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Dr. Altwajri, ISESCO General Director, submitted three axes in which putting cultural strategies into operation for Islamic Ummah is at center stage.

Several strategies were adopted at this convention. The first is in the domain of Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, the Second one is based around the field of Islamic Cultural Work outside the Islamic World, and the third one about the Development of IT and Communication in the Islamic World.

The Conference was on the theme of “Towards Consolidating the Outcome of the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures and Enhancing Youth's Role in Building a Culture of Peace and Dialogue”.

The conference was a part of the celebration of Tlemcen as the capital of Islamic culture for 2011.

In addition to screening a documentary about Tlemcen at the end of the first session of the conference, some ISESCO awards were given to best artistic and literary works on Tlemcen Culture.

Culture Ministers of Muslim Countries gathered at this international convention to consolidate Cultural Cooperation and to promote the role of youth to build a Culture of Peace and Dialogue.



Azerbaijan State Telegraph Agency

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Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers to convene its 7th session

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The Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers will hold its 7th session in Algiers on 18-19 December 2011, on the theme of 'Towards Consolidating the Outcome of the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures and Enhancing the Youth's Role in Building a Culture of Peace and Dialogue'.

The Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, which will be held under the patronage of H.E. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, will bring together the Culture Ministers of the OIC Member States.

A roundtable on "the Cultural Roles of the Civil Society in the Promotion of Dialogue and Peace" will be held as part of the Conference, jointly organized by ISESCO and the OIC General Secretariat, in collaboration with the Algerian Ministry of Culture.

The Conference will look into three reports that will be submitted by ISESCO Director General, Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, on the implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, ISESCO's efforts in the implementation of the Strategy for Islamic Cultural Action outside the Islamic World, and on ISESCO's efforts in the follow-up of the implementation of the Strategy for ICTs Development in the Islamic World.

It will furthermore examine four draft documents prepared by ISESCO on the initiative of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques for Dialogue among Followers of Religions and Cultures: Achievements and Future Prospects; the Cultural Roles of the Civil Society in the Promotion of Dialogue and Peace; Cultural Enterprises in the Member States, and on a Course in Training Journalists to Counter Stereotypes about Islam and Muslims in Western Media.

Also, the delegations participating in the Conference will submit national reports on the Member States' efforts in implementing the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World.

The first session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers was held in Dakar (1989), the second in Rabat (1998), the third in Doha (2001), the fourth in Algiers (2004), the fifth in Tripoli (2007) and the sixth in Baku (2009).



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7th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers Stresses the Importance of Cultural Enterprises Establishment

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Monday afternoon at its plenary session held in Algiers, the 7th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers adopted the Draft Study devised by ISESCO on Cultural Enterprises in the Member States.

It also stressed the importance to encourage establishment of cultural enterprises in the Member States, in order to stimulate artistic and cultural creativity, promote cultural diversity, harness cultural heritage to highlight Islamic civilization, and use the economic gains from cultural enterprises for comprehensive development.

Similarly, it invited the relevant parties in the Member States and the private sector to provide necessary support to young entrepreneurs, in order to establish cultural enterprises which would boost cultural and artistic creativity, based on the rich cultural heritage of the Ummah, and meet the required business management standards for continuity and competitiveness.

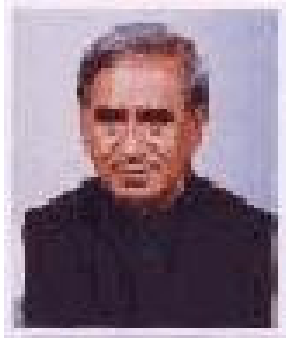
Likewise, it invited ISESCO to prepare a comprehensive program to train and qualify cultural staff and promote cooperation with the Member States and specialized regional and international organizations, in order to encourage establishment of regional centers for training in various creative, industrial areas.

Source: ISESCO



Islamic Conference of Cultural Ministers end

DHAKA, Dec 21 (BSS)-



The seventh Islamic Conference of Cultural Ministers ended on December 19 at Algiers, the capital of the Peoples Republic of Algeria.

Information and Cultural Affairs Minister Abul Kalam Azad, who led a three-member delegation to the conference, highlighted Bangladesh's independence in 1971 under the leadership of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

" This year we are celebrating 40 years of our independence with much enthusiasm," he told the conference, according to a message received here today.

According to the release, Dhaka- the capital of Bangladesh has been nominated by ISESCO for the year 2012 under its programme of Islamic Culture Capitals. Accordingly 2012 will be the celebration year of Dhaka as renowned capital of Islamic Culture.

Dhaka has fulfilled the criteria for this selection because of its distinguished cultural history as well as its material and intellectual heritage worthy of appreciation and presentation, the release added.

The preparation for the celebration of Dhaka as the capital of Islamic culture will be carried out in coordination with ISESCO.

Abul Kalam Azad also mentioned about Bangladesh's efforts to develop itself as an ICT-based poverty-free middle income country by 2012 the year of the Golden Jubilee of Bangladesh' independence.

He strongly condemned Israel's illegal excavations in the precinct of Al Aqsa Mosque.

In his address the minister proposed to hold an International Exhibition of Islamic Art in Dhaka on the occasion of Bangladesh National Museum' centennial celebration in 2013.

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Abul Kalam Azad, Minister for Information and Cultural Affairs, who led a three-member delegation, delivered his speech at the conference.

The Minister briefly highlighted Bangladesh's independence in 1971 under the leadership of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. "We are celebrating 40 years of our independence," he said.

Abul Kalam Azad also mentioned about Bangladesh's continuing efforts to develop itself as an ICT-based, poverty-free and middle-income country by 2021.

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ISESCO/Roundtable: Ministerial roundtable on the role of civil society in the promotion of dialogue and peace

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ALGIERS, 23 Muharram/19 Dec (IINA)- As part of the 7th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, which commenced its proceedings this morning in Algiers, a ministerial roundtable on “The Cultural Roles of the Civil Society in the Promotion of Dialogue and Peace” was held following the opening session.

The roundtable was chaired by Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), who made an address, in which he highlighted the different cultural roles played by the civil society in fostering the culture of dialogue and promoting the values of peace in the Islamic communities.

Likewise, he underlined that ISESCO’s awareness of the importance of civil society’s role, together with the mutations witnessed by the Islamic world towards democracy, greater human rights and more effective participation by women and the youth in the development of a new model of citizenship, made ISESCO, the Islamic world’s competent body in education, science and culture, devise a study on the cultural roles the civil society can play to promote peace

and dialogue, and devote the present ministerial roundtable to thoroughly discuss the subject and adopt the suitable position thereof.

He also pointed out that chief among these cultural roles are the fostering of the peace and justice values, as Islamic and human values, the consolidation of the role of civil society, so as to enable it to carry out its mission in supporting governmental institutions, in accordance with the action priorities in the Islamic world, and coordinating with NGOs in the Member States to develop a code of conduct for them; which will define their fields of action at the local, national, regional and international levels, and allow them to operate in international forums as a harmonious group that share the same objectives and priorities.

“It is in this particular context that the ministerial roundtable is held, as a lead-in to the Conference”, Dr Altwaijri furthermore underscored. He also emphasized that ISESCO will seek to adopt this approach, championed by the Consultative Council for the Implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, in the Conference’s future sessions, through the choice of a topic worthy of being discussed by a ministerial roundtable.

The roundtable also included speeches by Mrs. Khalida Toumi, Culture Minister of Algeria, President of the Seventh Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers; and Mr. Aboulfas Garayev, Minister of Culture and Tourism of Azerbaijan, President of the Conference’s previous session.

Also addressing the roundtable’s opening session were Mrs. Mounia Meslem, Secretary General of Rachda Association (Algeria), and Mr. Boubakar Zemmal, President of ‘El-Beyt for Culture and Arts’ association (Algeria).

A communiqué was issued by the roundtable which constitutes an all-inclusive vision of the part to be taken by civil society institutions and organizations to promote culture and peace, in a spirit of mutual respect and recognition of cultural diversity.

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"Iran has no limitation for cultural cooperation with Islamic countries"

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Algiers – Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance Seyed Mohammad Hosseini, who is in Algiers to attend the 7th Conference of Cultural ministers of Islamic countries said that Iran has no limitation for cultural cooperation with Islamic countries.

Speaking with IRNA on Tuesday afternoon, Hosseini said that priorities in cultural cooperation in the African continent is with Islamic countries, especially those in North Africa.

He explained about Iran's cultural delegation activities in the two-day conference, which wrapped up its work on Monday evening.

The minister said that on the issue of religions, Iran presented its experiences in the last 17 years.

He reminded his meetings with a number of culture Ministers participating in the conference like Azerbaijan Republic minister of culture and in this meeting the two sides decided that Azerbaijan Republic Culture week will be held in Iran next year (1391 upon Iranian calendar) as Iran will hold its Culture Week in Azerbaijan Republic in 1392 (2013) in return.

He also outlined outcome of his meetings and discussions with ministers of Indonesia, Pakistan, Somalia, Morocco, Mauritania, Nigeria, head of Egyptian

Cultural delegation, Algerian counterpart and head of Islamic States Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization(ISESCO) during the conference.

Hosseini said that members of the ISESCO had agreed on Iran hosting the 10th conference in 2017, simultaneously with election of the holy city of Mashad as cultural capital of the Islamic world.

The 7th conference of Cultural ministers of the Islamic countries started its two-day work in Algiers, capital of Algeria, on Sunday in presence of more than 40 delegations from Islamic countries.

Hosseini departed Algiers afternoon for Tehran on Tuesday.

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Saudi Arabia and Oman would be the hosts of the said ministerial conference in the years 2012 and 2014 respectively.

The Islamic Republic of Iran’s Culture and Islamic Guidance Minister Seyyed Mohammad Hosseini in an interview with IRNA in Algiers announcing the news in this respect reiterated that the conference would be held in the year that Mash’had would be named as the cultural capital city of the Islamic World in the (Iranian) year 1396 (2017).

He referred to the strong presence of the Iranian delegation at Algerian conference, adding, “The coincidence of Iran’s hosting of the 10th OIC Culture Ministers Conference and the nomination of the holy Mash’had as the Cultural Capital City of the Islamic World in the year 2017 would provide a good opportunity for introduction of the rich and ancient civilization of the Islamic Iran to the other countries.

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Dhaka elected ICC for 2012

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The 7th Islamic Conference of Cultural Ministers was ended in Algiers, the capital of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, on December 19.

Minister for Information and Cultural Affairs of Bangladesh Abul Kalam Azad led a team of three delegates and delivered his speech at the Conference.

The Minister also highlighted on the independence of Bangladesh in 1971 under the leadership of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman marking the 40th victory day of the country.

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Besides, the Minister strongly condemned Israel's illegal excavations in the precinct of Al Aqsa Mosque.

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Iranian culture minister attends ISESCO meeting in Algeria

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TEHRAN -- Iranian Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance Seyyed Mohammad Hosseini traveled Algeria to attend the Seventh Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers.

He will give a lecture during the conference which is being held by the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) from December 18 to 20 in Algiers.

He was welcomed by the Algerian minister of culture Khalida Toumi and Iran's ambassador to Algeria Mahmud Mohammadi at the Houari Boumediene Airport in Algiers.

Algiers' Conference of Culture Ministers is on the theme of "Towards Consolidating the Outcome of the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures and Enhancing Youth's Role in Building a Culture of Peace and Dialogue".

The conference is a part of the celebration of Tlemcen as the capital of Islamic culture for 2011.

The Organization of the Islamic Conference General Secretariat and Algeria's Culture Ministry cosponsored the conference.

Tlemcen's centuries rich in history and culture have made the city a center for a unique blend of music and art. Its textiles and handcrafts, its elegant blend of Islamic, Berber, Andalusian and French cultures, and its cool climate in the mountains have made it an important center of tourism in Algeria.

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7th Conference of OIC Culture and Information Ministers Concluded in Algiers

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Algiers, Dec. 20 (BNA) -- The 7th Conference of Ministers of Culture and Information of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) concluded its works here yesterday.

The delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Conference was headed by Deputy Minister of Culture and Information Dr. Abdullah Al-Jasser.

In a statement to Saudi Press Agency (SPA), Dr. Al-Jasser said that the Conference discussed a document prepared by Islamic, Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization "ISESCO" on the importance of formulating cultural and information mechanisms to implement the Initiative of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud for Dialogue among the Followers of Religions and Cultures, as such mechanisms are considered wide-open channels for communicating with the people throughout the Muslim and rest of the world.

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