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Editorial

Dear readers,

We have the pleasure to offer you glimpses into IRCICA's activities over these past months. The activities include conferences on the history of culture and exhibitions of artworks and archival documents, which were organized jointly with research institutes in different countries. The conferences, in particular, converged on mainly two subjects, one relating to prominent scientists, philosophers and religious scholars who left their marks in the cultural history of the Muslim world, and the other, to archival, bibliographic and codicologic studies on the written works that reached us from this history. On the first subject, two online conferences were conducted on "Ibn Sina's Works in Western and Eastern Scientists' Approaches" and "Contributions of Termiz Scholars", respectively, jointly with institutions in the scholars' homeland - Uzbekistan. The first conference gathered research papers on the dissemination of the works of Ibn Sina in the Eastern and the Western worlds, a process which materialized through the philosopher's own contacts, the circulation of copies of his and his disciples' works, and translations of his works into Latin starting from the 12th century. The second conference highlighted the roles and contributions of the philosophers and scientists of Termiz (Uzbekistan) in the fields of Quranic exegesis, Hadith studies, Islamic philosophy - Sufism in particular. Transmission of their legacy took place uninterruptedly from teacher to student, which facilitated the formation of strong scholarly traditions. The well-known Termiz scholars include Imam at-Tirmizi, a disciple of Imam al-Bukhari and teacher of many Hadith scholars; Hakim at-Tirmizi; al-Warraq at-Tirmizi; Burhan-uddin at-Tirmizi, the teacher of Mevlana Jalal ud-din Rumi, and many others. The second main theme, on the works of science and scholarship as subjects of study, was addressed from different angles through the Ubaydulla Karimov International Conference of Young Orientalists coordinated together with Al-Biruni Institute of Oriental Studies, Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences, as well as the joint book launch with the Kazakhstan National Center for Manuscripts and Rare Books on the catalogue of their Arabic-script

collections, and the training program on Oriental Manuscripts which was held at IRCICA with practical examples from IRCICA's archive collections.

During the period under review, we held artistic and documentary exhibitions within the framework of the cultural program organized by the OIC General Secretariat and the Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU) in Kampala. Our exhibitions featured works of calligraphy selected from among winners' works in IRCICA's competitions and historical photographs of Makkah al-Mukarramah, Madina al-Munawwara, and al-Quds al-Sharif chosen from IRCICA's archive. IRCICA's cultural events create opportunities of exchange and cooperation between historians, researchers, artists and specialists of Islamic culture and civilization from around the world, as required by the Centre's mandate.

As this issue comes out, we would have concluded the Third Congress on Islamic Civilization in Southern Africa in Cape Town and be preparing for an art and handicrafts festival in Samarkand. IRCICA's website and social media channels carry news on these activities on daily basis. As to this quarterly Newsletter, it contains relatively more detailed records of the activities and thereby serves both informative and documentary purposes.

As usual, the issue begins with outlines of the OIC's activities that engage IRCICA together with other OIC institutions. The Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers, which ordinarily meets biennially, had not met since 2018 due to the pandemic. The session held in Baku had an expanded agenda incorporating pandemic-related issues. The latter directly involve our Centre insofar as on-site training programs, architectural heritage sites, archive and museum collections are concerned. Another OIC meeting, belated due to the pandemic, was the UN-OIC General Cooperation Meeting held in Geneva. We presented reports on our activities to both meetings and assumed our shares of the new tasks. Fuller information on these meetings is available on the OIC's website.

With best wishes.

Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol KILIÇ
Director General, IRCICA

11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers

Baku, Azerbaijan, 27-29 June 2022

The 11th session of the Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers (ICTM) of the OIC Member States was held in Baku, Azerbaijan, on 27-29 June 2022. More than 160 delegates from 39 countries participated in the conference. The message of H.E. President Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, was read by the Chairman of the State Tourism Agency (STA) of the Republic of Azerbaijan Mr. Fuad Naghiyev. The conference was dedicated to “The Role of Local Communities in Tourism Development”.

The Secretary General of the OIC, H.E. Hissein Brahim Taha presented the report of the General Secretariat on the situation and developments of the tourism sector in the OIC Member States and the OIC’s activities in this area. IRCICA Director General Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç presented IRCICA’s report on its activities relating to the development of tourism, particularly cultural tourism, in the Member States implemented since the previous, 10th Session of the ICTM (Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2018). Professor Kılıç



was invited to present a study on “Advantages of Traditional Cultures and Locations in Modern Tourism Tendencies” at one of the thematic working sessions. In this study, Prof. Kılıç analyzed the role and place of traditional cultures and locations as vectors of continuity and development of tourism. The Director General briefly described the studies that IRCICA undertakes with the aim of highlighting and presenting devoting extracting the cultural knowledge embodied in these locations and rendering it accessible to touristic publics.

The Ministerial Conference reviewed the progress of joint tourism projects put to implementation by several OIC Member States, assessed the developments relating to the

organization of the OIC Tourism Fairs and formulated guidelines for greater success in this area. The conference elected Şanlıurfa (Türkiye) and Khiva (Uzbekistan) as the OIC Tourism Capitals for 2023 and 2024.

During the period of the 11th ICTM in Baku, IRCICA Director General Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç visited Ambassador Mr. Mehmet Süreyya Er, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic Speaking Countries (TURKPA) at the TURKPA Secretariat in Baku, Azerbaijan on 29 June 2022. The talks focused on cultural cooperation between IRCICA and TURKPA in common areas of interest. 🌍

UN-OIC General Cooperation Meeting

Geneva, Switzerland, 18-20 July 2022

The 15th Session of the UN-OIC General Meeting on Cooperation was held at Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, on 18-20 July 2022. The UN-OIC General Meeting on Cooperation is held biannually to review and enhance cooperation between the UN and the OIC in areas of common concern including peace and security, countering violent extremism, human rights, women empowerment, education, humanitarian assistance, health, economic development, environment and climate change, among others.

The meeting brought together high-level representatives from the Secretariats of the UN and the OIC as well as their agencies and institutions. It was co-chaired by H.E. Ambassador Tarig Ali Bakhiet, Assistant Secretary General of the OIC for Humanitarian, Cultural and Social Affairs and Special Envoy of the OIC Secretary General for Afghanistan, and H.E. Ambassador Khaled Khiari, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs of the United Nations. IRCICA Director General H.E. Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç participated in the meeting.

Following the Plenary Session, the work continued with the three working groups on Political Issues,



Cooperation on Economic and Scientific Issues, and Cooperation on Cultural, Social and Humanitarian Issues. Through the working groups, the UN agencies and the OIC institutions reviewed the progress of cooperation in these three main areas and deliberated on new activities and projects for the upcoming two-year period of their cooperation. They reaffirmed their intention to reinforce cooperation, complement each other's potentials and work together to address the global and regional challenges through sharing experiences and best practices and deepening strategic dialogue, conducting joint research and establishing common approaches.

The meeting agreed on a Matrix

of Joint Activities between the OIC and the UN for the upcoming two years. It was also agreed upon to hold the 16th Session of the General Meeting on Cooperation in 2024 at the premises of the Islamic Organisation for Food Security (IOFS), a specialized institution of the OIC based in Nur-Sultan, Republic of Kazakhstan.

In the context of UN-OIC General Cooperation, IRCICA is the focal point for the OIC in the priority area "development of arts and crafts and promotion of heritage". IRCICA also conducts a fruitful cooperation with the UN Alliance of Civilizations and is a member of the Group of Friends of the UNAOC. 🇺🇳

Online workshop on Social Development in the OIC Member States

coordinated by the OIC General Secretariat and SESRIC

2-4 August 2022

The OIC General Secretariat and the OIC's subsidiary Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC, Ankara) coordinated an online workshop on the topic "Enhancing the Capacities of National Institutions in the Field of Social Development in the OIC Member States", on 2-4 August 2022. The workshop took place within the framework of the implementation of the resolutions of the First OIC Ministerial Conference on Social Development (Istanbul, December 2019) and the 48th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Islamabad, March 2022). 216 experts and senior officials attended the workshop from relevant institutions in 26 OIC Member States, the OIC organs and institutions concerned, among them IRCICA, as well as other regional and international organisations, including the Arab Organization of Persons with Disabilities (AOPD), the United Nations International Labour Organisation (ILO), and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The workshop was opened with an address by the Director General of SESRIC H.E. Mr. Nebil Dabur. H.E. Ms. Derya Yanık, Minister of Family and Social Services of the Republic of Türkiye, addressed the workshop in her capacity as the Chair of the First OIC Ministerial Conference



on Social Development. H.E. Mr. Hissein Brahim Taha, Secretary General of the OIC, emphasized, in his opening statement, that the OIC attaches great importance to issues of social development. The Secretary General pointed out that that the promotion of policies aimed at strengthening family and social security and providing and facilitating effective and reliable social services for the family, children, the elderly, and people with special needs, is among the objectives of OIC-2025 Programme of Action.

The Workshop aimed to identify challenges and obstacles that national institutions face in the domain of social development, including the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on vulnerable populations and social development; it also aimed to present OIC strategies

and plans of action relevant to social development as well as to enhance intra-OIC cooperation amongst Member States and OIC organs and institutions, particularly with a view to facilitating networking and joint action in the domain of social development. (<https://www.sesric.org/event-detail.php?id=2648>).

IRCICA was represented at the workshop by Prof. Najat Khalil, Assistant Head of Research and Publication, IRCICA, who made a presentation on IRCICA's activities relevant for the promotion of the OIC's goals in this field, during the workshop's session titled "Achieving Social Development Goals in the Member States from the Muslim Family Perspective".

5th Session of the Islamic Solidarity Games

Konya, Türkiye, 9-18 August 2022

The 5th Session of the Islamic Solidarity Games was hosted by the Republic of Türkiye in the city of Konya. The games are organized every four years under the aegis of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF), a Riyadh-based affiliated institution of the OIC, each round hosted by a Member State. The games are aimed at “supporting the development of the athletes of the Islamic geography and increasing the culture of brotherhood and solidarity among the athletes”.

The 5th Session of the Islamic Solidarity Games were opened on 9 August 2022 by the President of Türkiye H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, with a ceremony held in the Konya Stadium, in the presence of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev, the President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus H.E. Mr. Ersin Tatar, the Prime Minister of the State of Palestine H.E. Mr. Mohammed al-Shtayyeh, the Prime Minister of Albania H.E. Mr. Edi Rama, the Prime Minister of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria H.E. Mr. Aymen Benabderrahmane, the Minister of Sports in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and President of ISSF H.R.H. Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki Al-Faisal, the Minister of Information, Culture and Youth of the State of Kuwait H.E. Mr.



Abdulrahman al-Mutairi, together with Ministers from the host country Türkiye, as well as the Ambassadors of the countries taking part in the Games.

H.E. Mr. Hissein Brahim Taha, Secretary General of OIC, delivered an address stressing that the OIC attaches great importance to sports and youth, as foreseen in its Program of Action 2025 currently under implementation. The Secretary General underlined that the Islamic Solidarity Games are one of the most significant sports events in the world and thanked the Republic of Türkiye for hosting this round of the games. The Director General of IRCICA H.E. Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç attended the opening ceremony of the Games.

The 5th round of the Games were

originally scheduled for 2021 but postponed for one year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It assembled 4200 athletes from 56 countries competing individually or in teams in 24 different fields. Earlier rounds of the games had taken place in Indonesia in 2013 and Azerbaijan in 2017. 🇹🇷





Book Launch: Joint publication with the Kazakhstan National Center for Manuscripts and Rare Books

IRCICA, 3 June 2022

A book launch ceremony was held at IRCICA on 3 June 2022 for the Catalogue of the Book Collection in Arabic Script of the Kazakhstan National Center for Manuscripts and Rare Books which was jointly prepared by scholars and experts from the National Center and IRCICA and published in Nur-Sultan in December 2021. Kazakhstan National Center for Manuscripts and Rare Books is attached to the Committee for Archives and Documentation Management of the Ministry of Culture and Sports of the Republic

of Kazakhstan. The book launch was held in the presence of H.E. Mr. Alim Bayel, Consul General of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Istanbul; Dr. Zhandos Boldykov, Director, National Center for Manuscripts and Rare Books, and his colleagues; experts and researchers from Kazakhstan and Türkiye.

The Director General of IRCICA, Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç expressed his pleasure that this publication was another valuable outcome of the fruitful cooperation between IRCICA

and the Republic of Kazakhstan, particularly the National Center for Manuscripts and Rare Books. Prof. Kılıç underlined the significance of the book as an inventory of Arabic-script sources relevant for studies in history, science and literature as well as for manuscript studies and codicology. The Director General also briefed the audience about other activities jointly organized by the Kazakhstan National Center and IRCICA including the workshop on “Islamic Manuscript Heritage in Kazakhstan: Research, Preservation and Personnel

Training” (Astana, 2018) and an exhibition of calligraphy (Astana, 2019). IRCICA Director General Prof. Kılıç thanked the Director and members of the Kazakhstan National Center for Manuscripts and Rare Books for their cooperation in this project and also thanked the compilers of the catalogue, namely Ashirbek Muminov, Nurlan Erezhepov, Kamshat Parimbekova, Selahaddin Uygur, Almat Absalikov, Anuar Arykbaev and all other contributors.

The Consul General of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Mr. Alim Bayel congratulated IRCICA and the Kazakhstan National Center for Manuscripts and Rare Books for the preparation and publication of the catalogue which reflects the importance attached to the recording and the study of the written cultural heritage. The Consul General said that Kazakhstan, a young republic with a long history encompassing several states and civilizations including the Golden Horde and the Kazakh Khanate, gives importance to recovering, studying and presenting its written assets, which are preserved in collections within and outside the country.

Following the speeches, the book was introduced to the audience by Dr. Zhandos Boldykov, Director of the Kazakhstan National Center for Manuscripts and Rare Books, Committee for Archives and Documentation Management of the Ministry of Culture and Sports of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Dr. Boldykov described the contents and the methodology of the catalogue, where a book launch ceremony was held at IRCICA on 3 June 2022 for the Catalogue of the *Book Collection in Arabic Script of the Kazakhstan National Center for Manuscripts and Rare Books* which



was jointly prepared by scholars and experts from the National Center and IRCICA and published in Nur-Sultan in December 2021. Kazakhstan National Center for Manuscripts and Rare Books is attached to the Committee for Archives and Documentation Management of the Ministry of Culture and Sports the works are recorded under three sections: manuscripts, lithographed books, rare printed publications. They consist of Arabic-script books, in Arabic, Persian, Chaghatay-Turkic, Tatar and other languages. The majority are on Islamic jurisprudence (*Şqh*), Islamic theology (*kalam*), exegesis on the Holy Qur'an (*tafsir*), and Traditions (*hadith*). There are also manuscripts and printed books containing

poetry, literary prose, and philosophical essays.

The delegation from the Kazakhstan National Center for Manuscripts and Rare Books was received by the Director General of IRCICA, Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç some days before the book launch event, on 31 May 2022; Dr. Zhandos Bekdildaevich Boldykov, Director of the National Center for Manuscripts and Rare Books, together with Prof. Dr. Zdash Dukenbaeva, Mr. Almat Absalikov and Mr. Almat Absalamov, Senior Researchers; Mrs. Kamshat Parimbekova, Head of Department, exchanged ideas on the scholarly cooperation between the two institutions. 🌱



International Conference: “Contributions of Termiz Scholars to the Development of World Civilization”

organized by Imam Termizi International Scientific-Research
Center, Uzbekistan

Online, 5 July 2022

The International Scientific-Practical Conference “Contributions of Termiz Scholars to the Development of World Civilization” was coordinated online by Imam Termizi International Scientific-Research Center, Termiz, Uzbekistan, and IRCICA, on 5 July 2022. The conference brought together 38 scholars and specialists from various countries, including Algeria, Egypt, France, India, Morocco, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkey, U.K., U.S.A., Uzbekistan, Imam Termizi Center and IRCICA.

The opening session was moderated by Prof. Dr. Shukurilloh Umarov, Director, Imam Termizi International Scientific-Research Center, and Prof. Dr. Ashirbek Muminov, Advisor to the Director General of IRCICA. Opening addresses were delivered by: Dr. Irgash Daminov, Responsible Member of the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan; Dr. Kamol Kamilov, Responsible Member of the Committee on Religious Affairs under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan; Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç, Director General, IRCICA; Deputy Mufti Hamidjon Ishmatbekov, First Deputy

Chairman of the Muslim Board of Uzbekistan; Dr. Rifat Rifovich Suyargulov, Head of the Scientific Department, Central Religious Board of Muslims of Russia, Russian Islamic University, Russian Federation. Dr. Kamol Kamilov stressed the importance of the international scope of Imam Termizi Center’s work; he expressed thanks and appreciation to IRCICA Director General Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç for his contributions to international scholarly cooperation in general and joint projects with Imam Termizi Center in particular. Deputy Mufti Ishmatbekov said, in his address, that the hundreds of scholars and scientists of Termiz and entire Uzbekistan

are recognized and studied with esteem and interest by researchers throughout the world, as is also reflected in the present conference.

IRCICA Director General Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç recalled the first conference on this theme which was jointly organized by Imam Termizi Center and IRCICA on 23 June 2021 and said that its proceedings, diffused globally by Imam Termizi Center and through the reports of IRCICA, had met great interest in research circles. Prof. Kılıç said IRCICA gives importance to promoting research and information on the contributions to science and scholarship having emanated



from different regions of the world throughout history including Central Asia as one of the core regions of this respect.

Following the plenary opening session, papers were presented in three parallel sessions:

First session: “The Contribution of Termiz Scholars to the Development of World Civilization”

- Prof. Dr. Zohidjon Islomov, “The Role of Termiz Scholars in the Development of Islamic Sciences”
- Dr. Abdülcelil Alpkiray, “Teacher-Student Relations between Imam Bukhari and Imam Termizi”
- Dr. Abdülmeccid Cüzcani, “Commentaries of Indian Scholars on the Sunnah of Imam Termizi”
- Dr. Shovosil Ziyodov, “Traditions of Stamping in the Art of Calligraphy in Central Asia”
- Dr. Dursun Sarı, “Science of Hadith in Termiz in the First Three Centuries of Hijra”
- Prof. Dr. Ender Büyükkozkara, “Hakim al-Termizi’s Khatm al-Walayāt and Ibn al-Arabi’s Views”
- Prof. Dr. Mehmet Bilen, “Bukhari’s Defense by Ibn Hajar”
- Prof. Dr. Mevlüt Uyanık, “Philosophical and Scientific Bases of Islam in Turkestan”
- Dr. Ali Askarhon Kasimov, “Religious and Political Sects in Termiz in the 4th-6th Centuries”
- Serdar Bekar, “Translations of Shama’il-i Termizi into Turkish”
- Prof. Dr. Ilhomjon Bekmirzaev, “Al-Sadr al-Shahid al-Bukhari’s Contribution to Islamic Sciences”

Second session: “History of Termiz City and the Role of Termizi Scholars in the Development of Tasawwuf”

- Prof. Dr. Khalid Zahri, “Hakim Termizi’s Contribution to Islamic

Sciences and Humanities”

- Prof. Dr. Nuruddin Belhout, “Manuscripts of Imam Bukhari and Imam Termizi’s Hadith Collections in French Libraries”
- Dr. Jamoliddin Karimov, “Role of Research Centers in Studying the Spiritual Heritage of Scientists”
- Prof. Dr. Aiyub Palmer, “Work of Hakim Termizi Sirat al-Awliya’ and its Importance in Islamic Theology”
- Prof. Dr. Abuzar Khairi, “Scientific and Literary Development in Termiz Region: Its Impact on the Indian Subcontinent”
- Prof. Dr. Mahmud Abdurahman, “Way of the Life of Hakim Termizi”
- Mr. Olimxon Yusupov, “Hakim Termizi – The Great Termizi Scientist”
- Dr. Ibrohim Usmonov, “Hakim Termizi’s Views on Lexicography”
- Dr. Shayesta Bedar, “Works of Termiz Scholars Kept in the Libraries of India”
- Mr. Siham Bogueun, “Industrial Revolution and Its Brief History”
- Dr. Jurabek Chutmatov, “Hakim Termizi’s Theory of Wisdom”
- Dr. Muzaffarkhon Joniev, “A Collection of the Works of Hakim Termizi”

Third session: “History of Sciences, Cultural and Architectural Heritage, Arts and Crafts, Intercultural Relations”

- Dr. Rifat Suyargulov, “Influence of Central Asian Muslim Civilization on the Formation of Muslim Culture in the Ural-Volga Region”
- Mr. Dmitriy Grachev Dinislam, “Development of cooperation between the centers of Islamic science and education in Eurasia on the example of the establishment of the Eurasian Association for the Development of Islamic Education”
- Dr. Mirzo Hasan Sulton, “Science in the time of Hakim Termizi”

- Mr. Bakhtiyar Zulfiqorov, Role of Surkhandarya museums in the study of material and spiritual heritage”
- Dr. Shamsiddin Muhammad, “World of the Tajik language in the Shqh works of Hakim Termizi and their literary meaning”
- Dr. Mqsudkhan Ismoliov, “Interpretation of the characteristics of the heart in the work of Hakim Termizi’s Masail-I Maknuna”
- Dr. Umarali Qodirov, “Scientific and psychological basis of the analysis of the creative heritage of oriental thinkers and writers”
- Prof. Dr. Bakhtiyar Turaev, “Makhdum-i A’zam and his concept of tolerance in the enlightened Islam”
- Dr. Dilshad Rasulov, “History of Termiz manuscripts in world libraries”
- Mr. Umid Xudoyberdiev, “Inscriptions on the medieval poetry of Termiz”
- Dr. Otobek Mukhammadiev, “Manuscripts of ‘Ala’ al-Din al-Usmandi’s work in world library funds”
- Dr. Jaloliddin Mirzo, “Astronomical knowledge in Termiz”
- Prof. Dr. Ochil Buriev, “Sahibqiran Amir Temur – the guide to Sayyids”
- Dr. Abdushukur Muratov, “Symbolic images inscribed in Mawarannahr”
- Mrs. Nargiza Rhamatullaeva, “Heritage of Haji Samandar Termizi”.



18th Ubaydulla Karimov International Conference of Young Orientalists

Coordinated by Al-Biruni Institute of Oriental Studies of the Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences; the Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan; Tashkent State University of Oriental Studies; IRCICA

Tashkent, 4-5 August 2022

“Current State of Preservation and Research of Ancient Written Sources” was the theme of the 18th Ubaydulla Karimov International Conference of Young Orientalists held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. The conference was coordinated in hybrid format, on 4-5 August 2022. Its co-organizers were: Al-Biruni Institute of Oriental Studies of the Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences; the Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan; Tashkent State University of Oriental Studies; and IRCICA.

The opening ceremony heard the speeches of Prof. Dr. Bakhrom Abdukhalimov, Director of Al-Beruni Institute of Oriental Studies, Vice-President of Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences; Ambassador Shaazim Minovarov, Director of the Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan; Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç, Director General of IRCICA; Assist. Prof. Dr. Gulchehra Rikhsiyeva, Rector of Tashkent State University of Oriental Studies; Prof. Dr. Zohidjon Islomov, Vice-Rector, International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan, Vice-Rector; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Shovosil Ziyodov, Director of Imam Bukhari International Scientific-Research Center.

An exhibition titled “Conservation and Restoration of Manuscripts from the Holdings of Al-Beruni Institute of Oriental Studies, Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences” was opened on the occasion of the



conference.

80 research papers were presented by the participants, online or in person. The session themes were: “Current State of the Preservation, Restoration and Cataloguing of Manuscripts”, “Historical Source Studies”, “Central Asian History and Historiography”, “Language and Literature”, “Islamic Studies”, “Arts of the Book”. Prof. Dr. Ashirbek Muminov, Advisor to the Director General of IRCICA for programs, read the address of Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç, Director General of IRCICA, who was unable to attend due to other engagements. Prof. Muminov also presented a paper during the plenary session (prepared together with Dr. Didar Bayır, Head of the Library and Archive Department, IRCICA) recapitulating Egypt’s experience in the classification and preservation of funds of ancient manuscripts evaluated from the viewpoint of the activities

of the late Dr. Nasrullah Tirazi, an eminent librarianship expert who also served as advisor at IRCICA Library in the 1990s. Prof. Muminov also led the deliberations of different sessions.

A Round-Table titled “Experience of Uzbekistan in Preservation and Research of Ancient Written Sources” was moderated by Ambassador Shoazim Minovarov, Director of the Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan, on the second day of the conference.

The papers of the conference will be published in the form of a book. Those of the preceding, 2021 conference were published the same year with the conference theme carried to its title, Proceedings of the International Conference Dedicated to the Memory of Academician Ubaydulla Karimov: New Perspectives for the Study of Islamic Culture, History and Art in Uzbekistan. 📖

“The Legacy of Abu Ali ibn Sina: Western and Eastern Scientists’ Approaches”

Conference coordinated by the Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan; the Ministry of Tourism and Culture of Uzbekistan; Ibn Sina Public Foundation (Tashkent), and IRCICA

16 August 2022

Dedicated to the 1042nd birth anniversary of the great scientist Ibn Sina - Avicenna, the international conference on “The Legacy of Abu Ali ibn Sina: Western and Eastern Scientists’ Approaches” was convened jointly by the Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan (CICU) under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan; the Ministry of Tourism and Culture of the Republic of Uzbekistan; Ibn Sina Public Foundation, Uzbekistan; and IRCICA. The conference was coordinated online from the CICU offices in Tashkent on 16 August 2022. It was opened by Ambassador Dr. Shaazim Minovarov, Director of CICU. The opening ceremony also heard the address of First Deputy Minister of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan Mr. Amrillo Inoyatov, emphasizing the timeless relevance of Ibn Sina’s work on medicine, paramedicine and public health and the recognition given to his science in the world. Then, the video recording of the address of IRCICA Director General Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç was shown. In his address, Prof. Kılıç underlined the historical importance of Ibn Sina for world science from the viewpoint of the influence of his works on his eminent successors in the Eastern and the Western worlds. Prof. Kılıç said that Ibn Sina enlightened the medieval Western world as well as contributing to the Golden Age of



sciences in the Eastern world. His books started to be translated into Latin only about one century after his time and used as textbooks in universities. Concurrently he also influenced many major philosophers in the Eastern world through his conceptual and terminological innovations and classifications of the sciences. The opening ceremony concluded with the address of Nozimkhon Anvarovich Makhmudov, Chairman of the Board of the Ibn Sina Public Foundation and a presentation titled “The Epic of Abu Ali Ibn Sina” by Academician Usmankhujjev Abdulkarim Haydarovich, Advisor to the Ibn Sina Public Foundation.

The working sessions heard scientific papers presented by specialists and researchers from Germany, India, Iran, South Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan,

Turkey, Uzbekistan, and the organizing institutions. The Director of the Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan, Dr. Shaazim Minovarov, spoke of “Ibn Sina and Europe”. “A study of the works of Abu Ali Ibn Sina in India” was presented by Prof. Zillur Said Rahman, President of the Ibn Sina Academy in India. From IRCICA, Prof. Dr. Ashirbek Muminov together with Mr. Veysel Bulut gave a paper on “The method followed in the detection of Ibn Sina manuscripts in Turkish libraries, in particular of al-Shifa and al-Qanun fi’l-tibb”; Mr. Serdar Bekâr from IRCICA delivered a study on “The Avicenna manuscripts in Ramazan Şeşen’s Nawadirul-Makhtutat”. An extensive concluding outline on the life and works of Ibn Sina was presented by the Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan. 🌱

“Cultural Heritage of Uzbekistan – The Foundation of the New Renaissance”

Sixth Congress of the World Society for the Study, Preservation and Promotion of the Cultural Heritage of Uzbekistan, IRCICA as an international partner

Samarkand, Uzbekistan, 22-24 July 2022

The World Society for the Study, Preservation and Promotion of the Cultural Heritage of Uzbekistan held its Sixth Congress titled “Cultural Heritage of Uzbekistan – The Foundation of the New Renaissance” in Samarkand, on 22-24 July 2022. The congress was organized by the World Society with the support of the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan and in collaboration with national and international organizations. IRCICA was among the International Partners of the congress together with the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan, UNESCO, research centers and academic publishers from Austria, Russia, U.K., U.S.A. and Uzbekistan. More than 200 persons attended from around the world including heads and members of national and international organizations, museum institutions, research centers, scholars, researchers, media representatives. Progress of the World Society’s research program titled “Cultural Heritage of Uzbekistan in the collections of the world” (<https://legacy.uz/en/about/>), its network of cooperation with organizations and researchers, and various publications, were presented with lectures, documentary films and displays of books and artifacts throughout the congress period.

The plenary opening session on 22 July 2022 received the greetings of



Mr. Aziz Abdulkhakimov, Minister of Tourism and Cultural Heritage of Uzbekistan, the addresses of Prof. Akmal Saidov, Chairman of the Editorial Board of the project “Cultural Heritage of Uzbekistan in the collections of the world”; Mr. Firdavs Abdulkhalikov, Chairman of the Board of the World Society, the representatives of partner organizations, and collaborating researchers from various countries. Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç, Director General of IRCICA, gave an address at the plenary opening session, in which he underlined the importance of the World Society’s projects for the recording, preservation and study of Uzbekistan’s cultural heritage and disseminating knowledge about this heritage to the institutions and specialists concerned all over the world.

Prof. Kılıç said that the international cooperation network established by the Society for the implementation of its projects is a praiseworthy model and an example for like-minded academic and cultural initiatives. Director General Kılıç gave examples of IRCICA’s projects implemented jointly with the governments, cultural institutions and research centers of the OIC Member States, including the Republic of Uzbekistan, for the study and publication of the copies of historical manuscripts authored by prominent scholars and preserved in libraries and museums.

The presentations were arranged under the following session themes: “Cultural heritage as a factor of sustainable development and interethnic dialogue”,

“Academician E.V. Rtveldze in the development of historical science and archeology of Uzbekistan”, “New directions of the publishing part of the project “Cultural heritage of Uzbekistan in the collections of the world. Foreign collections”, “New directions of the publishing part of the project Cultural heritage of Uzbekistan in the collections of the world.

Regional collections, “New directions of the publishing part of the project “Cultural heritage of Uzbekistan in the collections of the world. Republican collections”, “Current issues of the history of architecture and architectural epigraphics of Central Asia”, “114 Quran copies. New approaches in the study of spiritual heritage”, “Heritage of Alisher Navoi

and his role in world culture”, “Handwritten book and miniature painting of Central Asia – symbiosis of education and art”, “Art of Central Asia through the prism of masterpieces from world collections”, “Special projects of the World Society: expanding the directions of activities”. 📖

IRCICA and Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences Training Program

IRCICA, 23-24 June 2022

A training program on “The Importance of Oriental Manuscripts in Conducting Research in the field of Historical and Islamic Studies” was organized by IRCICA and the Institute of History, Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences (Tashkent) at IRCICA on 23-24 June 2022. 14 experts and researchers from the Academy participated in the program, namely Prof. Dr. Azamat Ziyov, Director, Institute of History, Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sherzodhon Mahmudov, Deputy Director, Institute of History, Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences; Mukhtor Shamsiev, Researcher, Institute of History, Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences; Khurshid Jumanazarov, PhD student; Nizomiddin Gulboev, Researcher; Jamshid Adilov, Researcher; Odil Zariyov, PhD student; Islom Buriev, M.A. student, International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan; Shokhruz Sharipov, Researcher; Asadullo Khasanov, PhD Student; Jumaniyoz Sangirov, PhD Student; Ubaydulla Ismoyilov, PhD student; Sarvar



Kuldashev, PhD student; Azamjon Mamadjanov, PhD student.

The program comprised the following lectures, delivered by IRCICA’s experts working in fields related to the program theme:

- * Conducting Research in the Ottoman Archives (Prof. Dr. Fazil Bayat)
- * Manuscripts of “Shama’il al-Nabi” by al-Imam al-Tirmizi (Mr. Mehmet Serdar Bekar)
- * Research Project “Catalogue of the Works by Ibn Sina” (Mr. Veysel Bulut)

* Library of IRCICA: Book Funds, Archives and Programs (*Didar Bayir*, Director of the Library and Archives)

* Critical Edition of “Wafiyat al-Aslaf” by Shihab al-Din al-Marjani (Prof. Najat Khalil)

* Islamic Architecture (Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alidost Ertuğrul)

* Islamic Calligraphy (Mr. Efdaluddin Kılıç)

* Islamic Culture in Africa (Prof. Dr. Aboubacar Abdullah Senghore)

IRCICA Director General's address at the First Kazan Global Youth Summit

organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Republic of
Tatarstan, Russian Federation, and OIC ICYF-DC

Kazan, Tatarstan, 27-30 August 2022

Kazan Global Youth Summit brought together around 300 participants from 67 countries through 27-30 August 2022 in the context of the OIC program “Kazan OIC Youth Capital in 2022”. Organized by the OIC-affiliate Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC), the Ministry of Youth Affairs of the Republic of Tatarstan (Russian Federation), the Academy of Youth Diplomacy, and the Public Fund for Youth “Selet” of Tatarstan, the Summit involved sessions that addressed issues of the youth in the OIC Member States at regional and global levels such as intercultural dialogue, equal opportunities for youth, and youth migration, as well as the role of the OIC and its relevant organs and institutions in the development of youth and sports. The President of Tatarstan H.E. Mr. Rustam Minnikhanov and Russian Foreign Minister H.E. Mr. Sergei Lavrov participated in the Summit, which was attended by youth ministers and deputy ministers from Azerbaijan, Cameroon, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Libya, Madagascar, Niger, Palestine, Pakistan, Russia, Sierra Leone and Uganda, leaders of youth organizations, heads and members of international organizations, researchers and media representatives.

Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç, Director General of IRCICA, was

invited to give an address at the session on “Intercultural Dialogue and Equal Opportunities for Youth” which was opened by the Tatar Deputy Prime Minister Leyla Fazleeva. In his address, Prof. Kılıç focused on the cultural diplomacy and inter-cultural dialogue aspects of the Summit themes, stressing the benefits of promoting youth engagement in priority sectors of development policy and international cooperation such as education, environment and heritage preservation. The Director General briefed the audience on the activities involving young experts, professionals, artists and cultural workers that are carried out by IRCICA with the aims of coordinating scholarly research, promoting the arts and sciences and encouraging inter-cultural dialogue.



IRCICA Director General received by the Minister of Culture of the Republic of Tatarstan

IRCICA Director General Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç was received by Ms. Irada Ayupova, Minister of Culture, Tatarstan Republic, Russian Federation, on 29 August 2022, during the period of the Kazan Global Youth Summit. A fruitful exchange of views was conducted on joint projects between Tatarstan and IRCICA. 🇹🇲





International Conference on “The Role of the Kokand Khanate in the Development of Statehood and Cultural Heritage of Uzbekistan”

Convened by TURKSOY jointly with the Ministry of Tourism
 and Cultural Heritage of Uzbekistan, Kokand University, and
 Tashkent State University for Oriental Studies

Kokand, Uzbekistan, 7-10 June 2022

The International Conference “The Role of the Kokand Khanate in the Development of Statehood and Cultural Heritage of Uzbekistan” took place in the city Kokand, Republic of Uzbekistan on 7-10 June 2022. Kokand is the previous capital of the Kokand Khanate (1710-1876). The conference was organized by the Organization of Turkic States (TURKSOY), the Ministry of Tourism and Cultural Heritage of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Kokand University, and Tashkent State University for Oriental Studies. Representatives of academic institutes and universities from China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan,

South Korea, Tajikistan, Türkiye, USA, and Uzbekistan took part in the conference with their presentations on the history and culture of the Kokand Khanate. Prof. Dr. Ashirbek Muminov, Advisor to the Director General

for Programs, IRCICA, a scholar in Oriental Studies and Historical Sciences, participated in the conference with a research paper on the topic “Genealogy of Khans and Collections of Documents in the Kokand Khanate.”



IRCICA's activities during the OIC's Cultural Program at the Islamic University in Uganda

Kampala, Uganda, 11-12 June 2022

A two-day Cultural Program was organized by the OIC and hosted by the Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU, an affiliated institution of the OIC), in Kampala, on 11-12 June 2022. Under the theme “Culture, Education and Development: Experiences from the Muslim World”, the program included several cultural and scientific activities, including lectures, exhibitions, workshops, cultural performances by local and international participants that represented the diverse cultures of Islamic countries. The events were held at Females' Campus of IUIU at Kabojja, Kampala and ended with the closing ceremony at Hotel Africana.

The aim of the program was to reinforce cultural links between the peoples of different countries. Some OIC institutions contributed to the program with stands showcasing their activities including IRCICA, the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF), the International Union of Muslim Scouts (IUMS), and the Islamic University of Technology (IUT). Government officials, members of the diplomatic corps in Uganda, representatives of educational and youth institutions, academicians, local community leaders participated in the opening and the closing sessions. The exhibitions were visited by peoples from Ghana, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Türkiye, and Uganda.



The inaugural session of the Cultural Program started with the welcoming remarks of the Rector of IUIU, Assoc. Prof. Ismail Simbwa Gyagenda. Then, the statement of the Secretary General of OIC H.E. Mr. Hissein Brahim Taha was delivered on his behalf by Ambassador Tariq Ali Bakhiet, Assistant Secretary General for Humanitarian, Cultural and Social Affairs. The Secretary General extended thanks to the IUIU for collaborating with the OIC to make this unique cultural event happen. He highlighted the role of education in creating dynamic spaces of cultural interaction and optimal outreach channels to connect Muslim communities within the OIC bigger family while offering opportunities to better train the youth in the Muslim world and to build their capacities to be role models and

actors of genuine change and development in their countries (https://www.oic-oci.org/topic/?t_id=37026&t_ref=25715&lan=en). The keynote address of the inaugural session was given by Prof. Ousman Murzik Kobo from Ohio State University, USA. It was followed by the closing remarks of Mr. Muzamiru Mukwatampola, the High Commissioner for Higher Education at the Ministry of Higher Education and Sports, representing the State Minister of Higher Education.

Following the inaugural session, cultural activities continued for two days with public lectures, exhibitions, artistic performances including dramas, folk dances, traditional costume shows and sports competitions.

IRCICA participated in the program with two exhibitions:



Islamic calligraphy, consisting of award-winning works in its calligraphy competitions, and historical photographs of Makkah al-Mukarramah, Madina al-Munawwara, and al-Quds al-Sharif selected from its archives. In the exhibition space allocated, IRCICA also showcased its books relating to the history and culture of Africa published since the 1980s. The exhibitions and the book stall attracted the attention of the students, attendees and invited guests, including the Rector of IUIU Assoc. Prof. Ismail Simbwa Gyagenda, the Vice Chancellor

for Academic Affairs Dr. Jamil Serwanga, the Vice Rector for Finance and Administration Prof. Abdul K. Mpaata, faculty members of IUIU, representatives from the OIC headquarters and other institutions. IRCICA was represented in the program by Mr. Said Kasımoğlu, Head of the Arts and Handicrafts Department, and Mr. Samet Yalçın, Programs Coordinator, IRCICA.

The closing session of the program took place at Hotel Africana, preceded by a panel discussion with Q&A on the theme of the

Cultural Program. The panelists included the Rector of IUIU Assoc. Prof. Simbwa Gyagenda, Prof. Murzik Kobo, Dr. Omar Jah (Pro-Vice Chancellor, Islamic University of Technology, Dhaka); Dr. Lhoucine Rhazoui, Director of Cultural Affairs at the OIC General Secretariat, among others. At the closing ceremony, IRCICA delegation presented a calligraphy plate and a copy of the album of IRCICA Calligraphy Competitions Award-Winning Works 1986-2016 to the Rector of IUIU Assoc. Prof. Simbwa Gyagande. 🇸🇰



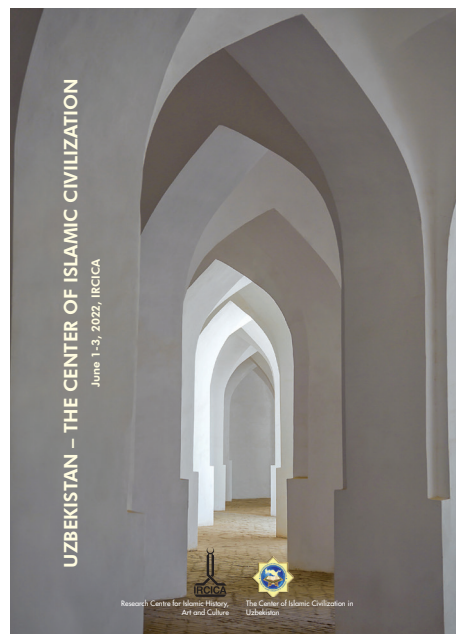
Photography Exhibition “Uzbekistan – A Center of Islamic Civilization”

organized by the Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan
and IRCICA

1-3 June 2022

The photography exhibition titled “Uzbekistan – A Center of Islamic Civilization” organized by the Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan (Tashkent) and IRCICA was opened on 1 June 2022 with an international ceremony that was attended by H.E. Mr. Amirsaid Agzamhodjaev, Consul General of the Republic of Uzbekistan in Istanbul; Mrs. Özlem Bozkurt Gevrek, the Deputy Governor of Istanbul; Dr. Umid Mahmudov, Head of the Department of International Relations, Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan; representatives of media organizations, members of cultural and scholarly circles. The collection of 50 exclusive photographs displayed offers glimpses of the cultural, scientific, artistic and architectural riches of Uzbekistan representing the civilizational achievements constantly enriched and preserved for thousands of years in Mawaraunnahr (corresponding to the land of Uzbekistan), throughout Islamic history, and in modern Uzbekistan. In his welcoming address, IRCICA Director General Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç expressed his appreciation of the cooperation developed between IRCICA and the cultural authorities and institutions of the Republic of Uzbekistan, particularly the Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan. The Director General underlined the historical and current cultural

importance of Central Asia and Uzbekistan as contributors to world civilization, taking into consideration the numerous prominent scholars and scientists having lived and worked in the region, the outstanding artistic and literary works produced, and the rich customs and traditions that have been preserved. The Director General thanked the Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan, the Consul and the Consulate General of the Republic of Uzbekistan in Istanbul, and the Uzbekistan Culture, Solidarity and Cooperation Association, for their cooperation in organizing the event. Mr. Amirsaid



Agzamhodjaev, Consul General of the Republic of Uzbekistan in Istanbul and Dr. Umid Mahmudov, Head of the Department of



International Relations, Center of Islamic Civilization, gave addresses. After the opening, the visitors were invited to see the photographs,

consisting of historical and recent views of monuments, artifacts, historical manuscripts, scenes of social life and traditions. The exhibition remained open for visits

through 1-3 June 2022 and aroused great interest. The photographs, on display for the first time, were appreciated by the visitors. 🇵🇰



MEETINGS, VISITS, COOPERATION

● High-level visit from Suriname

IRCICA Director General Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç received H.E. Dr. Anwar Lall Mohamed, Advisor to the Vice President of the Republic of Suriname and Islamic Development Bank Alternate Governor, together with Mr. Faiq Lall Mohamed, M.D. at IRCICA headquarters on 7 June 2022. Possibilities of developing cultural contacts and academic cooperation between IRCICA and Suriname were explored.



● Visit of the Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran Ambassador Mohammad Farazmand, 16 June 2022

H.E. Ambassador Mohammad Farazmand, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Turkey, paid a visit to H.E. Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç, Director General, at IRCICA's headquarters on 16 June 2022. The meeting focused on cooperation between IRCICA and the Iranian cultural institutions and universities in various cultural fields.



● A delegation from Tabriz Islamic Arts University visited IRCICA

A delegation from Tabriz Islamic Arts University, Islamic Republic of Iran, comprised of Dr. Farhad Khoundi, Counsellor of the Dean for International Affairs, Dr. Sajjad Pakzad, Vice-President for Administration, Finance Affairs and Resources Management, Dr. Mohammadtaghi Pirbabaei, Vice-President for Research, Development and Entrepreneurship, paid a visit to Director General Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç at IRCICA, on 20 June 2022. The meeting appraised the results of joint events, mainly the handicrafts festivals (Tabriz, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019) and explored new cooperation possibilities.



● **Visit of Mr. Bulat Sarsanbayev, Chairman of N. Nazarbayev Center for the Development of Interfaith and Intercivilizational Dialogue, 14 July 2022**

On 14 July 2022, the Chairman of the Managing Board of the N. Nazarbayev Center for the Development of Interfaith and Intercivilizational Dialogue Bulat Sarsanbayev met with the Assistant Director General of IRCICA Prof. Dr. Aboubacar Abdullah Senghore. Mr. Sarsanbayev, who is also the Commissioner for the Promotion of the Goals and Objectives of the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions, informed Prof. Senghore of the preparations for the VIIth Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions (Nur-Sultan 14-15 September 2022). Mr. Sarsanbayev expressed gratitude to the leadership of IRCICA for its constant support of Kazakhstan's initiative to promote intercultural dialogue on



world scale. During the meeting, a Memorandum of Cooperation between the N. Nazarbayev Center and IRCICA was signed, for the purpose of implementing cooperation in research and information on culture, art, and intercultural dialogue..

● **Visit of IRCICA Director General to ISAM President**

IRCICA Director General Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç visited the President of the Center for Islamic Studies (ISAM), Istanbul, at ISAM headquarters on 5 July 2022. The meeting focused on the two centers' cooperation in fields of common interest.



● **IRCICA Director General received the Tunisian filmmaker Mr. Nacer Khemir**

Tunisian writer and filmmaker Mr. Nacer Khemir paid a visit to Director General Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç at IRCICA on 22 June 2022.



● **Visit of the Director of The Mufti Babakhanovs Foundation, Uzbekistan, 4 August 2022**

Mr. Jamoliddin Babakhanov, Director of The Mufti Babakhanovs Foundation, Tashkent, together with the Consul General of the Republic of Uzbekistan in Istanbul Mr. Amirsaid Agzamhodjaev, paid a visit to Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç, Director General, IRCICA; on 4 August 2022. The meeting touched upon the Centre's contacts with Muslims religious authorities in the Central Asian OIC Member States on the occasion of cultural and academic forums.



● **A Delegation from the National Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan at IRCICA**

A delegation from the National Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan (NAST), Dushanbe, visited IRCICA on 25 August 2022 as part of an official visit to Turkey. The delegation was composed of Professors, Dr. Mamurdzhon Mirvaisov, Head, Department of International Relations; Dr. Rustam Haidarov, Deputy Director, A. Bahoviddinov Institute of Philosophy, Political Science and Law; Dr. Abdullo Gafurov, Head, Department of the Institute of History, Archeology and Ethnography named after Ahmad Donish; Dr. Dilshod Jalilov, Researcher, Institute of Economics and Demography; Dr. Akbar Salimov, Senior Researcher, Institute of Asian and European Countries, accompanied by Prof. Dr. İlhan Şahin from 29 Mayıs University, Istanbul. The guests were guided to IRCICA's library and introduced with its publications. In the absence of Director General Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç, they were received by



Professors, Dr. Ashirbek Muminov, Advisor to DG on Programs, Dr. Sadık Ünay, Acting Head, Research; Ms. Yekta Zülfikar, Researcher. NAST and IRCICA had jointly organized the Round Table on “Status of Contemporary Research on History, Arts and Culture in Tajikistan” in September 2019 in Dushanbe; its papers were published in 2020 under the same title.

Islamic Civilization and Art in Central Asia: Past and Present, Materials of the international online conference organized within the framework of the forum

“Bukhara – Islamic Cultural Capital 2020”

28-29 May, year 2020

INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC ACADEMY OF UZBEKISTAN, CENTER OF ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION IN UZBEKISTAN; ORGANISATION OF ISLAMIC COOPERATION, RESEARCH CENTRE FOR ISLAMIC HISTORY, ART AND CULTURE (IRCICA), TASHKENT: INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC ACADEMY OF UZBEKISTAN PUBLISHING AND PRINTING ASSOCIATION, 2020, VOL. I: 454 PP., VOL. II: 454 PP. (PAPERS IN UZBEK, ENGLISH, AND RUSSIAN)

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The city of Bukhara, Uzbekistan, was designated as the Islamic Cultural Capital 2020 for the Asian Region, by decision of the Ninth Conference of Ministers of Culture of the OIC held in Muscat, Oman, in 2015; Bamako, Mali and Cairo, Egypt, were designated as the respective Islamic Cultural Capitals for the African and the Arab regions. Within the framework of the commemoration of “Bukhara Islamic Cultural Capital 2020”, an international online conference was coordinated by the Center of Islamic Civilization of Uzbekistan jointly with the International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan, the Ministry of Culture of Uzbekistan, IRCICA and ICESCO. Held on 28 May 2020 the conference addressed the following theme: “Role and Contribution of Bukhara to Islamic Civilization”. The theme was covered comprehensively by academicians and experts



attending from universities and research centers in various countries. About 100 attendees from 20 countries followed the conference online.

The two volumes of the book include papers presented under the following topics: “Islamic civilization and art in the Muslim world: past and present” (54 articles), “Learning of the intellectual heritage of Central Asian philosophers” (55 articles); “Epigraphy and architecture of historical civilizations in Central Asia” (19 papers); “Similarities and particularities of the customs and traditions of Central Asian peoples” (11 papers). The five articles in English are: Gulchehra Tulemetova, Orifa Gulomova, “Issues of verification of scientific texts in the works of Islamic theologians and philosophers from Bukhara in the VIII-XII the centuries”; Avazbek Ganiyev, “Kharaj and the Zakat collection system in the Bukhara Emirate on the eve of the Russian Empire’s conquest”; Farzona Rakhimova, “Importance of literary sources in learning Arabic culture”; Gulchehra Navruzova, “The way of perfection of a person in “Risola-i

Hazrat Azizon”; and Asalkhon Rakhmatullaeva, “A brief overview of miniatures in the works of Amir Khusraw Dehlevi”. The volumes begin with the prefaces of the Rector of the International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan Prof. Dr. Rustam Kasimov and the Director of the Centre for Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan Amb. Dr. Shoazim Minovarov which highlight the role played by Bukhara as a center of science and philosophy for many centuries starting from the advent of Islam in the region. 🟢

Islamic Civilization in Central Asia: Past and Present, Collection of the Materials of the Second International Scientific-Practical Conference

INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC ACADEMY OF UZBEKISTAN, RESEARCH CENTRE FOR ISLAMIC HISTORY, ART AND CULTURE (IRCICA), TASHKENT: INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC ACADEMY OF UZBEKISTAN, 2021, 364 PP. (PAPERS IN UZBEK, ENGLISH, TURKISH AND RUSSIAN)
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The International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan, Tashkent, and IRCICA have jointly organized an international conference on “Islamic Civilization in Central Asia: Past and Present”. The conference was coordinated in hybrid format at Tashkent, on 14 October 2021. More than 100 research papers were presented. This was the second edition of the international conference on “Culture, Religious Traditions and Customs of the Central Asian Peoples” which was coordinated by the two institutions precisely



one year before, on 14 October 2020. The papers of the 2020 conference were published in 2021, under the title Culture, Religious Traditions and Customs of Central Asian Peoples. Proceedings of the Scientific-Practical Conference organized by the International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan and IRCICA, Tashkent: International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan Publishing and Printing Association, Tashkent 2021. 314 pages (in English, Uzbek, Turkish, and Russian), presented in IRCICA Newsletter no. 114 (January-May 2021). The present collection of papers resulting from the second conference begins with the forewords of Dr. Shoazim Minovarov, Director of the Centre for Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan; Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç, Director General of IRCICA; Prof. Dr. Muzaffar Kamilov, Rector of the International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan, and other dignitaries having addressed the opening session of the conference. The forewords underline the importance of promoting studies on the history and heritage of Central Asian contributions to Islamic civilization. Reference is made, in this regard, to the IRCICA Chair for Islamic History and Source Studies which works under the International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan.

The first section of the book, on the topic “The scientific and spiritual heritage of Central Asian scholars”, has 53 articles; the second, on “Islamic civilization and art in the Central Asian region” includes 22 articles; the third, on “Epigraphy and architecture of the Central Asian historical civilizations” 14 articles, and the fourth, on “Similarities and particularities of the customs and traditions of Central Asian peoples”, 23 articles. The majority of the papers are in the Uzbek language; those in English include the following: Gavhar Fuzaliova. “The great thinker Ibn Sina on education and upbringing”, and Shahzod Khatamov, “Contribution of Uzbek ancestors to the development of Islamic culture”. 📖

(The Arab provinces in Ottoman documents) The Wilaya of Tunis in the Tenth century AH / Sixteenth century AD.

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One of the main objectives of IRCICA is to help the progress of scholarly research on the history and the cultures of the Islamic countries. To this aim, the Centre endeavors to facilitate the access of researchers around the world to the historical and present sources – texts, documents, publications, etc. that contain information needed for their studies. With regard to the history of Arab countries, the official documents dating from the Ottoman State are first-hand records of facts in all spheres of life. However, they demand proficiency in deciphering

Ottoman texts. As a contribution in this respect, and to facilitate the task of researchers whose working language is Arabic, the Centre undertook to publish samples of Ottoman documents, selected for the relevance of their contents or their importance as landmarks, relating to the administrative, cultural, social, and international relations history of Arab lands. The documents are accompanied by their Arabic translations and brief analyses and classified according to the geographic regions. These volumes form a series titled “History of Muslim Countries in the Light of Ottoman Archive Documents”. Ten volumes, prepared by Prof. Dr. Fadel Bayat from IRCICA, have been published. The last one, relating to the Wilaya of Tunis, appeared at the end of 2021.

The Preface by Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mahmoud Erol Kılıç, Director General of IRCICA, is followed by the author’s Introduction, which describes the methodology, the difficulties encountered, and the importance of scholarly studies concerning the history of the region.

The book consists of seven chapters that bring together documents about the political status of Tunis in the Ottoman period, administrative affairs, judicial affairs, endowments and religious affairs, economic affairs, military affairs, the Hafsid rulers of Tunisia, local leaders, families, notables. The analysis of each document is accompanied by its image. A general index of names, places and terms is provided, to facilitate researchers’ use of the information contained in the documents. The majority of the documents presented in the volume were unpublished before. Altogether, they contribute to shedding light on the history of Tunis in the 16th century. 📖

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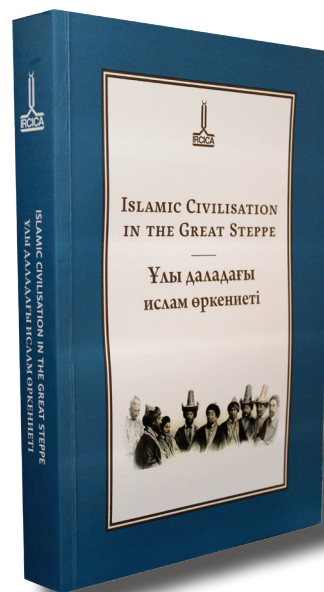
This book contains 50 scientific articles based on the materials of the international conference on “Islamic Civilisation in the Great Steppe. Scientific Readings Dedicated to the Memory of Outstanding Kazakh Scholar in Oriental Studies Dr. Timur Kasymovich Beisembiev (1955-2016)” which was organized by IRCICA in cooperation with R. B. Suleimenov Institute of Oriental Studies of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan and held in Almaty, on 30 March 2017. The book begins with the Preface of IRCICA Director General Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç and the text of the opening address which was delivered at the conference by Prof. Dr. Abdsattar Qazhy Derbissali (1947-2021), then Director of R.B.

Suleimenov Institute of Oriental Studies (a scholar in Islamic history and Supreme Mufti in Kazakhstan from 2000-2013).

The first chapter, titled “Islamic Civilisation in Aral-Caspian Region” includes articles by leading researchers of Kazakhstan about the Islamic monuments of the region. The main focus is on the identification, registration, and primary study of the monuments where inscriptions in Arabic script are concentrated. The studies have helped to identify about 400 memorial and cult complexes. They appraise the state of studies and preservation regarding the monuments and suggest further tasks for the in-depth study, preservation and preparation of future publications on these monuments.

The second chapter, titled “Islamic Studies”, bring together articles that look into the recently discovered written sources on the history of Islamic civilisation in the Great Steppe. Their findings are of interest for research in the fields of history, archeology, sphragistics, diplomacy, folklore, and manuscript heritage.

The third chapter contains articles on a variety of “istoriography” topics about Kazakhstan and Central Asia. Many of them were studied by the famous Kazakh scholar Timur Kasymovich Beisembiev (1955–2016). The fourth chapter, titled “Academic Activity of Timur Beisembiev”, contains six articles highlighting his academic contributions from various viewpoints. Another article records his biography and a description



of his archive, which is the outcome of a whole life devoted to collecting, classifying and studying written sources on the history and culture of Islamic civilisation in the Great Steppe, particularly on Kokand historiography. The last article presented in the book belongs to Beisembiev T.K., “Central Asian (Chagatai) Turki and Central Asian Farsi – Written Languages of the Kazakh Khanate”.

Beisembiev was an important scholar in Oriental Studies and on the history of Central Asia and its sources, well-known particularly for his research and publications on the period of the Kokand Khanate (1710–1876). His publications include the Annotated Indices of the Khoqand Chronicles and his translation and commentary on the biography of Alimqul Amir-i Lashkar of Khoqand, among others.



