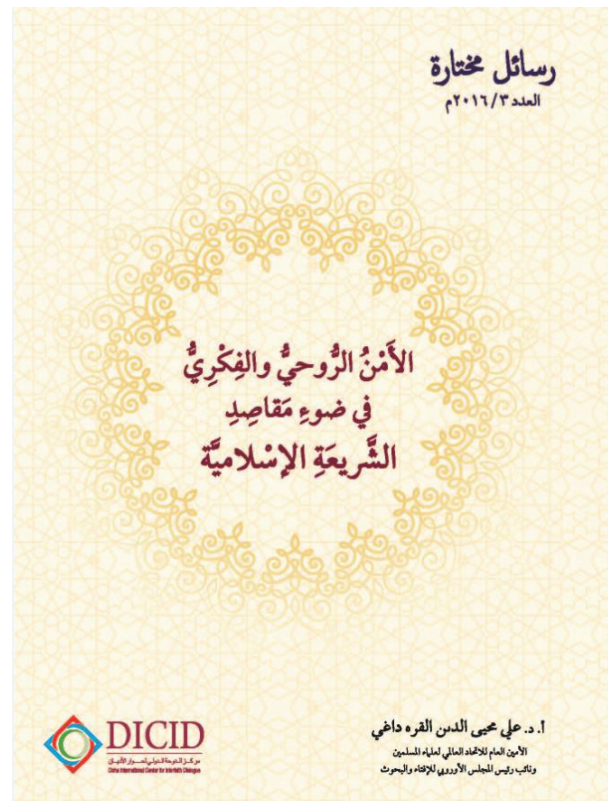
On the occasion of the participation in the Doha Book Fair, Dr. Ibrahim Saleh Al Naimi, Chairman of the Doha International Center for interfaith dialogue, declared : this is not our first participation in that event , and we are happy to take part in this cultural gathering , and it is an opportunity to embodies the intercultural and interfaith dialogue values, through books exchange ideas and interact, to make the contribute to create a better world tends to peace rather than conflict.

Dr Ibrahim added: that the Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue, has been organizing various activities and events, which embodied its own mission and vision, to spread the dialogue culture and the acceptance of differences in making and acceptance difference dialogue, either among local communities, or regional and global level.

On the sidelines of the exhibition held at Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue has organized two seminars: the first entitled “the problematic of the Arab-Islamic advancement”



presented by Dr. Yousef Mahmoud Asdeeky, Dean of Islamic Faculty in Qatar University, and member of DICID's Board of Directors. The second entitled “mental image and its impact on religious dialogue”, presented by Mokhtar Khawaja, journalist and Researcher in comparative religions.



“Problematic of the Arab and Islamic advancement”

The DICID has organized a Seminar on the theme of “the problematic of the Arab and Islamic advancement”, on the sidelines of the Doha international Book Fair presented by Prof. Yusuf Siddiqi, DICID’s member of the Board of Directors and the Dean of the Faculty of Islamic Studies at Qatar University. The seminar was attended by University professors, academics, students and the general public.

At the beginning of his talk, Dr. Yusuf Siddiqi pointed out that the Islamic world is experiencing a troubled period that might evolve into war, or at least a persistent deadlock. This situation is due to many reasons, some of which began in the seventies of the last century, and stated that the bitter war of June 67 has an influential role in the Muslim world crisis, which caused the break of the Arab conscience, and embodied the refraction of many national and nationalist political projects.

And also of the reasons for this crisis the emergence of an insatiable consumption, in our communities, far from the Muslim world and the real needs of the Arab people, and it became a concern with appearances, shapes often over substance, and the self, and needs objectivity.

One of the reasons as was said. Siddiqi tighten the grip of dictatorships, and exacerbation of political tyranny at the expense of freedoms, as the researcher believes that the spread of immoral things in our communities at the elite level, or the public. The lecturer noted to the sectarian conflicts, of the most serious causes of crisis at the moment, and that this conflict represents a major catastrophe, and said that the Western powers had hired these ideological differences, currently in conflict actually between Sunnis and Shiites, which persisted even included many Islamic and Arab countries.

The researcher said that the reasons for non-advancement, the large number of political parties, religious parties, which sects and parties Nations dispersed, although the Islamic religion and clear as it should be Muslims, which is selling out to the Islamic nation.



“ impact on the mental image on the dialogue”

On the sidelines of Doha International book fair, the DICID has organized a seminar entitled «impact mental image of the dialogue,» presented by Mr. Mukhtar al-Khawaja specialist in the field of religious discourse and ethics. Academics, students and others from the general public have attended the seminar.

Mukhtar al-Khawaja said at the beginning of his speech that the dialogue between civilizations and religions is an old issue. The dialogue will not be effective unless it is devoid of the negative impact of mental images.

As the researcher presented a definition of the mental image as a concept in the field of human and behavioral sciences such as media and psychology, and that as a tacit effect on any dialogue as its influence in the formulation generated content, and in our perception of the other party in the interior dialogue.

He also pointed out how to form mental images and mechanisms dismantled, and the researcher aimed, in this paper to provide ad valorem processing adjusts and supports dialogue, and reduce the impact of mental images, and please across these constituent paper to take advantage of the sustained media and communication science in favor of dialogue.



Dialogue ..

with East and West

The Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue is a major platform for all those interested in interfaith dialogue and cultural understanding among nations and cultures. The Center has received a number of personalities and delegations of institutions interested in the culture of dialogue and the promotion of global peace.



Visit of Bishop Camillo Ballin to the Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue

Bishop Camillo Ballin, from Bahrain, visited the DICID, on Monday 17 October, and met Dr. Ibrahim Saleh Al-Naimi, Chairman of Doha International Center Management for interfaith dialogue. Bishop Camillo Ballin is the Vicar Apostolic for the northern Arabian Peninsula (Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia), accompanied by the head of the Catholic Church in Doha, the Father Servraj Orukiam.

First of all, Bishop Camillo Ballin expressed his pleasure and eagerness to visit Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue, despite of his brief visit to Qatar, because of the important role an effective role of the DICID in building bridges among people and strengthening ties and deepening the dialogue between religions.

The discussions focused on the Catholic Church activities in the Arab countries, and its efforts to contribute to the efforts of dialogue and coexistence between different

faiths. It was mentioned that the church has been an active participant in the Doha interfaith Dialogue Conferences, from the beginning.

Dr. Al-Naimi emphasized the role of the DICID to pursue the promotion of the culture of peace and constructive dialogue between different faiths and its followers, and the rejection of intolerance, by mobilizing the religious values to address the issues and problems of concern for humanity.

The Chairman gave a short presentation of DICID's activities, in particular the specialized newly created library.

Finally, Bishop Camilo Ballini presented the Cardinal Poupard's institution, who is the founder of the Pontifical Council for Culture, and its main academic ongoing project, a translation of the dictionary of religions in two volumes, that highlights the diversity of faiths and cultures.

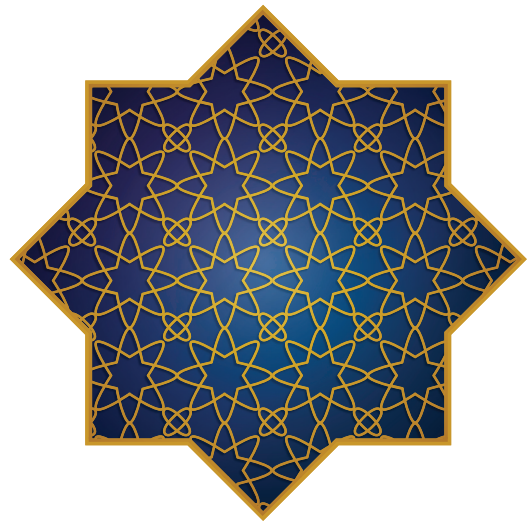
Young leader's delegation to the Doha Centre for Interfaith Dialogue.

A young leader's delegation from Europe and America visited DICID on 20 November 2016, and met with Dr. Ibrahim Saleh Al-Naimi, the Chairman. After welcoming the delegation, Dr. Al-Naimi gave a short presentation of DICID's activities, including the annual International Conference for Interfaith Dialogue, Roundtables which discuss issues related to the local Communities in Qatar, and the DICID's interfaith studies magazine, "Adyan". In addition to that DICID provide workshops targeting school students to train, educate and aware on dialogue skills, particularly the religious dialogue, so that can contribute to build bridges of communication, understanding, in order live with acceptance and respect of the differences within cultures and religions. It is worth mentioning that this youth delegation brings leaders from Europe and America, representing different areas of specialization, within the Alliance of Civilizations program, that aimed for deepening the mutual understanding between Europe, America and the Arab and Islamic countries. Such kind of cooperation will empower the young people in those countries, and the future leaders, to have a better understanding from different traditions within diverse civilizations, so to exploit that the differences between cultures and religions as a fruitful way for mutual enriching leading to establish a peaceful coexistence, mutual respect and cooperation among peoples.

For their part, the youth delegation praised the centers efforts to consolidate the culture of coexistence and dialogue between religious followers.

Then the members of delegations asked a number of questions related to DICID's activities, and the role of the Youth in particular.

In this regard, Dr. Ibrahim pointed out that the center has given priority to the youth sector, and striving to involve regularly the young people in its activities; the tenth conference focused on that issue, entitled «the role of youth in promoting the values of dialogue», in addition that the different round tables, always included aspects to youth, by focusing on communities residing in Qatar, which young people represent the majority.



Diplomats visit the center

The Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue earlier received HE Dr. Axelucabinhorst, the Australian Ambassador to Doha, who visited the Center in October 2016. During the visit, he discussed ways of enhancing cooperation between the Doha International Center for Interreligious Dialogue, and the Research centers and universities working on the interfaith dialogue fields in Australia.

Mr. TalatKarakulov, First Secretary of the Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan, has also visited the Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue, the Chairman Dr. Ibrahim gave him a short presentation about the Center'sactivities and its role in the interfaith dialogue.



Visit of delegation from Islamic Thought Council

The Chairman of DICID Dr. Ibrahim Saleh Al-Naimi met, on 7November 2016, Mawlana Muhammad Khan Chirani, chairman of Islamic Thought Council, and member of Pakistani Parliament, as well as member of Muslim Scholars Organization.

Dr. Al-Naimi welcomed the guests who were very happy to visit the DICID, during their short trip to Qatar, pointing out the important role of DICID in spreading the ethical values inspired by Islamic traditions, as well as promoting the culture of dialogue and tolerance, between different faiths to achieve peaceful coexistence among its followers. The delegation also praised the efforts of the DICID in strengthening the constructive dialogue between local communities.

The discussions focused on diverse common issues, including the topics such as peace and security in Islamic tradition, stating that peace is a precondition to implement the noble mission of the Succession (استخلاف) which Allah the Almighty Entrusted to ma. In this regard, the 12th DICID conference addressed the topic on "spiritual and intellectual security in the light of religious teachings".

From his side, Cheikh Muhammad Khan Chirani, explained that the dissensions are in fact not due to religious teachings but to its misunderstanding and malpractice.

In this point, Dr. Al-Naimi pointed out that there are still moderate intellectuals and scholars among all religious tradition followers, and the DICID thinks that

we should strive to open channels of communication and cooperation with them. He also mentioned the Conference held in Pakistan, in November 2015, on the topic of peaceful coexistence among religious beliefs, where DICID was represented by Mr. Muhammad Alghamidi, the DICID Boards of Directors member.

The Meeting was also Attended by Dr. Hafez ikram-Alhaq and Cheikh Ali Muhammad Abu-turab, as members of Islamic Thought Council. Dr. Hafez, from his side, praised the role of Pakistani ministry of Islamic Affairs that is striving to spread the culture of peace and calling for tolerance among Pakistani society components. To realize this goal, the Dialogue Centrewas established within the Ministry. Dr. Hafez has also indicated that Pakistan is a multi cultural faith society composed of a number of religious minorities such as Indus, Sikhs, Buddhists and Zoroastrians.

Then Dr. Al-Naimi gave a short presentation of DICID activities including the Conferences, the Round-table, the Publications, and other activities.

Finally shields were exchanged between the two sides.



The ninth issue of the scholarly journal Adyan/Religions



The Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue has published the ninth issue of its interfaith journal entitled Adyan or Religions, which is a bi-annual scientific journal, specialized in Religious Studies and Interfaith Dialogue, published in both Arabic and English.

This issue deals with the theme of «Peace in a World of Conflicts», where a number of specialized writers in the study of religions and comparative religions, have contributed with articles in Arabic, English and French.

The editors of the journal said it is important to discuss ideas and share views in a world of religious misunderstanding, violence and hijacking of religious teachings by political ideologies. They also hope that the Adyan project will provide

a space for meeting and understanding about common participants and common purposes of major religions around the world.

Dr. Mahamade Ali Mahamade stressed that it is important in the current circumstances of the world, to emphasize that religion is based on the values of peace and love, and hence should lead us to a peace, co-existence and cooperation, among the human being the benefit of the mankind.

The ninth issue of the magazine was entitled «Peace in a World of Conflicts.» The main purpose of this issue was focused on the research, studies and articles which dealt with the subject relating to the contribution of religious to spread peace in our world.

<http://www.dicid.org/library.php> .



HORIZONS

DICID has participated to the Qatar National Day celebrations 2016

The Doha Center for interfaith Dialogue took part to Qatar National Day celebration, in the cultural village, Katara, which falls on December 18 each year.

On 18 December 1878, Sheikh Jassem bin Mohamed bin Thani became the ruler of Qatar. With that, Qatar became a country with a vision... a country that would find unity, grow rapidly, and reach toward ever higher heights.

National Day, also known as Founder's Day, celebrates the rise of Sheikh Jassem as the father and founder of the State of Qatar. It gives people an occasion to honor the history and identity of their country, and to commemorate those who have worked and continue to work to make Qatar a great nation.

In this occasion, Dr. Ibrahim Al Nuaimi, Chairman of the DICID, stated that the Center chose the slogan for this year is : " Qatar a generous country", to highlight what they offer Qatar endeavors and international and regional efforts towards the consolidate the meanings of brotherhood and sincere cooperation in all spheres of political, social and human life, and to emphasize the lofty Islamic meanings of peace brotherhood and love. In Addition to that, among DICID activities, was a small station to teach children how to grow, the center has also prepared a three-stereoscopic models bearing phrases Arabic and English: Qatar gives Love - Qatar gives Peace - Qatar gives Friendship.

The cultural aspect that has characterized this year's event was a presentation of a mini-library for children's, where a number of free children books were, in the wing of the Ministry of culture. For his side the DICID has also distributed free English school book, in his wing to contribute to strengthen the reading among young people in Qatar. National Day this year was under the slogan of Qatar solidarity to the Syrian people, and namely the population trapped in Aleppo, by setting up the fundraising campaigns, all over the country, for the benefit of Aleppo.



DICID participated to the Sport Day's activities

Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue took part in the activities of Sports Day activities, in cooperation with Qatar University, and has organized sport competition, gathering different schools, such as Egyptian, Jordanian, Indian, Tunisian and Philippine schools; the event was hosted by Qatar University.

At the end of the event Dr. Ibrahim Al-Naimi Chairman of Doha International Center Management for interfaith dialogue has honored supervisors, as well as the participating students, and thanked all those who contributed to the success of this event, which has a spirit of brotherhood and fair competition, as this occasion contribute to enhancing the communicative and a culture of dialogue and coexistence between the different communities living on the territory of Qatar.

In his speech for this occasion, Dr. Ibrahim Al-Naimi Chairman of the Board of Directors said that Sports Day is an important event in Qatar, it is based on the philosophy of communication and partnership between the spectra of the society to practice sports days, to promote the value of sport in the everyday live. Therefore Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue, like many institutions, has decide to participate in this national event.

Dr. Al-Naimi also stated that it is a suitable opportunity for bring together schools from different communities, to share sport activities. In Fact, students cannot get such opportunities so often, it comes one a year, but its contributes to consolidate the spirit of co-existence, and the formation of lasting, and also an opportunity to get acquainted and remove barriers.

For his part, Nagy Ibrahim teacher Physical Education Egyptian School of Languages, added that we, as a school community, are represented, in this occasion, by a number of teams in different places, including, this event, in collaboration with the Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue, but such important events contribute to achieve what we can call Sport for All.

Mr. Ahmed Fathallah, Physical Education teacher, Jordanian school, said that is important to participate in this event; schools do not only provide science, but encourage students to practice activities, and such gathering helps them to communicate with the outside community, and refine their expertise and their cultural knowledge

