



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF DEAF MUSLIMS

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia ● November 27 – 30, 2016 *"Islam for Deaf: Our Community, Our Future"*

INVITATION TO THE HANDICAP CULTURAL SOCIETY, IRAN

Assalaamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuh,

I pray that this reaches you in a state of high *imaan* and good health. On behalf of the ICDM conference committee, I cordially extend an invitation to the **Handicap Cultural Society**, Iran and by extension, the broader Iranian Deaf community and their supporters to participate in the Second International Conference of Deaf Muslims.

At the First International Forum for Deaf Muslims held in Qatar, **over 500 Deaf Muslims** and their supporters came together. *Alhamdulillah*, that forum allowed us to collectively reflect on the many challenges facing our Deaf Muslim *ummah*. This year, our aim is to provide a forum where <u>solutions</u> to those challenges can be proposed and implemented, with the overarching objective being to improve the status of Deaf Muslims throughout the world. You can anticipate presentations related to the following topics: equality for Deaf Muslims, Islamic education, accessible technology, sign language interpreting in an Islamic context, economic empowerment, and more.

To secure tickets to the Second International Conference of Deaf Muslims, please register via our website at http://malaysia2016.globaldeafmuslim.org/registration/. Please note that all individuals and/or their sponsors will be responsible to arrange and pay for their own registration fees, flight, and accommodations unless otherwise indicated by a member of the Global Deaf Muslim staff in writing.

A delegates' meeting will be held on **30 November 2016**. For each qualifying non-government organization, up to <u>two</u> representatives may attend this session. During this special meeting of Deaf leaders, we will discuss implementing collaborative efforts to improve Deaf Muslims' conditions on a global front. If you are an NGO leader and wish to attend this meeting, please e-mail a request to <u>sarah.tisdale@globaldeafmuslim.org</u> with the subject line "Delegates Meeting Invitation Request".

During the main session, occurring from **28 November to 29 November**, we invite *all* members of the community, including NGO leaders, advocates, parents of Deaf children, scholars, and others invested in the well-being of Deaf Muslims around the world to attend. **Please do your part: help us spread the word of this upcoming monumental event, encouraging all to attend**. The **deadline to register is 20 November 2016**, but tickets are selling out fast. Do not miss this opportunity!

We look forward to seeing you in Malaysia! If you have any further questions, please do contact us so that we may assist you.

Sincerely,

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