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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

It is with great pleasure and anticipation that I welcome you to the International Conference on Renewal and Reform of Islamic Thought and Civilisation (ICRITC'24). As we embark on this significant gathering, we are driven by a shared commitment to advancing the discourse on Islamic thought and civilisation in the contemporary world.

ICRITC'24 comes at a pivotal moment in history, where the Muslim *Ummah* is confronted with multifaceted challenges spanning global politics, environmental sustainability, economic governance, and societal development. Our collective objective in this conference is to delve into these pressing issues and to seek solutions rooted in the rich tradition of Islamic civilisational perspectives.

Throughout the conference, we will explore various dimensions of our objectives:

1. **Discussing Global Challenges:** We aim to dissect the intricate dynamics of global political, environmental, and economic governance, with a view towards offering Islamic insights and solutions that resonate with the complexities of our modern era.
2. **Revivalism and Renaissance:** By examining the emergence of thought advocating for the revitalisation and renaissance of Muslim societies, we seek to invigorate discussions on the intellectual and cultural renewal within our communities.
3. **Relevance of Past Scholars:** Recognising the enduring relevance of the thoughts and teachings of past scholars, our objective is to draw parallels between their wisdom and the contemporary challenges facing the *Ummah*.
4. **Methodology and Measures for Progress:** We will critically assess the methodologies and measures employed for the progress of the *Ummah* within the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and beyond, aiming for constructive dialogue and pragmatic solutions.
5. **Interdisciplinary Research for SDGs:** Through interdisciplinary and international collaborative research, we aspire to contribute meaningfully to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), bridging natural sciences, humanities, and social sciences for holistic solutions.
6. **Message to the Next Generation:** Drawing on the experiences and insights of the next generation of researchers, we will impart a message from a civilisational perspective, guiding future endeavours towards the betterment of humanity.

7. **Building Masyarakat Madani:** Central to our discussions is the vision of fostering an Islamic civil society grounded in ethics, morality, and good governance, offering a principled alternative to prevailing socio-economic paradigms.
8. **Futurist Challenges:** We will engage in foresight exercises to anticipate and address the challenges facing Malaysia, the ASEAN community, and the global arena, ensuring proactive and strategic responses.
9. **Recommendations and Resolutions:** Ultimately, our aim is to formulate actionable recommendations and resolutions that will pave the way for the renewal and reform of Islamic thought and civilisation, shaping a brighter future for generations to come.

As we convene for ICRITC'24, I extend my deepest gratitude to all participants for their dedication and enthusiasm towards our shared objectives. May this conference be a catalyst for transformative dialogue and collaborative action, propelling us towards a renewed and reformed Islamic thought and civilisation that embodies the values of compassion, justice, and progress.

Yours sincerely,

YB Senator Dr. Zulkifli Bin Hasan

Deputy Minister of Religious Affairs Malaysia

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

It is my utter pleasure to say a few words on this significant and timely conference organised by ISTAC-IIUM, a prominent centre of learning, reform and renewal in Malaysia and the world. Reform and renewal are universal processes and are always on going. They are processes that has occurred throughout the history of civilisations. In modern times, one of the most effective strategies at reform and renewal occurred in Europe, beginning from the early modern period.

This was when the Europeans, beginning with the Iberians, divided the world into two based on the agreement between the kingdoms of Spain and Portugal. This was signed as the Treaty of Tordesillas in 1494. The rest, they say, is history. But can/ should/ must the *Ummah*/ modern Muslim societies change the course of history (and modernisation and the future)? Should we prepare and equip ourselves with the colonisation of the future.

Unlike Muslims societies up to the time of the Abbasides, modern Muslims are exposed to diverse forms of cultural influences. Furthermore, there is an ever-dominating ideology within which we operate, despite Islam being our religion and daily consciousness. These are alien powers who try to dominate Muslims not only politically but also culturally and intellectually.

The situation has placed Muslim scholars and intellectuals in a precarious situation which are different from both their classical predecessors and their Western contemporaries. Modern Muslim scholars live in two cultural conditions - their own and that of the West. We have to work harder to arrive at a compatible position viz such ideas as democracy, human rights, and technological determinism.

We are proud that IIUM in this case has come to terms with the overriding concept of sustainability, its spiritual context and contents. I suppose, this is a leading example on how a Muslim university illustrates to the world a reform agenda in the global system. In the name of renewal and reform, we have shown that it is possible to modernise without having to Westernise.

But the normalcy remains an ideological landscape in the global cultural dynamics. And we have to use this as a tool to shift the paradigm for the future through identifying Black Swans and Black Elephants in the room. Breaking paradigms is the challenge of the conference. I hope participants will us this as an important forum for reform and renewal for the future.

Wassalam.

Yours Sincerely,

Emeritus Professor Tan Sri Dato' Dzulkipli bin Abdul Razak
Rector of International Islamic University Malaysia

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In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

I am delighted to write a 'Foreword' for the proceedings of the conference organised by the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilisation (ISTAC-IIUM), entitled, "Renewal and Reform of Islamic Thought and Civilisation: Enriching Islamic Discourse for Global Civilisational Relevance" which took place during April 23-24, 2024 at ISTAC building, the IIUM Kuala Lumpur campus. This really exemplifies the Institute's strategic efforts to fulfil institutional vision of rejuvenating the influential roles of the Islamic worldview in all fields of knowledge, ensuring the longevity of Islamic thought in addressing present challenges and dilemmas faced by the Islamic *Ummah* and the global community. The revitalisation of Islamic thought necessitates the incorporation of fresh ideas and solutions that are not only inventive and creative but also genuine and consistent with the principles and values of Islam and the authentic tradition of the Prophet (PBUH).

Renewal and reform of Islamic thought and civilisation encompass various approaches, such as: ensuring the applicability of Islamic thought and heritage to our present era and circumstances, safeguarding the genuineness of Islamic thought, revitalising the vitality of *Ijtihad* in all areas of knowledge, integrating compatible modern ideas and methodologies, engaging in dialogue and cultural exchange with contemporary people and cultures, and presenting inventive solutions to matters pertaining to individuals, families, societies, environments, economies, technologies, SDGs, and beyond.

The conference seeks to advance the principles of sustainability, care, compassion, respect, innovation, prosperity, and trust, as outlined in the Madani Civilisational framework. It emphasises the importance of engaging with other civilisations, cultures, and individuals, from an inclusive civilisational Islamic perspective.

This conference extended invitations to renowned scholars and researchers to engage in discussions regarding the pressing challenges confronting the Islamic world and the global community, with a specific emphasis on exploring Islam and its solutions from a civilisational standpoint. The conference will emphasise the global perspective of Islam, the ethical principles of Islamic culture, and the all-encompassing character of Islamic thought. ISTAC suggested the conference as a first step towards participating in more extensive intellectual pursuits and conventions with the goal of rejuvenating and changing Islamic thought and civilisation to have active roles in the present and future.

I would like to extend my appreciation to all the persons who were involved in the steering and organising committees, especially Prof Khaliq Ahmad, the chairman, and Dr. Nurul Ain Norman, the programme manager, for their collective effort in ensuring the successful outcome of the conference. I would like to extend my gratitude to all the individuals who have collaborated, as well as the scholars, researchers, and participants from Malaysia and other regions of the globe, for their substantial contributions.

Lastly, I would like to extend my appreciation to Yang Berhormat Senator Dr. Zulkifli bin Hasan, Deputy Minister of Religious Affairs in the Prime Minister's Department, Malaysia for his support and willingness to officiate the conference. I express my gratitude to Emeritus Professor

Tan Sri Dato' Dzulkipli bin Abdul Razak, the Rector of IIUM, for his consistent and steadfast support of ISTAC-IIUM. I anticipate that ISTAC-IIUM will flourish and evolve into a hub for renewal that will bring benefits to Malaysia, the *Ummah*, and humanity.

Yours Sincerely,

Prof. Datuk Dr. Abdelaziz Berghout

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*P*REFACE

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

This conference proceeding is a compilation of ideas and thoughts based on the papers presented during the International Conference on the Renewal and Reform of Islamic Thought and Civilisation (ICRITC-24). The conference was organised by the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilisation (ISTAC-IIUM). The theme “Renewal and Reform of Islamic Thought and Civilisation: Enriching Islamic Discourse for Global Civilisational Relevance” is not new but rather a continuous process. The event took place from April 23-24, 2024, in response to the challenges of this century that the *Ummah* is facing – challenges that are complex and involve values and morality, which have unfortunately taken a backseat.

There are high expectations from institutions of higher learning, such as ISTAC and similar institutions elsewhere, to evolve to serve the needs of the time and take the initiative in revivalism. There is a need for intellectual discourse to find resolutions and provide alternative solutions that are ever-present in the religion of peace (Islam) for mankind. Humanity stands at a crossroads, where "might is right" has often taken precedence over the rule of law. Malaysia has scripted the vision of Madani as the foundational vision and policy framework for building a socially cohesive, inclusive, and economically developed nation in post-normal times. These initiatives aim to fortify cross and inter-institutional cooperation to eliminate poverty, secure food security, and reduce inflation. Additionally, there is a need for a humane approach to educational philosophy to raise awareness and learning about environmental issues, alternative sources of energy, advanced agricultural techniques, and modern scientific learning that promotes a holistic, balanced, humane, and compassionate approach to sustainable societal development for peaceful co-existence. All these efforts must be grounded in human civility with spirituality as a pre-condition for socio-economic-political and scientific rigor in our endeavours.

We pray to Allah (SWT) that this conference, organised in a timely manner, addresses the above challenges and rises to the occasion for the sake of revivalism and renewal of modern-day civilisation. As the organising committee of ICRITC-24, we welcome all distinguished delegates and speakers to ISTAC-IIUM for this event. We are writing to formally congratulate all of you on the acceptance of your papers and abstracts and invite you to partake in all the conference sessions. This pioneering conference, entitled the “International Conference on Renewal and Reform of Islamic Thought and Civilisation (ICRITC’24),” is being held from the 23rd to 24th of April 2024 at ISTAC-IIUM to celebrate the 40th year of IIUM’s journey to academic excellence.

All prospective authors were cordially invited to submit original and unpublished works for presentation and publication in the conference proceedings. All submissions underwent peer review before an acceptance decision was made. The submitted papers addressed various issues related to the main theme, from civilisational and socio-cultural perspectives. Some submissions also explored issues related to the sub-themes mentioned on the conference website. Unlisted but related sub-topics that were found interesting were also accepted by the organising committee.

Numerous ideas were shared by experienced academics and senior colleagues in their keynotes. The keynote speakers ranged from local luminaries such as YBhg. Prof. Emeritus Datuk Dr. Osman Bakar, Chair Holder of the Al-Ghazali Chair of Epistemology, Civilisational and Renewal Studies, ISTAC-IIUM, and Prof. Emeritus Datuk Dr. Azizah Baharuddin, Director of the Centre for Civilisational Dialogue, Universiti Malaya, to international experts such as Prof. Dr. Jasser Auda, Distinguished Visiting Scholar at ISTAC-IIUM and President of *Maqasid* Institute Global, and Prof. Dr. Hamidullah Marazi, Professor at the University of Kashmir and Visiting Research Fellow at ISTAC-IIUM. They covered a wide range of topics including Current Narratives for Islamic Studies Curriculum –The Case for Sustainability Leadership, Civilisational Renewal: The Essential Things to be Achieved, Integrating *Sharia* Law and Ethics into Modern Law: Enhancing Pluralism and Democracy, and The Renewal of Education and Islamic Traditions of Knowledge.

The important themes covered during the two-day event were:

- Philosophical Traditions and Modern Ethics in Islamic Thought and Civilisation
- Islam, Science, and Sustainability
- Ethics, Dialogue, and Sustainability in the Renewal of Islamic Thought
- Integrating Tradition and Innovation: Pathways to Revitalising Islamic Education
- Diverse Trajectories in Islamic Renewal: Law, Media, Art, and Regional Reflections
- Foundations, Community Reform, and Women's Roles in the Dynamics of Islamic Thought and Societal Renewal
- Pathways to Renewal in Education, Social Responsibility, and Spiritual Well-being
- Gender, Radicalism, and Social Change: Islamic Perspectives on Contemporary Challenges

These themes culminated in the conference resolutions, recommendations, and solutions. The following pages detail the papers presented in three different languages—English, Bahasa Melayu, and Arabic. On behalf of the organising committee, we apologise for any shortcomings and kindly request your feedback for future improvements. Thank you very much, and we hope you enjoy the ideas presented during ICRICT-24 and find the papers enriching.

All the papers presented by local and international delegates under the above eight categories were reviewed by experts. The presenters incorporated the feedback offered during discussions, which were further refined by the authors and have now become part of these proceedings. We hope these contributions will enrich the literature on the renewal and reform of Islamic thought and civilisation. The editors, on behalf of the organising committee, will be thankful for any feedback, should you have any, to help us in organising future events in Malaysia or elsewhere. Thank you for your participation and keen interest in the events organised by ISTAC, for which we are grateful to all of you. We hope to see you again in the future.

Prof. Dr. Khaliq Ahmad

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In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

I would like to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the International Conference on the Renewal and Reform of Islamic Thought and Civilisation (ICRITC-24). The event was enriched by the active participation of scholars and attendees from around the world, who engaged in lively and intellectually stimulating discussions. The vibrant atmosphere at ISTAC, including the buzz around the Syed Muhammad Naquib Al-Attas Library and the multi-lingual interactions among participants, was truly memorable.

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Prof. Dr. Khaliq Ahmad

Chairman of ICRITC'2

هُوَ أَنشَأَكُم مِّنَ الْأَرْضِ وَاسْتَعْمَرَكُمْ فِيهَا فَاسْتَغْفِرُوا لَهُ ثُمَّ تَوْبُوا إِلَيْهِ إِنَّ رَبِّي قَرِيبٌ مُّجِيبٌ (سورة هود: ٦١)

"He has produced you from the earth and settled you in it. So ask forgiveness of Him and turn to Him in repentance. Indeed, my Lord is near and responsive."
(*Surah Hud, 11:61*)

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