

London museum showcases Muslim scientists' inventions

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JEDDAH: In cooperation with Abdul Latif Jameel Community Services Programs (ALJCSP), 1001 Inventions, an exhibition showcasing the inventions of Muslim scientists, will continue to be displayed in London's Science Museum for a longer period until the end of June 2010.

The exhibition -- organized under the theme "Discover the Muslim heritage in our world" -- is aimed at introducing 1,000 years of amnesia of Muslim science and technology, starting from the seventh Gregorian century to the present. The exhibition sheds light on the scientific heritage of Muslim civilization and its contribution to the development of science in the world.

Fadi Mohammed Jameel, the CEO of ALJ Foundation, announced that the period of the exhibition has been extended due to the huge turnout of visitors. Approximately 80,000 visitors have visited the exhibition with the number of visitors reaching 5,000 on certain days.

Everyday, thousands of tourists, students and other guests visit the 1,000 square meter exhibition, which encompasses diverse collections of items that highlight the role of Muslim scientists and their contributions in medicine, engineering, astronomy, geography and other fields of science. Inventions are categorized into seven zones -- home, school, hospital, market, town, world and universe.

The exhibition makes use of the latest IT techniques and interactive educational games, and for the first time highlights the role of women in science, as well as the role of non-Muslim scientists who contributed to Muslim civilization. The exhibition shows how Muslims nurtured the scientific and industrial heritage of the Chinese, Indian, Greek and Egyptian civilizations, and how they created a new and different civilization. The exhibition will be halted temporarily starting Monday until March 12 for maintenance works, and will then be reopened for visitors until the end of June.

The exhibition will visit approximately 12 countries in Europe, America, East Asia, Africa and the Middle East in a tour that started in London.
