Pakistan's first International Islamic Finance Expo and Conference was held on May 18-19, 2012 at Karachi Expo centre. This mega event was organized by publicity channel with the support of State Bank of Pakistan and planned and directed by Ernst and Young Ford Rhodes Sidat Hyder. The main objective of the event was to create awareness about Islamic banking, Investment, Takaful, Mutual funds, Modarba, Musharaka and financing among masses and corporate sector as well. He said for the first time a session of Shariah Adviser's would be held to understand various segments of Islamic financing.

Sheikh Zayed Islamic Center was also one of the participants in the First Islamic Finance Expo. Being Pioneers in Islamic Banking and Finance Industry Sheikh Zayed Islamic Center truly participated in the IFEC 2012 by displaying a stall of the center’s publications and activities related to Islamic Finance Industry. As this was an Islamic Finance Expo many organizations and financial companies also participated but Sheikh Zayed Islamic Center was the only educational institution who participated in IFEC 2012. Being the pioneer in Islamic Banking and Finance, many graduate students as well as people from different banking and financial institutions visited the stall and got information regarding the P.G.D and Masters in Islamic Banking and Finance. Mostly Executives from different Organizations as well as students were interested in Islamic Banking and Finance

Programs offered by the center. Not only this, many visitors came at our stall and were counseled by Group Leader Syed Ghazanfar Ahmed and Sheikh Adnan Ahmed Usmani. The Director, Dr. Noor Ahmed Shahtaz also visited the stall and praised the work.

The main objective of Sheikh Zayed Islamic Center was to promote the Islamic Banking and Finance Programs and Courses offered at the Center. The stall was beautifully presented with all the publications of Sheikh Zayed Islamic Center. More than 150 publications were displayed on the stall. Hundreds of visitors came at the stall of Sheikh Zayed Islamic Center and gathered information about the Programs, Courses and activities being performed by Sheikh Zayed Islamic Center. The visitors were given Newsletters as well as brochures regarding the Programs and courses offered by Sheikh Zayed Islamic Center. Also a session of Shariah Adviser's was also scheduled. Top Level Shariah Advisors answered different questions regarding Islamic Banking and Finance Industry. The Shariah Advisors imposed Great importance on the Education of Islamic Banking and finance and praised Sheikh Zayed Islamic Center for the efforts in educating students in Islamic Banking and Finance Industry.

Along with counseling and guidance, on one side of the stall presentation of Projects regarding Computer Science and its application in the field of Islamic Banking and Finance. These presentations of the projects were supposed to be the main attraction of the visitors.
On the invitation of Al-Mustafa International University, Iran, a 10-member delegate of Sheikh Zayed Islamic Center, University of Karachi, Karachi, led by Dr. Noor Ahmed Shahtaz, Director SZIC Karachi visited some universities and other educational and spiritual centers of Iran from May 23-30, 2012. The SZIC delegate comprised of two teachers (Mr. Ghazanfar Ahmed, Lecturer, Islamic Studies & Computer Technology) and Mr. Syed Abdul Khaliq (Lecturer, Computer Science) as well as six M.Phil./Ph.D. students namely Mr. Riaz Ahmed, Mr. Ghulam Rasool, Hafiz Muhammad Hassan, Ms. Maria Hasan, Mr. Anwer Saeed and Mr. Nabeel Ahmed.

The tour was aimed at promoting cooperation between the two countries in the field of education and research. During the one-week tour, the delegate visited several educational, research and spiritual centers in Mashhad, Teheran and Qum while lectures were arranged on a number of topics. A renowned Scholar Allama Shabbir Hasan Maithmi was assigned by (Al Mustafa University) the responsibility to guide the delegate during their visit.

VISIT TO MASHHAD

Mausoleum of Hazrat Imam Ali Raza (R.A.) was the first place that the delegate visited. It also availed the opportunity to have a round of the spacious library and museum set beside the mausoleum. This library is unique in its structure and lecled with extensive facilities including hundreds of thousands of books on numerous topics and subjects.

Here, generous facilities were provided to the delegate. A notable feature of this library is the project in progress to digitalize and setting it on-line. On accomplishment of this project scholars and researchers will be in a position to get great help in advancement of their work. On the occasion of visit to this library, teachers of SZIC offered some suggestions which were not only appreciated by the library management but they also expressed their willingness to implement those suggestions to all possible extent.

In the museum adjacent to Haram, it was observed that suitable arrangements were made to preserve centuries-old knowledge heritage. An infirmary has been established to repair the damaged and old scriptures. The delegate also visited Razvi University located beside the Haram. The well-set and organized Library of this university is also worthwhile to mention.

During its visit to Mashhad, the delegate visited the Girls’ Campus at Al-Mustafa International University where Dr. Agha Mehavi Meher, Director of Mashhad Campus of Al-Mustafa University welcomed the delegate. It may be importantly mentioned that this tour was outcome of invitation from this Al-Mustafa International University which sponsored the tour as well and made very impressive arrangements for the delegate of SZIC, University of Karachi.

The Director SZIC Dr. Noor Ahmed Shahtaz offered deep gratitude to Dr. Agha Mehdavi and the entire management of Al-Mustafa International University for their hospitality.

VISIT TO TEHERAN

On 26th of May, 2012 (Saturday), the delegate proceeded by train and arrived in Teheran on the morning of 27th May where Agha Salman Naqvi, representative of Al-Mustafa University, received the delegate. Led by Agha Salman Naqvi and Allama Maithami, the delegate visited the Teheran campus of Al-Mustafa University. This campus is named as ‘Danishgah Uloom-e-Islami’. Here Dr. Bi-Zaar Abdul Karim Sherazi, the honorable Vice Chancellor, had arranged a reception. After the reception, an excellent lecture was arranged on the subject of Islamic archeology. This lecture was highly admired by all the members of the delegate.

The delegate next visited Teheran University where Dean, Faculty of Theology presented a briefing about the University and on this occasion Director SZIC offered some proposals relating to exchange of research between the two institutions. These
proposals were appreciated by the hosts who expressed their intention to work on these. The delegate also visited the residence of Imam Khomeini in Teheran. Thereafter it visited the mausoleum of Imam Khomeini to pay homage and tribute to the great leader. The delegate also visited the well-known graveyard where a number of martyrs of the revolution of Iran rest in peace, visited the Bahisht-e-Zehra and offered tribute to all the martyrs buried there.

VISIT TO QUM
In the course of its tour, the delegate reached its next destination Qum which is the most prominent of the educational centers in Iran. The delegate had a round of the Main Campus of Al-Mustafa University here and had a meeting with its Vice Chancellor and thanked him for his gracious hospitality. During the meeting, Director SZIC offered his suggestion with regard to exchange of education and research, exchange of scholars, starting different courses by cooperation between the two institutions and holding conferences on different topics with combined efforts. These suggestions were not only appreciated but also intentions were shown to take appropriate action to bring these proposals into practice. Other campuses of Al-Mustafa University were also visited by the delegate where short courses and Virtual Study Center were found notable. Visit to Ayatullah Najafi Marashe Library One of the biggest Libraries in Iran, was also a rare opportunity where One of the largest collection of Islamic manuscripts is preserved, Dr. Mahmood Marasheh briefed us about the library. The Qur'an Museum in Qum was of great interest to visit. Here about 35,000 scripts are available and the Holy Qur’an is written in different scripts and

Reception By The Vice Chancellor University Of Taqreeb Bain Al Mazahib
Visit in which different scholars expressed their valuable knowledge and vision. Among Those who delivered lectures, names of Ayatollah Barati and Ahmad Sanji are noteworthy. The delegate also availed the opportunity to visit the mausoleum of Hazrat Fatima Masuma (R.A.) The sister of Imam Raza and the daughter of Imam Moosa Kazim (R.A)

On May 30, 2012 (Wednesday), the delegate was seen of by the both renowned Scholars of Al Mustafa international University (Allama Naqvi and Allama Maithami) and the delegate returned back home by Iran Airlines with treasured memories of this educational and research tour.

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The Delegation At Faculty of Islamic Studies Tehran University
A “Study tour” was arranged by the centre on April 26, 2012 for the students of B.S classes. The two students’ advisors of the centre, along with students of B.S classes made a trip to “National Museum of Pakistan” and the “Mohatta Palace Museum”. The “National Museum of Pakistan” stands out very prominently amongst various institutions in the country on the basis of the richness of scope and the variety of its collection. As it portrays the various phases of cultural evolution in Pakistan and represents all the regions of the country, it may well boast of being the “show window of the nation”. With the basic objective of collecting, preserving and displaying the movable cultural heritage in a meaningful way and depicting the history of Pakistan in a visual form, it was set up in the year 1951. The team reached the National Museum at about 11:30 am. Mr. M.S. Bukhari (Director, National Museum of Pakistan) provided a guide who gave the details of the museum and explained about each and every cultural heritage beautifully.

The team commenced its study under the supervision of the guide and moved towards pre-historic section. The guide explained about the pre-historic era. The team viewed Diorama (imaginary view of “Stone Age” in potwar region) jewellery of “Stone Age” and the other Art Work.

Then the team moved towards proto-historic section which contained tools and jewellery of brass. The team then moved to the section of Hindus and Buddhist religion where the team viewed temples, statues and many other religious objects of Hindus and Buddhists specially Mahabharata (Ancient book of Hindu religion) and statue of Krishna. The team then visited the recently inaugurated “Quran Section” which contains manuscripts of Quran which was about 700 years old and different calligraphic art of Quran by the Muslims of that period.

Then the team moved to the “Freedom Movement gallery of Pakistan”. The walls of the gallery contain pictures of heroes of freedom movement.

The team then moved to the ethnological section, which displays ethnic and cultural historic of Pakistan. The gorgeous unreal view

of Kafiristan, Baluchistan, Khyber Pakhtoonkhwah, Punjab and Sindh attracted the hearts of the team. Lastly the team visited the “Islamic Art Gallery”. After concluding the study in the National Museum, the team left the museum for the “Mohatta Palace”.

At the time of partition in 1947, Mohatta Palace was acquired by the newly established Government of Pakistan to house its Ministry of Foreign Affairs. When the Foreign Office moved to Islamabad in 1964, the Palace was given to Mohtarma Fatima Jinnah. After her demise in 1969, her sister Shireen Bai lived here until her death in 1980. The property then went into litigation and remained sealed until 1995, when it was formally purchased by the Government of Sind in conjunction with the Federal Government, for a sum of six million rupees. It was agreed that the monument would house a museum that would foster awareness and appreciation of the cultural heritage of Pakistan and of the region.

An autonomous Board of Trustees was sent up to oversee the restoration and adaptive use of the monument. The first two phases of the restoration program were successfully completed in August 1999 and the Museum opened its doors to the public on 15th September 1999.

Sand and Silk exhibition was going on in Mohatta Palace (Textile from Africa). Despite historical, trade and migratory links between South Asia and Africa, land masses of Africa remains an intriguing continent. Its deep rooted sense of self, vividly expressed in its textile arts, encompasses widely differing materials, techniques, patterns and usage that continue until the present day. The contrast of color in traditional handcrafted African textiles, the stark simplicity of motifs and the nature of materials used, whilst markedly different from our traditions, offer us a window on a world that is both unique and compelling. As nomadic groups move across territories they have crossed for generations, their migration is surrounded and protected by cosmic and talismanic symbols woven, printed or embroidered on their textiles. The use of symbols provides protection, prosperity and power; virility and fertility; happiness, joy and love; and the prospect of a safe journey from the material world to the world of the spirit.

The exhibition is an attempt to foster awareness of an art form, a world apart from our everyday consciousness, yet one with which our own textile traditions have distinct affinities. The peoples of the Indus and the peoples of the Nile, two of the greatest civilizations of the ancient world, use elements from their landscape along with indigenous materials to adorn themselves and their habitat.

The study was come to an end when the team left the “Mohatta Palace”.
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Sheikh Zayed Statute's 10th Anniversary Commemoration

The statue of Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the Founding Father of the UAE, was recently inaugurated to commemorate his 10th anniversary. The event was held on the 26th day of the month of Sacred Chalid and was attended by various dignitaries and representatives of the UAE and Pakistan. The event was hosted by the Pakistan embassy in Abu Dhabi and was attended by a large number of Pakistani and UAE officials.

The event was marked by speeches and presentations, with speeches by the Pakistani and UAE officials. The speeches were followed by a performance by the Pakistani national anthem and the UAE national anthem. The event was concluded with a photo session of the dignitaries and attendees.

The inauguration of the statue was a significant event as it not only paid tribute to Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan but also emphasized the strong ties between Pakistan and the UAE.

The statue of Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan is located in the heart of the city of Abu Dhabi and is a symbol of the strong relationship between Pakistan and the UAE.

The event was also attended by various media outlets, including television and radio stations, and was covered extensively by the local and international press.

The inauguration of the statue was a significant event and it is expected to be repeated in the future to commemorate the anniversary of Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan's birth and death.
A LETTER FROM CANADA

Asalam-o-Alaikum

Yesterday, I went to a nearby library (in Brampton, Canada) to issue few books for my kids. As I entered to the Library’s main gate, I noticed, there were few books on a table for sale, situated right in front of the door. I stopped after noticing that there were around 5 books in Urdu too. All of them were related to Islam. Initially, I was happy to see that some good Muslims have put these books for sale but didn’t understand that why for sale and why not these books are kept inside the Library? Then suddenly, I saw the writer’s names. Four of them were belongs to “Pervaiz” and 1 book was written by “Aslam Jeeraj Puri”. Both names were reminded me a thesis of mine about “Munakreen-e-Hadith”, which I had done during my honors in Sheikh Zayed Islamic Center.

These writers are famous “Munakreen-e-Hadith” and I could easily understand the reason to put these books inside the Library. It was just to propagate wrong literature among innocent Muslims and non-Muslims of Canada. The “lobby” is working here in Canada too and they are trying to spread false material on Islam in all over the Canada. On my complaint, the library staff took off those books from the table and made an excuse to me.

How would I know about these Munkareen (writers), if wouldn’t spend three years in SZIC! Alhamduillah, Allah gave me lot of successes in my life and SZIC played a big role to change my life style, my thinking and the approach to define a real path for me and for our future.

Be truly, when I took admission in SZIC in 1993, it was all about computer studies. But whatever I learned about Islam with different related subjects, it was penetrated somewhere in my mind. I was not changed in a sudden but during different stages of my life. I started to move towards a different path, the path, which is doubt free from anything. Especially 4 years ago, when I moved in Canada, I can't explain that how much my hidden knowledge (which I have gotten in SZIC) helped me out to survive me and to move forward in such a sinful and “full of Kuff” environment, where you have to save your “Ilm” very carefully.

I passed my honors in 1995 and after 16 years, I can say without any hesitation that I was lucky to be the part of this center. I found such loving teachers that their teachings have always guided me to select right path. Being an IT professional and a Canadian resident, I am trying my best to spend my life according to Sunnah in this “Darul-Harb”.

Finally, I would make a humble request to all present students of SZIC that please complete this course with full sincerity, passion and hunger to learn. And yes, do not forget to respect your teachers!! After few years, you will realize the benefits of this act, inshaAllah!

May Allah give you all the success at every stage of your life and keep us on Sirat-e-mustaqeem.

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