

PRESS RELEASE

Presentation of Islamic Calligraphy artworks to Sultan Sharif Ali Islamic University



Nagma M Mallick, High Commissioner of India, presented a collection of 38 framed reproductions of selected original works of Islamic calligraphy from Rampur Raza Library, India to Sultan Sharif Ali Islamic University (UNISSA) on Monday 27 August, 2018. The exhibits are displayed on the premises of UNISSA for the benefit of students, faculty members and visitors. This collection was first displayed in Brunei in an exhibition jointly organized by the High Commission and the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports of the Government of Brunei from 9 to 25 November, 2017.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Haji Norarfan bin Haji Zainal, the Rector of UNISSA, thanked the High Commission for the gift of Islamic calligraphy reproductions. He recalled with pleasure his recent visit to India, sponsored by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations under its Academic Visitors' Programme, during which he visited 9 Universities in New Delhi, Aligarh, Lucknow, Kerala and Hyderabad and signed MoUs with 5 of them. He expressed the hope that the cooperation between Indian universities and UNISSA would grow stronger.



The High Commissioner, in her speech, expressed her satisfaction at the close association between the Mission and UNISSA. She stated that the MoUs signed by the Rector of UNISSA with universities in India, especially with NALSAR, Hyderabad, would be mutually beneficial as both countries practiced Common Law and hoped that exchanges between the law universities of the two countries would be intensified. She observed that the reproductions of calligraphy were selected from over 3000 rare original pieces in the Rampur Raza Library and represented one aspect of the shared culture of Brunei and India. She ended by commending the active participation of Bruneian students in students exchange programmes with India and she hoped that students from UNISSA would continue participating with the zest they had shown hitherto in longer academic programmes in India as well.



The event was attended by over a hundred students and faculty members of UNISSA. The event was covered by print and audio-visual media.

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