



## IQOU COLLEGE COLLABORATES WITH ARCHITECT KAMIL KHAN MUMTAZ



The IQOU faculty with world renowned architect Kamil Khan Mumtaz (sitting front), designer of the Darbar of Hazrat El Sheikh Gillani (pictured top right)

(Lahore, Pakistan) IQOU College is excited to announce the debut of a new Islamic art & architecture course launching in March 2025. The course was developed in collaboration with globally acclaimed Pakistani architect Kamil Khan Mumtaz. During the summer of 2024, the course was developed as part of an intense summer summit held in Lahore where the IQOU College faculty and staff participated in daily lectures led by Mumtaz. In the new course, Mumtaz explores traditional architecture, Divine beauty and the spirituality of sacred spaces, as exemplified in his current project designing the Darbar and Masjid of Hazrat El Sheikh Syed Mubarak Ali Shah Gillani (May Allah be pleased with him).

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Kamil Khan Mumtaz, trained at the Architectural Association in London in 1957, has profoundly shaped the landscape of Islamic architecture. As a former professor and head of the National College of Arts Lahore, he's mentored a generation of architects while championing traditional principles. Mumtaz's work emphasizes the sacred nature of space and reflects the Quranic principle of balance, while integrating spirituality, community, and sustainability. This course aligns with IQOU College's mission to advance Islamic culture through holistic learning. IQOU is honored to collaborate with Mumtaz and anticipates this transformative course will inspire future leaders to a deeper appreciation for Islamic art and architecture.





# IQOU STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## -LIFETIME LEARNING-

“Say: My Lord, increase me in knowledge”  
(Surah TaHa 20:114).



Safiyah Abdul-Khafid  
Diploma, Islamic Studies

Islam emphasizes lifelong learning as a sacred duty, a principle embraced by Safiyah Abdul-Khafid, who earned an IQOU Diploma in Islamic Studies in 2024 and continues in the bachelors program today. A mother, grandmother and vibrant member of her community, she reflects on her Islamic education journey:

“Hazrat Anas reported that Rasulullah (pbuh) said, ‘Seeking knowledge is a duty upon every Muslim.’ Taking time to study Deen enhances our Ibadah and deepens our relationship with Allah. It’s inspiring and refreshing, making us more conscientious Muslims, inshaAllah.”

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# IQOU COLLEGE ATTENDS RIS CANADA 2024

*Reviving the Islamic Spirit Convention*



(Toronto, Canada) For the third consecutive year, IQOU College participated in the prestigious Reviving the Islamic Spirit (RIS) Conference held in Toronto this past December. This globally recognized event provided a platform for IQOU College to showcase our academic excellence and connect with a diverse audience eager to know about our unique educational programs. Attending the RIS Conference provides IQOU the ability to promote intellectual growth and spiritual enrichment through Islamic education.

RIS also offers valuable opportunities to network with scholars, educators, and prospective students, enhancing our institution's visibility on an international scale. This event also plays a critical role in inspiring new learners to join our vibrant academic community. IQOU's consistent presence at RIS reflects our strong commitment to global engagement and creating pathways for students to explore and start their educational journeys with us.





# American Muslim Youth Tour Ancient Artifacts at IQOU College

(Charlotte Court House, VA) Muslim youth attending The Muslims of America's annual Youth Leadership Conference were given a rare opportunity to explore centuries-old manuscripts on exhibit at IQOU College. These priceless artifacts were loaned to the college through a memorandum of understanding with Dr. Abdel Kader Haidara, curator of the Mama Haidara Library of Timbuktu, Mali.

Dr. Haidara is renowned for preserving hundreds of thousands of manuscripts from Timbuktu—a thriving center of scholarship in Africa from the 13th to the 17th centuries. In 2012, as conflict threatened to destroy these invaluable texts, he orchestrated a daring rescue to safeguard works on philosophy, economics, medicine, mathematics, agriculture, and astronomy.

Through this immersive experience, young attendees gained insight into the enduring legacy of Islamic scholarship and the importance of preserving knowledge. The exhibit inspired them to appreciate their intellectual heritage and the responsibility of safeguarding history for future generations.







# NEW ARABIC DIPLOMA PROGRAM

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the Arabic Diploma at IQOU Theological College. Starting in Fall 2025, this two year program offers students the opportunity to master Modern Standard Arabic, opening the door to speaking as well as understanding Islamic texts in their original language for a deeper and more authentic connection to reading and researching materials. The program offers an immersive summer learning experience where students visit an Arabic speaking country to not only develop proficiency in Arabic but also gain

Insight into the rich cultural contexts in which Arabic is used. Developed by the distinguished faculty of IQOU College and graduates of Al Azhar University, the comprehensive program includes a series of courses designed to equip graduates with speaking, reading and writing skills. Also under development for future release is a two-year Azhar University track diploma that includes the full Arabic curriculum plus additional Islamic Studies courses designed to prepare students for entrance into Al-Azhar University.

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