Zayed University
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The International Conference on

**Islamic Economics and China**

Zayed University Dubai Campus
4-5 May 2013

**Program**

**Day One: Saturday 4\textsuperscript{th} May**

9:30 - 10:00  Registration and Breakfast

10:00 - 11:00  Inauguration Session

**Moderator:** Dr. Nasr Arif, Executive Director and Professor, Institute of Islamic World Studies, Zayed University, UAE

H.E. Sheikh Ali Gomaa, former Grand Mufti of Egypt, and Visiting professor at Zayed University Institute for Islamic World Studies

H.E. Zhan Jingbao, Consul General of People’s Republic of China in Dubai

Dr. Sulaiman Al Jassim, Vice President, Zayed University, United Arab Emirates

Dr. Larry Wilson, Provost, Zayed University, United Arab Emirates

**Inaugural Address:** China's National Strategy and China-Arab Cooperation
Dr. Zhang Jinhai, President, Ningxia Academy of Social Sciences, Yinchuan, China

11:00 – 12:30  Session I: Islamic Economics in a Troubled World

**Chair and Discussant:** Dr. Mohammad Seraj, Professor at the American University in Cairo, and Visiting professor at Zayed University Institute for Islamic World Studies
Islamic Finance and the Challenges of Development in a Globalized World
Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Managing Director of the World Bank; and Visiting Professor, Institute of Islamic World Studies, Zayed University, UAE

Islamic Economics and World Financial Crises
Dr. Mehmet Asutay, Director, Centre for Islamic Economics and Finance, Durham University, UK

The state of Islamic Economics Teaching and Research in China
Dr. Jin Zhongjie, Associate Dean, School of Arabic Language, Ningxia University, China

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch

1:30 – 3:00 Session II: Islamic Finance: China and Beyond

Chair and Discussant: Dr. Mehmet Asutay, Director, Centre for Islamic Economics and Finance, Durham, UK

Acceptability and Applicability of Islamic Finance Products in non-Muslim Societies as a Competitive and Ethical Alternative
Dr. Shehab Marzban, Visiting Professor, Institute for Islamic World Studies, Zayed University, UAE

The Experience of Islamic Banking in Asia: Issues and Challenges in Shariah and Legal Aspects
Prof. Dr. Mahmood Mohamed Sanusi, Graduate School of Business and Islamic Global Finance, Tun Abdul Razak University, Malaysia

Opportunities and Challenges of Islamic Finance Services in China
Mr. Li Zhiyong, Deputy of General Secretary, China Venture Capital and Private Equity Association

3:00 – 3:15 Break

3:15 – 4:45 Session III: Prospects of China-Arab Cooperation

Chair and Discussant: Dr. Hamdy Hassan, Professor, Institute of Islamic World Studies, Zayed University, UAE
Current Conditions of Arab-Chinese Trade
Mr. Aqil Al Bastaki, Director of Al Bastaki Groups, United Arab Emirates

The Basics of Islamic Financial Cooperation between Arab States and China
Mr. Zheng, Naxun, finance analyst & vice president, Council for China-Arab Economic Cooperation, Beijing, China

Sino-Arab Industry Bilateral Investment Fund: Structure & Mechanism
Dr. Ma Xuezhong, Director-In-General, Sino Healthcare City Project, Ningxia, China

Day Two: Sunday 5th May

9:30 - 10:00 AM  Breakfast

10:00 – 11:15 Session IV: Business Ethics and Trade Networks of Chinese Muslims

Chair and Discussant: Dr. Ma Qiang, Professor of Ethnology, Institute for Western Frontier Region of China, Shaanxi Normal University, Xi’an, China

Muslim Business Ethics in China
Dr. Ding Kejia, Director, Institute of Islamic and Hui Studies, Ningxia Social Science Academy, Yinchuan, China

Muslim Merchants and Islamic Spirit of Trading Networks
Dr. Wenjie Min, Assistant professor, School of Politics, Northwest Minorities University, Gansu, China

11:15 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 1:00  Session V: Chinese Muslims: Entrepreneurs, Producers, and Consumers

Chair and Discussant: Dr. Shiren Ding, Director of the Institute of Islamic Studies, Lanzhou University, China

New Features of Chinese Muslims Enterprise Development
Dr. Zhang Shaoming, Vice President, Ningxia Academy of Social Sciences, Yinchuan, China
Halal Food Industry and Standardization in China: Regulations and Survival Guide
Dr. Ma Qiang, Professor of Ethnology, Institute for Western Frontier Region of China, Shaanxi Normal University, Xi’an, China

Characteristics of Consumer Behavior of Chinese Muslims
Dr. Liu Tianming, Vice President, Ningxia Academy of Social Sciences, Yinchuan, China

1:00 – 2:00  Lunch

2:00 –3:30  Session VI: Islamic Endowment [Waqf] and China

Chair and Discussant: Dr. Tarak Abdalla, Associate Professor, Institute of Islamic World Studies, Zayed University, UAE

Islamic Economics and Social Institutions: Waqf Model
Dr. Ibrahim Ghanem, Professor, Institute of Islamic World Studies, Zayed University, UAE

Waqf Model and Its Application in Chinese Muslim Society
Dr. Shiren Ding, Director of the Institute of Islamic Studies, Lanzhou University, China

Role of Mosque in Chinese Muslim Education: Implications for Waqf Management
Prof. Jun Ding, Director of the Middle Eastern Cultural Studies, Northwest University for Nationalities, China

3:30 – 3:45  Break

3:45 – 4:45  Roundtable: Sheik Muhammad Bin Rashid’s Islamic Economy Initiative and the Future of China-Arab Cooperation

Moderator: Dr. Badr Othman Malullah, General Director, Arab Planning Institute, Kuwait

4:45 – 5:00  Concluding Remarks