

EVENTS AND SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS

King Abdullah I bin Hussein International Award 2010 for Professor Mohammad Hashim Kamali



Professor Kamali with HM King Abdullah II of Jordan
(Amman, 29 September 2010).

On 29 September 2010, Professor Mohammad Hashim Kamali received the King Abdullah I bin Hussein International Award 2010 from His Majesty King Abdullah II bin al-Hussein of Jordan at a ceremony in Amman. The award is conferred in recognition of Professor Kamali's outstanding intellectual and academic contributions towards serving Islam and the Muslims, and his active role in the fulfilment of the mission of the Royal Aal al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought.

The purpose of the Royal Aal al-Bayt is to serve Islam and humanity at large. Among its objectives are: promoting awareness of Islam and Islamic thought, highlighting the Islamic intellectual contribution and its impact on human civilisation, deepening dialogue and fostering cooperation between the schools of Islamic jurisprudence, highlighting the achievements of *Āl al-Bayt* (Household of the Prophet) and their calling for a 'middle ground' (*wasatīyyah*), moderation, and tolerance, fostering the encounter of Muslim scholars, the strengthening of their

intellectual links and exchange of opinions, and cooperating with research centres, institutes, academic entities and universities in accordance with the objectives of the Aal al-Bayt Institute.

(Report by Christoph Marcinkowski, IAIS Malaysia)

**International Conference 'Family as a Value
in Terms of Religion, Tradition, and Modernity'
(26–27 November, Antalya, Turkey)**

This two-day event took place in Antalya, a city on the Mediterranean coast of southwestern Turkey, and was organised by the Women's Platform, Dialogue Eurasia Platform and the Intra-Cultures Dialogue Platform, which are sub-organisations of Turkey's Journalists and Writers Foundation (GYV).

The conference addressed the following topics:

- *Anthropological-ethnological approaches*: Defining the concept of 'family' from earlier times up to today.
- *The concept of 'family' in terms of sociology*: Different approaches to 'family' in terms of social concerns.
- *The concept of 'family' in terms of religion*: Different approaches to 'family' in terms of religious and sectarian concerns.
- *The concept of 'family' in terms of law*: What does the modern judicial system bring to society? What kind of relationship was formed or not formed with traditional family?
- *The concept of 'family' in terms of ethics*: How should we define 'family' in a period of corruption of values? What are the remnants of the traditional family that are transferred to modern family? What kind of area does family belong to in terms of values?
- *The concept of 'family' in terms of psychology*: How family is perceived by individuals psychologically. How individuals are affected by different aspects of the family in terms of psychology.
- *The concept of 'family' in terms of demography*: Whenever there is an economic problem which seems to cause poverty in a society the institution of family is attacked directly on the basis of rising population. Families are immediately put under pressure to reduce the number of their children.

At the conference, Datuk Osman Bakar, Deputy CEO of IAIS Malaysia and Emeritus Professor of Philosophy in Kuala Lumpur's University of Malaya,