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Press Release

Ambassadors, Heads of Missions, Diplomats attend the launch of 'Study@JMI Foreign Students Information Brochure' by VC JMI

Ambassadors, Heads of Missions, Cultural Attachés, Education Attachés, and senior Diplomats, officials from the ICCR along with Vice Chancellor and Registrar, Jamia Millia Islamia attended an impressive ceremony on the occasion of the 'New Year and Orientation Programme for Foreign Students- 2025'. An Information Brochure for Foreign Students 'Study@Jamia Millia Islamia' was also launched by Prof Mazhar Asif, VC JMI in the midst of Ambassadors, Heads of Missions, and envoys from across 13 countries at a grand function at Jamia Millia Islamia.

H.E. Mr. Yousef Abdelghani, Ambassador of Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; H.E. Mr. Kamel Zayed Kamel Galal, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt accompanied by Mr. Waleed Rabie, Third Secretary; H.E. Mrs. Capaya Rodrigues, Ambassador of Venezuela; H.E. Dr. Abdullahi Mohammed Odowa, Ambassador of Somalia; Mr. Marcelo Boffi, Deputy Chief of Mission of Argentine accompanied by Mr Andres Rojas, Head of Political Section; Mr. Ebrima Mboob, Deputy High Commissioner of Gambia accompanied by Mr. Omar Sompo Ceesay, Second Secretary; Dr. Firas Sabah Salih Al-Turahi, Cultural Attaché, Embassy of Iraq; Prof. (Dr.) Talal Hamoud Abdo Al Mekhlafi, Cultural Attaché, Embassy of Yemen; Ms. Beatrice Irene Ngaunje, Education Attaché, Embassy of Malawi; Ms. Beril Bahadir, Second Secretary, Embassy of Turkiye; Dr. Fariduddin Faridasr, Cultural Counselor, Iran Culture House, New Delhi accompanied with Dr Qaherman Soleimani and Mr Muntasir Mehdi, Secretary, Science and Education, Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran; Mr Gokul Basnet, Cultural Counsellor, Embassy of Nepal and Mrs. Imen C.N. Mohabeddine, Embassy of Palestine attended the brochure launch and orientation programme for foreign students. Mr Raj Kumar , Zonal Head, Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) also graced the occasion which was attended by the Deans of the Faculties of the university.

Prof Saima Saeed, Foreign Students' Advisor, JMI introduced the Ambassadors and Diplomatic Representatives from various foreign Missions and welcomed the foreign students from across 31 nations who are currently enrolled at various undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programmes at JMI.

In their addresses to the august gathering, the Ambassadors and envoys from various countries congratulated the foreign students from their countries and other nations for getting an opportunity to pursue their higher studies at Jamia Millia Islamia which they

lauded for being among the top ranking universities in India and globally. They advised foreign students to make the most of their time in JMI and New Delhi so that they acquire the best possible knowledge and skills which will help them serve their own countries better.

Addressing the gathering, Ambassadors and diplomats further extended their full support and cooperation to JMI and the foreign students studying at the university so that they can excel in their personal and professional lives. They reminded the foreign students that not only were they the best ambassadors of their respective countries and cultures but also shouldered the responsibility of becoming responsible and able global citizens who will steer humanity into an era of peace, prosperity, brotherhood, equity and happiness for all the people of the world. The Ambassadors hailed India as a great nation that had shown tremendous advancement in science and technology, culture and education and therefore an ideal place for students to grow and learn.

Mr Raj Kumar , Zonal Head , Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) reaffirmed the commitment of ICCR to support foreign students at Jamia Millia Islamia through funding and scholarship programmes. He informed the audience that ICCR administers various scholarships to aid foreign students pursue undergraduate, postgraduate, and PhD programmes in India and highlighted that the country has one of the finest systems of higher education that was unmatched in its pedagogy and experiential learning.

Prof Mazhar Asif, Vice Chancellor JMI, in his Chair's remarks said that India is a land of incredible diversity that was well reflected in its languages, cultures, customs, food habits and vibrant traditions. Reflecting on how language was not just a bead of words but a reservoir of culture and meaning encoded in it for hundreds of years, he said that India provided a rich tapestry that was unlike any other country in the world. JMI, he said, was a historic institution with an unmatched legacy of nationalism and commitment to serving society and the world through highest quality education. He added that JMI has ongoing research projects and collaborations with more than 50 countries and was committed to increasing foreign collaborations and exchange so that the university can benefit from the latest advancements in academic knowledge, pedagogy and technological innovation.

Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, Registrar JMI who delivered the concluding remarks summarized the key messages by each of the invited dignitaries and Ambassadors. He assured the students that JMI was committed to providing them with a warm, welcoming and secure environment to foster a sense of belonging so that the university would become their second home. He underscored the importance of the unique perspectives and cultural diversity that international students bring with them and said that although each region—West Asia, Central Asia and India had their distinct history, geography, traditions and culture, yet every time he travelled to these countries for reasons of his research and work, he found that there were notable commonalities that bind these cultures together. It is this interconnectedness due to centuries of shared

traits and common practices, including food and cultural values that bring us together and we learn to respect value and understand each other to create an interrelated cultural landscape, Prof Mahtab Alam Rizvi added.

Prof Saima Saeed introducing the students said that the event was not only a showcasing of the academic vitality and geographical diversity of the foreign students at JMI but also attested to Jamia's incessant pursuit of advancing knowledge and research beyond traditional folds and boundaries and the university's dedication to encouraging multiculturalism and inclusivity.

The brochure serves to provide a comprehensive resource and listing of everything that an incoming or a prospective foreign student to Jamia would need to know about the university and its courses and programmes. It provides a step-by-step guidance on eligibility criteria, entrance tests, documents and visa requirements for admission and the post admission support that the FSA office provides to foreign nationals round the year. It provides an overview of JMI's residencies for boys and girls, insights into the unique cultural and social ecosystem of Jamia and services and facilities on campus.

Foreign students colorfully dressed in their traditional attires introduced themselves to the dignitaries and invited guests and shared their rich experience of studying at JMI and their stay in India.

The aim of the programme was to bolster and strengthen academic exchange and collaboration between Jamia Millia Islamia and countries across the globe so as to increase interchange of ideas, scholars, faculty members and students to usher in an era of more intensive collaborative teaching and research, so that both sides can benefit and learn. JMI's enduring global reputation and current high national and international rankings such as Times Higher Education THE (UK) World University Ranking: 601-800, Country Rank: 7; QS World University Ranking: 751-800, Asia Rank: 186; and Round University Ranking (Moscow) World University Ranking: 438 is an important factor that draws international students to pursue their higher education at Jamia Millia Islamia.

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