

## **Professor Arafi's Message for the New Academic Year 2015/2016**

### **In the name of Allah the beneficent the merciful**

The season of education and self-cleanse is superior among all other times of man's life. Although all eras in life are opportunities for moral and scientific growth, the adolescence and youth period is an exceptional and unique time. Thus, man must value this period, understand it, exploit it the best possible way through smart decisions and choices, and learn the way to perfection and completion.

The academic year 2015-2016 is starting while today's world is in need of divine Qu'ranic and Islamic teachings more than ever, since man and the society are on a historical turn to distinguish between guidance or mislead for their ascent or descent through deciding between evil and good, right and wrong. The Islamic society and the Muslims are also facing their destiny. They must choose between the pure Muhammadi Islam and the American Islam. The former is founded upon justice, wisdom, spirituality, resisting the oppression, kindness and benevolence towards one another according to the criterions mentioned in the Holy Quran, thus, "Hard against the disbelievers but merciful one to another" [Quran, 48:29]. The latter, however is shaped as Takfiri movement, Talibani Islam, Al-Qaidah, Boko Haram, ISIS, and the most modern of which is the Secular and liberal Islam. To make the right decision, the intellectuals need to be enlightened and they must together with scholars, initiate movements which will create an important mission for the scientific and intellectual centre and Islamic seminaries and Universities.

Al-Mustafa International University is proud to endeavour towards the great benefits and perfection of the Islamic nation, go beyond perverted, eclectic and divisive dialogues, train virtuous and focused scholars, and create a lifesaving, progressive and "generator-of-unity" way of thinking. For this purpose, I would like to remind the great scholars, lecturers and students of several points:

- 1- "Revival of the Islamic civilization" must be placed as the priority plan of Al-Mustafa as it is the grand aim and Islamic revolution dialogue.
- 2- The main way forward of Al-Mustafa must be "logical discourse" and resistance before the oppressors and adopted by all Muslims and the followers of divine religions and justice and right seekers.
- 3- We must all work hard to apprehend and display a true understanding of divine teachings. The true understanding of Qur'anic and Ahl-ul-Bayt teachings is the only way to avoid the fake Islam and Takfiri movements.
- 4- The University traditions in the fields of: Education, Research, Moral and Training and all fields of Management and structures and ethos and lifestyle must be honoured in such

a way that makes Al-Mustafa shine more than ever as an exemplar global and international University.

5- Establishing an identity all over the world for the University and its student is a strategic duty of Al-Mustafa and every one must prepare the scientific and practical backgrounds for this purpose.

6- The other point that I would like to bring to your attention is willingness to accept responsibility by students and local staff and development of scientific centres and accomplishment of ratified plans and call unanimity and agreement as a success key for this purpose.

7- All must bear in mind quality improvement in all areas and magazines and fields and accomplishing all the standards and criterions in Al-Mustafa. Our focus should be geared towards making Al-Mustafa the scientific resource in the Islamic world and beyond. Undoubtedly, achieving this goal requires establishment of certain plans and policies and extra effort by Principals, Lecturers, Scholars and students of Al-Mustafa.

Therefore, all effort must be made towards making Al-Mustafa the reference point for understanding and comprehending the Pure Islam and experience of the contemporary Islamic politics, Philosophy and Islamic lifestyle. The scientific conferences and researches are one of the routes to this goal that must be placed on the action plan.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all students, learned scholars, respected lecturers and all those in charge of this knowledge and religious caravan inside and outside, on the upcoming study and soul-cleansing season which is full of gifts. Let us pray and ask Allah (S.W.T) for prosperity and opportunities for all and hold in high regards the effort and hard work of all.

*Wa Salamu Alaykum Wa Rahamatullah Wa Barakatuh*

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