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1001 INVENTIONS GROUNDBREAKING EXHIBITION TO CONTINUE IN MANCHESTER UNTIL SEPTEMBER

The 1001 Inventions exhibition: Discover the Muslim Heritage in Our World showing in Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester will extend its stay until September 3rd, 2006, due to huge demand by the public and by the museum itself.

1001 Inventions is a global educational initiative aiming to raise awareness of the Muslim contribution to modern civilisation. The exhibition was launched in March 2006 at Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester and was extremely successful, bringing in a spectacular array of audiences including many distinguished guests from around the world, while generating a significant amount of national and international media coverage around this unique and important initiative. The 1001 inventions project is supported by significant institutes, and organizations from around the world including the British Home Office, the British Foreign Office, British Department for Trade and Industry, Abu Dhabi based Bin Hamouda Group and Dubai based International Holdings Group.

Dr Ian Griffin, the Museum's Director said "This fascinating and informative exhibition has been hugely successful with all our visitors and we are delighted that 1001 Inventions is extending its stay at the Museum until 3rd of September.

The exhibition is divided into seven zones: home, school, market, hospital, town and universe. Examining 1000 years of missing history, Dubai based Muslim Heritage Consulting, in association with the Foundation of Science Technology and Civilisation in the UK, bringing back to life ingenious inventions and dazzling innovations made by pioneering Muslims, using the latest in cutting edge technology highlighting the creativity of this golden era.

Professor Salim Al-Hassani*, Chairman of the FSTC said: "The enthusiastic response to the exhibition's launch in Manchester and subsequent worldwide requests for it to tour globally are testament to strong international demand for this unique exhibition. The extent to which Muslims have contributed to Western Civilisation is not generally well-known. Yet these ancient scholars from the Islamic world gave us many of the everyday things we use today



such as coffee, soap and clocks. This exhibition shows that Muslims have always shared the heritage that provides a platform for developments that makes the Western World tick.”

The exhibition has appealed to a wide section of the public with more than 30,000 people visiting in the first month. Multi-cultural audiences include school groups, students, academics, reporters, families and children.

The global roll out of the *1001 Inventions* exhibition was endorsed by the former Mayor of Manchester His Grace Afzal Khan. He said “This exhibition has the power to challenge stereotypes. It is often wrongly assumed that the dark ages were dark for the whole world, when in reality there was much light in other parts of the world. We are where we are today mostly because of their contribution. Let all who visit (the exhibition) be surprised, challenged and motivated with what we see.”

Accompanying the exhibition are sets of posters, teachers packs and a fascinating 350 page full colour book.

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PICTURE 1: Professor Salim Al-Hassani, Chairman of FSTC, and Afzal Khan, Lord Mayor of Manchester both holding up a replica of the 9th Century flying machine of Abbas Bin Firnas.

<http://www.MuslimHeritage.com/imagelibrary/picture1.jpg>

PICTURE 2: Professor Ekmellidin Ihsanoglu, Secretary-General of the Organisation of Islamic Countries.

<http://www.MuslimHeritage.com/imagelibrary/picture2.jpg>

PICTURE 3: School children watching a demonstration of how to use a 10th Century Astrolabe.

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PICTURE 5: A school girl using a 10th Century Astrolabe

<http://www.MuslimHeritage.com/imagelibrary/picture5.jpg>

- **1001 Inventions** is a non-religious and non-political exhibition.
 - **1001 Inventions** is a strategic partnership between four pivotal organisations:
 1. Foundation for Science, Technology & Civilisation (FSTC)
 2. Museum of Science & Industry in Manchester (MSIM)
 3. The University of Manchester (UoM)
 4. Muslim Heritage Consulting (MHC) with numerous associated partners and sponsors.
 - For more details about the content of the exhibition, please refer to www.1001inventions.com.
 - For additional background facts on Muslim Heritage, please refer to www.Muslimheritage.com.
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