



## WORAL SIGNS MOU WITH UNIVERSITI SAINS ISLAM MALAYSIA

*Agreement Aims to Promote Arabic Language in Asia*

**Doha, Qatar, February 6, 2017:** The World Organization for Renaissance of Arabic Language (WORAL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) to establish an Arabic language section at USIM's library.

The MoU aims to promote the use of Arabic in Malaysia and other Asian countries, and will see WORAL offer educational and cultural programs across Malaysia.

The document was co-signed by Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Subai'ei, Chair of the Board of Trustees of WORAL, and Dr. Musa Ahmad, Vice-Chancellor of USIM, in the presence of officials, academics and researchers who share a mutual interest in the promotion of Arabic language and Islamic culture.

Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Subai'ei said: "We are very happy to collaborate with USIM in order to promote Arabic language programs in Malaysia and other Asian countries. This agreement reflects the importance we attribute to building partnerships around the world, as well as building bridges for cultural interaction and support of the Arabic language."

The MoU facilitates the improvement of Arabic language standards for teachers, equipping them with skills to teach non-Arabic speakers. It also attempts to enhance content on the internet, as well as promote the exchange of experimental research studies.

Dr. Ali Al Kubaisi, Director General of WORAL, said: "As part of our efforts to promote the renaissance of Arabic throughout the world, we selected USIM library to house an Arabic section. This is because we recognize the countries that are interested in learning more about our language and culture. We look forward to taking this experience to other countries in the future."

Dr. Musa Ahmad, Vice Chancellor of USIM, commented on the agreement: "I would like to thank WORAL for this opportunity. This agreement will focus on the enhancement of Arabic language education, not only in Malaysia, but in other Asian countries, too. I would also like to thank Qatar Foundation for partnering to establish an Arabic language corner in our country, and for their commitment to providing training and lifelong learning."



The World Organization for Renaissance of Arabic Language, a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), was established in 2013. It aims to promote the Arabic language by implementing creative initiatives to highlight its stature as a language associated with research, science and culture.

**Image Captions:**

**Image 1:** The World Organization for Renaissance of Arabic Language (WORAL) recently signed an MoU with Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM).

**Image 2:** Representatives from WORAL and USIM at the recently-held MoU signing ceremony.

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