

PRESS RELEASE

HBKU's Muhammad bin Hamad Al Thani Center for Muslim Contribution to Civilization to participate in London Book Fair for the first time

Doha, April 11, 2016 – The Muhammad bin Hamad Al Thani Center for Muslim Contribution to Civilization (CMCC) at the Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies, a college of Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU), will be participating in the London Book Fair for the first time this year. The fair is scheduled to take place April 12th - April 14th in Olympia, London, where the center will display its English publications under its series “Great Books of Islamic Civilization.”

Established with the aim of providing non- Arabic speakers with access to scholarly works which underscore the contributions Muslims have made to human civilization, the CMCC has translated a number of major works by Muslim scholars, spanning the period from the 1st to the 9th century A.H. The “Great Books of Islamic Civilization” series covers a wide range of subjects such as law, theology, jurisprudence, history and politics, literature, medicine, astronomy, optics and geography. These books are authoritative sources in their fields, with each published by the English publishing house, Garnet.

CMCC participated in a similar book fair in October 2014 in Frankfurt, Germany, at which Dr. Aisha Al-Mannai, Director of the Center, spoke about “The Contribution of Qatar in the Dialogue of Civilizations”. CMCC’s series of translated texts has generated a number of positive reviews from the international community, inspiring the Center to consider developing additional translations of its books into French, Spanish, German, and Chinese.

Dr. Al Mannai commented: “I’m proud to see the Muhammad bin Hamad Al Thani Center for Muslim Contribution to Civilization participating in the London Book Fair this year. The Great Books of Islamic Civilization series highlights the contributions of Islamic scholars to science and philosophy and constitutes a whole library of informative and enlightening Islamic scholastic works.”

“In line with HBKU’s aim to cultivate knowledge, the center seeks to not only effectively translate the great work of Muslims through history, but to also bring the material to people around the world, exposing them to ideas of renowned Muslim scholars that lay the foundation for the European Renaissance and greatly influenced contemporary world civilizations.”

The books translated by the CMCC have been successful in correcting a number of misconceptions about Islam and Muslim civilizations. To learn more about the work of the center and read summaries of the books translated by its scholars, please visit <http://www.qfis.edu.qa/research-centres/mohammed-bin-hamad-muslim-contribution-c/cmcc>.

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