

Fruits for the week

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A SPIRIT OF ISLAMIC NEW YEAR

Insha Allah, we, Muslims all over the world will commemorate our Islamic New Year of Hijrah and usher in 1425 on Sunday, 22 February 2004. A page of last year is closed and a new page is open for the new year. The old page is closed with many miseries and some happiness and a new page is open with the unseen incidences, with the unpredicted news, and with the untold information.

While we are facing a new year of Hijrah, we should remember that one year is over of our personal lives and we are one year closer to our death and to our graves. Allah has created this universe with exact number of days, weeks, months and years so as we will be able to calculate our daily needs of times and mathematics.

When we face a new year, we should not act like the un-believers by doing un-Islamic activities. During the eve of a new year many non-Muslims became accustomed to spend the whole night drinking, mixing, and dancing. For a believing Muslim, a new year means more than a passing incidence. It is an occasion to think of, to ponder on and to act accordingly.

The new year is an occasion where a Muslim is to think and ponder on the following:

1. To think and to ponder of creation of Allah such as the sun and the moon through which the days, the weeks, the months, and the years have been established in the solar and lunar systems.
2. To think and to ponder that one year of his life is over and he is one year closer to his death, to his final life to live and one year closer to his grave.
3. To remember that sooner or later we are to die. Allah says in the Qur'an: *Lo! Thou will die, and lo! They will die.* Accordingly, we have to fear Allah, to love Allah, to ask Allah forgiveness and to start doing good deeds and actions in our daily lives.
4. To evaluate himself whether he achieved his aims and objectives or not. He is to ask himself what did he do for himself, for his family, for his community, for the Muslim ummah and for people all over the world?

May Allah bless us and make the new year a happy one on us and on all the creatures that Allah created. May Allah make us a source of happiness to mankind. Ameen.

Activities / Courses

1.	伊斯蘭初階課程 (廣東話) Islamic Course (in Cantonese)	星期六 Saturday	14:15 – 16:00	六樓研討室 6/F., Seminar Room
2.	阿拉伯日常會話班 (英語) Arabic Conversation Course (in Eng.)	星期六 Saturday	16:00 – 17:00	六樓研討室 6/F., Seminar Room
3.	阿拉伯語基礎課程 (廣東話) Elementary Arabic Course (in Cantonese)	星期日 Sunday	11:00 – 12:00	四樓課室 4/F., Classroom
4.	研習班 (廣東話) Study Group (in Cantonese)	星期日 Sunday	12:00 – 13:00	四樓課室 4/F., Classroom
5.	古蘭經研習班 – 成人班 (廣東話) Quranic Study – for Adult (in Cantonese)	星期日 Sunday	15:00 – 16:00	四樓課室 4/F., Classroom
6.	古蘭經研習班 – 青年班 (廣東話) Quranic Study – for Youth (in Cantonese)	星期日 Sunday	17:00 – 18:00	四樓課室 4/F., Classroom
7.	Quranic study (in Eng.)	Sunday	10:30 – 11:30	6/F., Seminar Room
8.	Tafeer Study (in Indonesian Language)	Sunday	11:30 – 12:45	6/F., Seminar Room
9.	Islamic Study (in English)	Sunday	14:30 – 15:30	6/F., Seminar Room
10.	Islamic Study (in Indonesian Language)	Sunday	15:30 – 14:30	6/F., Seminar Room

除上述課程外，本會仍有其他課程可供選擇，詳情可與本會辦事處聯絡。

Except the above mentioned courses, we had organized other courses, for enquiries, please contact the IU office.