

International Symposium On

Turkish-Malaysia Higher Education: Collaboration & Opportunities

Date: 2nd April 2013 (Tuesday)

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Venue: Senate Hall & Banquet Hall,
Level 5, Rectory Building, IIMU**



**Organized by:
International Institute for Muslim Unity**

**In Collaboration with:
Necmettin Erbakan University, Turkey**

Director

Prof. Dr. Waleed Fekry Faris
International Institute for Muslim Unity

Committee Members

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serdar Demirel
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Saim Kayadibi

Secretariat

Zahir Zakaria, Assistant Director, IIMU
Raja Rozlinda Raja Abdullah, Administrative Assistant Officer, IIMU
Sapiah Abd. Hamed, Administrative Assistant, IIMU
Norrohani Azizi, Administrative Assistant, IIMU
Nur Aini A. Suner, Part Time Staff
Hamdan Chehdimae, Part Time Staff
Osman Mohamed Osman, Part Time Staff
Sheikh Mahfuz Sanyang, Part Time Staff
Tajul Ghani, Part Time Staff
Nadzira Abdul Razak, Part Time Staff
Alaa A F Husain, Part Time Staff

International Institute For Muslim Unity
Level 2, Rectory Building
International Islamic University Malaysia
P.O. Box 10, 50728 Kuala Lumpur
Malaysia

Telephone: +603-6196 5762 / 5436 / 5764 / 5437
Fax: +603-6196 4340

Introduction:

Quality of distance education has been improving by technological developments, experiences of educators and feedbacks of learners. In order to improve the quality issues in distance education, considerations of target audiences are important to understand their expectations that might be clue for developers.

Majority of people prefer using technology, especially the Internet, in their daily life for information and communication needs. In educational settings, technological applications are becoming more and more popular among both educators and students. Educational institutions have been attempting to integrate and implement better ways of new technologies in order to provide more learning possibilities to their students (Ortiz-Rodriguez, Telg, Irani, Roberts & Rhoades, 2005). According to Stella and Gnanam (2004), because of the technological developments, there has been significant improvement in terms of appearance of various forms of the education since the last two decades. Learning and teaching have been transformed as a result of the Internet which has speedily growing popularity and widespread use (Jones & Peachey, 2005).

One of the prominent technological developments, distance education, is eliminating border of the physical distance among learners and instructors who are far from each other. As Ortiz-Rodriguez, Telg, Irani, Roberts & Rhoades (2005) stated "distance education has benefited from the development of technological communication tools available through the Internet that allow for an increase in communication and, consequently in feedback. These communication tools have become more accessible and friendlier to use, allowing students to have greater opportunities through distance learning. E-mail, discussion forums, and chat rooms are commonly used to complement instruction in distance education." (p.103). It is obvious that implementations based on technological developments have changed some concepts and habits of education. By using distance education, especially e-learning, during teaching and learning process, both students and teachers do not have to consider time and physical places.

Husson and Waterman (2002) stated that technology is leading a new approach of teaching and learning process which eliminates barriers in terms of the situations about time and place while serving educational materials, teaching concepts and establishing communication channels among students. Besides, distance education has been shifting from the less technological to more based on technological developments and brings new approaches to the field. E-learning that provides more technological infrastructure is getting more roles in distance education. Therefore, e-learning applications have been becoming one of the most important parts of the educational settings all around the world.

Objectives:

- To create awareness about contemporary issues related to university / higher education from the perspective of Islamic tradition.
- To identify predicaments and challenges in various areas in higher education in the Muslim World
- To recognize major trends in global higher education such as policy development, internationalization, and different models for the practical organization and management of a world class university.
- To propose policies and strategies to meet challenges in higher education in Muslim countries
- To identify areas where there are gaps in higher education in the Muslim World such as human resources, technological resources and issues of brain-drain.
- To strive for the achievement of a socially responsible learning community of high quality scholarship and knowledge within an Islamic Paradigm.

Tentative Programme:

9.00 am – 9.30 am	Registration
9.30 am – 10.00am	Remarks by: Director of International Institute for Muslim Unity (IIMU) Prof. Dr. Waleed Fekry Faris Officiating Remarks by the Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey, Her Excellency Serap Ataay
10.00 am – 10.30 pm	Tea break / Press Conference
10.30 am – 12.30 pm	First Session: 'Higher Education, Collaboration and Opportunities' Moderator: Prof. Dr. Bilal Kuspinar - Prof. Dr. Muzaffer Seker (Rector, Necmettin Erbakan University) ' Higher Learning Institutions in Turkey ' - Prof. Dr. Mustafa Solak (Rector, Afyon Kocatepe University) ' Medical Education in Turkey and Horizon for Collaboration ' - Assoc. Prof. Dr. Saim Kayadibi (Deputy Director, IAD) ' The Impact of MoU and MoA in Higher Education: Case of IUM ' - Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serdar Demirel (Deputy Director, IIGR) ' MoU Agreements of IUM with Turkish Universities in the last two years '
12.30 pm – 2.30 pm	Lunch and Zuhur Prayer
2.30 pm – 4.00 pm	Second Session: 'Alliance of Civilization and the Muslim Unity' Moderator: Prof. Dr. Waleed Fekry Faris Prof. Dr. Birol Akgun (Vice Rector, Necmettin Erbakan University) ' Turkey's Role in International Politics ' Prof. Dr. Bilal Kuspinar (Head of the Department of Philosophy, Necmettin Erbakan University) ' The Alliance of Civilization: Turkey's Role ' Prof. Dr. Hamza Kandur (Vice Rector, Marmara University) Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sivacioglu (Gazi University)
4.00 pm – 4.30 pm	Refreshment and Asr Prayer