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Exhibition highlights 1,000 years of science from the Muslim world



A visitor peers at the Elephant Clock, one of the highlights of the exhibition

An exhibition on 1,000 years of science from the Muslim world opens today at the Science Museum in London.

Entitled "1001 inventions: Discover the Muslim Heritage in Our World", it focuses on the forgotten triumphs of Muslim science and technology.

Included are medieval medical instruments, a model of Zheng He's 100 metre long Chinese junk ship and a six metre high 13th century clock.

The BBC's Nick Higham speaks to Professor Salim Al-Hassani, chairman of the exhibition and Yasmin Khan, a Science Museum curator.



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'Algebra is actually an Arabic word from the word al-jabr, meaning restoring balance or reunion'



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