

world. Al-Azhar University in Egypt, the University of Cordova in Spain, and Al-Noori Hospital in Damascus, to name a few, are among the public projects financed by *waqf* funds. Some *waqf* institutions have survived for more than a millennium.

Realising the potentials of *waqf* as a catalyst for economic advancement and empowerment, IAIS Malaysia organised a two-day online training on *waqf* and *waqf*-based Islamic financial products on 11 and 12 November 2021. This course was designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of *waqf*, its practices and its development in modern times. In particular, the two days training discussed the *fiqh* of *waqf* and examined the various emerging *waqf* structures and models, as well as their integration with Islamic financial products. It also highlighted the issues and challenges surrounding the practice and institution of *waqf*.

The training comprises seven sessions. The first session introduced the participants to the concept of *sadaqah* and its relation to the concept of utility. The second session discussed the application of *waqf* in the Islamic capital market sector. The shariah aspects of *waqf* were discussed in the third session, followed by the examination of various *waqf* models applied in Islamic financial institutions such as Islamic cooperatives, Islamic banks, *takaful*, and the capital market, which was discussed in the fourth session. The proceeding session provided insight to the participants on the implementation of *waqf* in the education and health sectors. Various innovations in the modern development of *waqf* such as *waqf* blockchain were presented in the sixth session. The last session highlighted some pressing issues and challenges surrounding the practice of *waqf*.

The two-day training was conducted by three trainers, namely Prof Raditya Sukmana from the University of Airlangga Indonesia, and Dr M Mahbubi Ali and Dr M Fakhurrizi Ahmad, both from IAIS Malaysia. Participants from different backgrounds and countries attended this training session.

**Virtual Conference: 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Islam,  
Sustainability and Resilience (ICISR 2021)  
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The International Conference on Islam, Sustainability and Resilience (ICISR 2021) was organised by IAIS Malaysia to explore the roles of shariah

in promoting ecological sustainability, civilisational renewal, economic sustainability and educational sustainability. In his welcoming remarks, Prof Dato' Dr Mohammad Hashim Kamali, Founding CEO of IAIS Malaysia, stated that Islam offers a comprehensive value system to encounter the issues of sustainability and resilience, especially for post-pandemic recovery. This online conference was officiated by YB Dato' Sri Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man (Minister of Environment and Water) who highlighted the need for new policies, strategies, and regulations that support financial resilience, competent leadership, and environmental sustainability. This was followed by the first keynote speech by Datuk Prof Dr Azizan Baharuddin (Holder of UKM-Yayasan Sime Darby Chair for Sustainability). She reminded the audience that resilience demands a new mindset and holistic approach that combines both empirical knowledge and religious values. The second keynote speech was by Prof Dr Tariquillah Khan from Department of Islamic Finance & Economics, Istanbul Zaim University, Turkey. He promoted sustainable development through Green Economic Transformation (GET) by incorporating the *Maqasid al-Shariah*, national targets, and global SDG goals. The first day began with the theme of 'Islam & Sustainability'. Presenters in the first session were Dr Donald G. Bennett (Florida Public Schools, USA), Dr Shahino Mah Abdullah (Research Fellow, IAIS Malaysia), Ms Jamaliah Jamil (PhD candidate, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia) and Mr Nouman Hussain (PhD candidate, University of Glasgow, UK) with their presentations entitled, "Revisiting future shock in light of Islamic science and its revival", "Sustainable Recovery and its Challenges in the Post-pandemic Period", "Revisiting Hospitality Philosophy: Islamophobia Host-Guest Relationship and Travel in the Muslim world", and "Boundaries of Jihad", respectively. The second session began at noon with the theme 'Economics' and the presenters were Dr Fadhil A. Bashir (Department of Political Sciences, IIUM), Mr Muhammad Syamsul Bahri (Tazkia Islamic University College, Indonesia), Ms Aisyah As-Salafiyah (Tazkia Islamic University College, Indonesia), and Ms Ain Zaidatulazira Omar (Jamiyah Nursing Home Singapore) with their presentations entitled, "Behaviour of Muslim Donors During the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Case of GCC Foreign Aid", "The Nexus of Green Economy and Islamic Finance: Insights from a Scientometric Analysis", "Waqf and Sustainability: A Text Mining", and "Corporate Social Responsibility Response to COVID-19 Pandemic: The case Study of Malaysian Private Sector", respectively. The event continued on the second day with the theme 'Education' featuring Prof Dr Noor Azlan Ahmad Zanzali (Professor of Education, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia), Ms Noor Asyikin Abd Razak (Department of Sociology & Anthropology, IIUM), Ms Nor Athiah Mohd Noor (Kulliyah of Education, IIUM), Assistant Professor Dr Nefertari Al-

Raschid Arsad (Institute of Islamic Studies, University of the Philippines), and Dr Busari Moshood Olaniyi (The West African Examination Council, Lagos, Nigeria) with their presentations entitled, “Insan Rabbani Concept as a Basis for Educational Sustainability”, “Empowerment of Traditional Knowledge of Orang Asli During the COVID-19 Pandemic”, “Contributing Factors Toward Social Solidarity Among Multicultural Muslim Students: A Phenomenological Study”, “Deconstructing The Islamic Studies Program in Higher Education Institutions”, And “Secondary School Education in the West African Sub-Region: A Critical Survey in the Face of Islam”, respectively. The webinar ends with an interactive session before Associate Professor Dr Mohamed Azam Mohamed Adil (Deputy CEO, IAIS Malaysia) announced the recipients of the “Best Paper Awards”, namely “Empowerment of Traditional Knowledge of Orang Asli During the COVID-19 Pandemic”, “Behaviour of Muslim Donors During the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Case of GCC Foreign Aid”, and “The Nexus of Green Economy and Islamic Finance: Insights From a Scientometric Analysis.”