

## IIUM Rector's New Year Message

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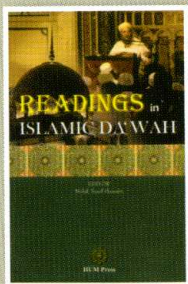
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Intervarsity Debating  
Championship



## book of the month



Title : Reading in Islamic Da'wah  
Author : Mohd. Yusof Hussain  
Publisher : IIUM Press  
Price : RM42.00  
Pages : 298  
Year : 2009

Spreading the words of Islam today is extremely challenging but not impossible. Challenges like poverty in the Muslim world, extremism, political instability and negative public perception are just some examples. Author Mohd. Yusof Hussain in his book Reading in Islamic Da'wah attempts to provide some of the ways in facing up to these challenges. Mohd. Yusof examines the theories, principles, and expert opinions in tackling specific audiences. The book contains twenty chapters targeted at various groups such as women, youth, troubled teens as well as non-Muslims. The book examines the strategies and approaches, both Islamic-based and contemporary, that might be applicable in getting across a variety of target audiences - DR SAODAH WOK

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## IIUM Signs MoU With Preston University, UAE

IIUM on 16th May 2010 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ajman based Preston University in the area of education development. IIUM was represented by Rector Prof. Dato' Sri Dr. Syed Arabi Idid, while Preston University by its president. Dr. Abdul Basit Rahmatallah. It was witnessed by His Highness Sheikh Humaid bin Rashid Al Nuaimi, UAE Supreme Council member and Ruler of Ajman. The agreement called for exchanging curriculum, study programmes, expertise, research and visits of students and staff.

## IIUM Security Acculturation Week 2011



The Centre for IT Advancement in collaboration with the IIUM Security Management Unit organized the IIUM Security Acculturation Week from 17th to 22nd January 2011. The programme included sessions on policy presentation and activities like seminars on safety, quizzes, and a treasure hunt.

The programme was opened to all. There were also talks by the Royal Malaysian Police on personal safety and fire safety by the Fire and Rescue Department. The organizers hoped the events and activities in the Security Acculturation Week would increase public awareness on personal safety and security.

## editorial

As the first issue of IIUM News Bulletin 2011 goes to print, events are still unfolding in the national politics of Tunisia and Egypt. As Muslims, we are all concerned at the outcome of what's happening in the two countries and also the potential impact on the safety of lives and property of the ordinary citizens.

From the beginning of the 20th century, the Muslim world has always had its lion's share of pain and suffering when it comes to politics, from Afghanistan, Albania, Bosnia, Pakistan to Somalia. At the start of the new year, to see two Muslim countries embroiled in political upheaval should make thinking Muslims the world over to work even harder in finding solutions to the many ills afflicting our societies today.

The need for real world application in research and learning within higher learning institutions in the Muslim world must now be

even more glaringly obvious. At the very least, Muslim academics, politicians, professionals and ordinary Muslims must not be fatally resigned to the belief that disunity and chaos is the staple diet of Muslim nations until the end of time. If we do, we are committing an unforgivable sin in the sight of The Creator.

Whatever road a Muslim country takes in shaping the direction of its national politics is the inalienable right of the citizens themselves.

Allah knows best!