PHILOSOPHY, VISION AND MISSION OF IIUM

IN THE MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF I.I.U.M
PHILOSOPHY OF KNOWLEDGE OF I.I.U.M

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1. IQRA’

(i) The philosophy of the University shall be based on, but not confined to, the meaning and spirit of Surah Al-`Alaq verses 1-5 of the Holy Qur’an:

آفِرْ أَنْ يُسَمِّمْ رَبِّيَّةَ الَّذِي خُلِّقَ

خَلَقَ الَّذِي أَنْسَدَنَّ مِنْ عَلَقٍ

آفِرْ أَنْ يُسَمِّمْ رَبِّيَّةَ الَّذِي أَكْرَمَ

الَّذِي عَلَمَ بِالْقُلُوبِ

عَلَمَ الَّذِي أَنْسَدَنَّ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمَ
(ii) Knowledge shall be propagated in the spirit of Tawhid, leading towards the recognition of Allah as the Absolute Creator and Master of mankind.
(iii) The recognition of Allah as the Absolute Creator and Master of mankind represents the apex in the hierarchy of knowledge.
4. AMANAH

(iv) Knowledge is a trust (‘amanah) from Allah and its development shall be in conformity with the purposes behind Allah’s creation of the universe.
5. ‘ABD OF ALLAH & KHALIFAH

(iv) Knowledge should be utilised by man as the servant (‘abd) of Allah and vicegerent (khalifah) on earth, in accordance with the will of Allah.
(vi) The quest for knowledge is regarded as an act of worship (‘ibadah).
7. ISLAMIC IDENTITY

(vii) The University shall be international and Islamic in character.
4) Inspired by the worldview of Tawhid and the Islamic philosophy of the unity of knowledge as well as its concept of holistic education, the University aims at becoming a leading international centre of educational excellence which seeks to restore the dynamic and progressive role of the Ummah in all branches of knowledge.
MISSION OF IIUM pp: 3-4
Towards actualising the University’s vision, IIUM endeavours:

(i) To undertake the special and greatly needed tasks of reforming the contemporary Muslim mentality and integrating Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences in a positive manner;
(ii) To produce better quality intellectuals, professionals and scholars by integrating quality of Faith (Iman), Knowledge (‘Ilm) and good character (Akhlaq) to serve as agents of comprehensive and balanced progress as well as sustainable development in Malaysia and in the Muslim world;
(iii) To promote the concept of Islamisation of Human Knowledge in teaching, research, consultancy, dissemination of knowledge and the development of academic excellence in the University;
(iv) To nurture the quality of holistic excellence which is imbued with Islamic Moral-Spiritual values, in the process of learning, teaching, research, consultancy, publication, administration and student life;
(v) To exemplify an international community of dedicated intellectuals, scholars, professional, officers and workers who are motivated by the Islamic worldview and code of ethics as an integral part of their work culture;
(vi) To enhance intercultural understanding and foster civilizational dialogues in Malaysia as well as across communities and nations;
(vii) To develop an environment which instills commitment for life-long learning and a deep sense of social responsibility among staff and students.
6) The above Mission statements are summarised as consisting of the following major goals:

(i) Integration;
(ii) Internationalisation;
(iii) Islamisation;
(iv) Comprehensive Excellence.

“Triple I’CE”
Conclusion

The SOUL of the university is its PHILOSOPHY and MISSION