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In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

At Japan's Doshisha University campus, a forum on "World Peace...Shared Perspectives" was held by the Muslim World League in cooperation with Doshisha University, and Japan Muslim Association on Saturday, August ١٩, ٢٠١٧. A constellation of researchers, specialists and clergy from Japan and East Asia took part.

His Excellency the Secretary General of the Muslim World League, Dr. Mohammed Bin Abdul-Karim Alissa opened the Seminar, stressing the keenness of Muslims to achieve an objective peace in the world based on the teachings of Islam and its legislations, which have been harbinger of mercy, justice and humanity.

The participants in the seminar warned of the escalation of violence around the world and the steady increase in the number of its victims among the dead, wounded and displaced. They urged considerate wise people of the world of the need to tackle this phenomenon through profound mutual understanding, developing fitting ways of coexistence and promoting sympathy among the peoples of this universe. Just and fair visions that will lead to easing international and regional tensions, and eliminate chronic problems must be sought. Left ignored, these ills will continue to abort the chances of coexistence and dash the hopes of the sage in establishing universal societies where respect, mercy and cooperation reign supreme.

They emphasized the following:

The role of Religions is to promote peace and compassion among all people. Religions must be exonerated of the prevailing state of tension among the nations and societies around the world. they have become unwilling partners of the war mongers' greed and selfish interests.

- Religions provide human beings with moral values and satisfy their spiritual needs. Religious leaders are called upon to invest the assets of religion in the human conscience in rationalizing civilization and steering its achievements for the benefit of man's happiness, achieving his prosperity, guaranteeing his security, refining his behavior, preserving his noble values, and promoting lofty social practices.
- This requires the establishment of a fair partnership within a social contract accepted by all which will invests multiple visions in enriching civil and cultural life and human thought, and building a human civilization rich in benefit.
- Terrorism and extremism are the most significant challenges facing humanity today. They are a psychological scourge that has resulted in unconventional behavior incompatible with the principles of religions and the covenants of states. The response to this issue calls for concerted efforts to eliminate its causes. The world's nations and organizations must cooperate to solve chronic political problems and contribute in defusing global tensions.

Recommendations

The participants in the seminar called for:

- One must understand Islam and familiarize himself with it objectively through its origins and principles, and respected references in the Islamic world, spearheaded by the Muslim World League as a global reference of the Muslim world. One shouldn't

be misled by the anomalies exhibited by extremists on both sides whether by sheer ignorance or bad intention, and follow misconception saturated with the spirit of hostility caused by accumulated historical fallacies.

- Condemning terrorism, acts of violence and murder committed by extremist organizations. Religions, especially Islam are innocent of these crimes. These acts represent an attack on the very existence of human beings and their right to live in dignity. Allah says in Sura Al-Maida, verse ٣٢: ***“If any one slew a person - unless it be for murder or for spreading mischief in the land - it would be as if he slew the whole people: and if any one saved a life, it would be as if he saved the life of the whole people.”***
- The phenomenon of "Islamophobia" must be rejected outright. It represents a misleading propaganda and blatant ignorance of Islam and its Sharia characterized by lofty values, its tolerant laws, and the unjustified hostility against Muslims and their religious symbols. It epitomizes a repugnant racism that threatens the stability of human societies, undermine world peace and dismisses social harmony.
- Religious leaders are invited to cooperate in building bridges of communication to achieve world peace, uphold virtuous values, and bolster partnerships to evaluate the march of human civilization and safeguard it from the moral, intellectual and spiritual diseases that threaten humanity.
- To work together for the sake of a world where peace, justice, compassion and mutual respect are the norms. To promote inter-human relations, support human rights, and support the right of peoples to security, prosperity and freedom. To empower religious and ethnic minorities to preserve their cultural identity and social structure.
- To advocate the preservation of the environment and climate balance, and abide by international agreements and covenants

aimed at protecting the land from pollution, desertification, waste of resources, to limit global warming, stop arms race and rid humanity from weapons of mass destruction.

- To call on the countries of the world to unite in the fight against poverty, ignorance, disease and disasters. To provide assistance to the displaced and the afflicted in coordination with United Nations agencies and humanitarian organizations.
- Provide the two institutions; the school and the family with noble religious values Be wary of those who attempt to undermine human ideals and moral ethics, and those who seek to tear the family apart, spread immorality and marginalize decent values.
- Invite all followers of religions to achieve positive social responsibility, integrate into their societies, and participate in their development.

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