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“1001 Inventions” book signing ceremony at Abu Dhabi International Book Fair

The second edition of the ***1001 Inventions: Discover the Muslim Heritage in Our World*** book takes centre stage at the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair.

A book signing ceremony has been planned for **6.30 pm on Friday 14th March 2008** at the 1001 Inventions stand, Abu Dhabi Book Fair, with chief editor Professor Salim Al-Hassani and editors Elizabeth Woodcock and Dr.Rabah Saoud present.

The internationally acclaimed book reveals best-kept secrets and over a thousand years of scientific contributions made by early Muslim scholars that helped form the foundations of modern civilisation.

The book was showcased beside a **giant 6 meter cubic structure** that displayed hundreds of historical contributions, some of which include:

- Inventing the camera and the foundations of modern optics.
- The crank shaft, used today in every car and motor engine.
- The first successful manned flight and manned rocket projection.
- Industrial paper making and the fountain pen.
- Birth of the modern hospital and hundreds of surgical tools.
- Navigation devices and charting world maps.
- Making soap and shampoo, found today in every home.
- Discovering coffee and developing the art of coffee drinking.

The book forms part of the groundbreaking global educational initiative called **1001 Inventions** that also features an international touring interactive exhibition, school materials and educational posters.

Originally published in March 2006, this fascinating 350 page book has received overwhelming response from around the globe with the first edition sold out within three months of its publication.

Professor Salim Al-Hassani, Chief Editor of the **1001 Inventions** book and Chairman of the Foundation for Science Technology and Civilisation (FSTC), said there is at present a widespread misconception that science and technology went into decline during the period known as the ‘Dark Ages’.



“1001 Inventions aims, through a process of education and learning, to challenge this myth and celebrate the fact that Muslim Civilisation was flourishing and contributed to the advancement of our society today”, he said.

The book is split into seven main zones: home, school, market, hospital, town, world and universe and aims to encourage, inspire and motivate young readers to pursue careers in science, engineering and technology.

Professor Salim Al-Hassani, said: “The international demand for this book is a testament that the extent to which Muslims have contributed to building the foundations of modern civilisation is generally unknown. Yet these early scholars from the Islamic world gave us many of the everyday things we use today.”

1001 Inventions is an initiative of the UK based academic organisation FSTC. The non-profit project is funded by an international group of sponsors some of which include: the British Government Home Office, Foreign Office, Department for Trade and Industry, the Abu Dhabi based Bin Hamouda Group, International Holdings Group and Muslim Heritage Consulting (research team for Nakheel’s Ibn Battuta Shopping Mall in Dubai).

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Notes to editors

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

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PICTURE 2: Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair and HRH Prince Mohamed Bin Nawaf Al-Saud, Saudi Ambassador to the U.K, endorsing a copy of the 1001 Inventions Book.

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