

Istanbul to host ALJ-sponsored exhibition later this year



Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan visiting the 1001 Inventions exhibition at the Science Museum in London on March 6.

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LONDON: Istanbul is to host the 1001 Inventions exhibition sponsored by Abdul Latif Jameel Community Services Programs later this year. Turkish Minister Kerem Kiratli confirmed the news at the Science Museum in London.

Considered by the media as London's most successful exhibition, 1001 Inventions has already attracted over 300,000 visitors. It will begin a high-profile world tour after it closes on June 30, starting with Istanbul.

Created by the Foundation for Science Technology and Civilization (FSTC), the exhibition demonstrates how the Muslim world was responsible for a series of exceptional scientific and technological advancements for a thousand years since the seventh century.

Men and women of various beliefs and backgrounds worked together, building on the ideas of scholars and made breakthroughs that helped pave the way for the European Renaissance.

The exhibition, launched on Jan. 21, intends to inspire young people to seek achievements in the field of science.

A handover ceremony to mark the move to Istanbul took place on May 25 at the Science Museum.

FSTC Chairman Professor Salim Al-Hassani and Science Museum chairman Lord William Waldegrave presented a model of Al-Jazari's 12th century scribe clock to Kiratli.

The announcement follows the visit of Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan to the United Kingdom on March 6.

Erdogan, his wife, and a delegation of ministers also met former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown and other senior politicians.

Al-Hassani and philanthropist Fady Jameel then accompanied the Turkish delegation on a tour of the gallery.