

ICWE 2023 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WAQF AND ENDOWMENT 2023



16 -17 MARCH 2023

The Waterfront Hotel, Kuching, Sarawak

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Foreward from **Premier of Sarawak**

Assalammualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

With great pleasure, I would like to welcome all delegates to Sarawak, Land of the Hornbills, in conjunction with the inaugural International Conference on Waqf and Endowment 2023 (ICWE2023).

During the Islamic Golden Age (8th to 13th centuries), waqf played a significant role in social and economic development in the Islamic world. Waqf and endowment were then established to support various causes such as education, healthcare, social welfare and the maintenance of public infrastructure, including mosques, bridges and roads.

Waqf continued to be an important part of Islamic society throughout the Uthmaniyyah Empire (1299-1922), where it was well used to fund schools, libraries, hospitals and other public services. As a result, the Uthmaniyyah developed a complex legal system to govern waqf, which included detailed regulations and guidelines for its establishment, management and distribution of its income.

Waqf and endowment are powerful tools for social development and are rooted in the principles of charitable giving, community building and social responsibility. From providing education, healthcare and social welfare to preserving cultural heritage, waqf and endowment have been used to meet the diverse needs of society for centuries.

This conference brings together experts, scholars, practitioners and philanthropists to explore innovative approaches and best practices in waqf and endowment management, and I hope everyone will benefit from this conference.

Once again, I welcome all to this conference and wish you all a fruitful and engaging experience, wider network and collaborations. I hope the outputs obtained from this conference can benefit the societies around us and the people of the world.

Thank you.

The Right Honourable Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr)
Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg
Premier of Sarawak



Foreward from
**Vice Chancellor
Universiti Malaysia Sarawak**

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

Alhamdulillah,

Praise be to Allah subhanahu wata'ala for granting UNIMAS the opportunity to organize this significant conference.

As the host, I would like to cordially welcome all esteemed guests, speakers, delegates and exhibitors to this inaugural International Conference on Waqf and Endowment (ICWE 2023).

On behalf of Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Sarawak Islamic Council for co-organizing this event and for the trust and support given to UNIMAS in all waqf initiatives implemented by the university since 2018.

I would also like to extend special thanks to the Sarawak Convention Bureau (SCB) and Department of Awqaf, Zakat, and Hajj (JAWHAR) for their strong cooperation and support in making this conference a success.

As a community-driven university, UNIMAS goes beyond its role as a mere higher education institution but plays a broader role for a sustainable world. Waqf and endowment are parts of our platform to support important societal needs such as healthcare and education.

In conjunction with ICWE 2023, UNIMAS will launch Health Waqf or Wakaf Kesihatan, which shall benefit underprivileged patients undergoing diagnosis and treatment at our local hospitals.

Waqf, a charitable foundation with the goal of maximizing endowment value for the benefit of society as a whole, stands out as one of the pinnacles of Islamic civilization. The role of charitable and philanthropic organizations, particularly waqf, has come under focus and given particular importance. This is a result of the development and innovations together with new complexities and economic uncertainties, to examine how they might be used to assist the wellbeing of society.

We sincerely hope that this conference shall provide the opportunity to share knowledge, experiences, strategies, innovation, and ideas to advance the development and sustainability of waqf projects. I am confident that our collective efforts will lead to a brighter future for societies and a legacy of generosity and compassion.

In conclusion, I would like to congratulate the organizing committee for their hard work in making this conference a success.

Professor Datuk Dr Mohamad Kadim bin Suaidi
Vice Chancellor
Universiti Malaysia Sarawak



Foreward from
**President
Sarawak Islamic Council**

Bismillahirrahmanirrahim,

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

In the name of Allah, the Most Beneficent and the Most Merciful.

Alhamdulillah, all praises are for Allah, that we are able to hold this important conference today – a testament of the collaboration between the academe and the professionals not only in terms of idea generation, knowledge sharing but more importantly our common goal and aspirations for a better ummah.

Since 2008, Sarawak Islamic Council has taken the lead in promoting and mainstreaming waqf in a systematic manner, through Waqf Registration and Waqf Administration in Sarawak. We believe that by putting in place such technicalities, we would be able to regulate and find innovative ways to utilise waqf and endowment so as to continuously benefit our beneficiaries, here and hereafter.

Allah mentioned in the Noble Quran,

“You will never achieve righteousness until you donate some of what you cherish. And whatever you give is certainly well known to Allah.”

(ali-Imran, 92)

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to the speakers, presenters and participants of this conference. I also would like to extend my thanks to the team from both UNIMAS and Sarawak Islamic Council for their hard work, commitment and tireless efforts in making sure that this conference is a success.

May Allah allow us all to be forthcoming in helping others and being leaders in kindness, compassion and empathy.

Thank you very much.

Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

Datuk Haji Misnu bin Haji Taha
President
Sarawak Islamic Council



Message from
Conference Chairperson
International Conference
on Waqf and Endowment
(ICWE 2023)

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome all distinguished guests, speakers, participants, exhibitors, sponsors and philanthropists to the inaugural International Conference of Waqf and Endowment (ICWE 2023) here in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia. This event is a significant step in the exploration of the waqf and endowment's capacity to forge strong worldwide linkages that will sustain our communities in the future.

On behalf of the organizing committee, I would like to express our utmost gratitude to the management of Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) and Sarawak Islamic Council (MIS) for their confidence and support. We are thankful to have the privilege of holding the first ICWE 2023 in the beautiful and harmonious land of the hornbill. We also extend our sincerest appreciation to Sarawak Convention Bureau (SCB) and the Department of Awqaf, Zakat and Hajj (JAWHAR) for their exceptional support and steadfast dedication to ensuring the success of this conference.

Waqf and endowment are deeply rooted in the history of Islamic civilization and have played a vital role in the growth and development of societies. The concept of waqf and endowment is not limited to a particular region or religion, but it is a universal concept that has been adopted by different cultures and communities across the world.

The conference will cover a range of topics, including the significance of waqf and endowment, innovative strategies, corporate development business model, governance, management, the impact of waqf and endowment on society and healthcare and the potential of waqf and endowment in achieving sustainable development goals. We hope scholars, professionals and practitioners can exchange knowledge and views on industry best practises, challenges and opportunities on a great platform provided by this conference. With the invaluable insights shared from ICWE2023, I believe the spill-effect of organizing this event would be significant to the practical applications in this field by all waqf practitioners.

Finally, I am deeply grateful to the organising team for all of their hard work in making this event a reality. I also wish to express my appreciation to all of the sponsors and participants who contributed to the success of this conference.

Thank you.

Dayang Nor Hajjah binti Awang Daud

Chairperson ICWE 2023

cum

Director

Division of Endowment and Waqf

Universiti Malaysia Sarawak

Programme

16 MARCH 2023, THURSDAY

8.00 am : Arrival of Guests, Media, Speakers and Participant Registration

8.30 am : **“Innovative Approaches to Providing Healthcare Services Through Waqf in Palestine”**

His Excellency Dr Mahmoud Sudqi Al Habbash

Palestinian President's Advisor for Religious Affairs and Islamic Relation, Palestine

9.00 am : **“Diversifying Corporate Waqf for Communities”**

Tuan Haji Mohammad Razin Bin Mohamat Noor

Head of Waqf Development Division,

Waqaf An-Nur, Malaysia

9.30 am : Forum: **“Waqf and Community Sustainability”**

Moderator : Assistant Professor Dr Sami Samir Abdelfattah Abdelkawi

Head of Department, Da'wah and Usuluddin Department,

Al-Madinah International University

11.00 am : The Arrival of The Right Honourable Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr)

Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg,

Premier of Sarawak

National Anthem Negaraku & Ibu Pertiwiku

11.15 am : Welcoming Address by The Honourable Prof Datuk Dr Mohamad Kadim Suaidi,

Vice Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Sarawak

11.30 am : Keynote Speech by The Right Honourable Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr)

Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg,

Premier of Sarawak

12.00 pm : Launching of International Conference on Waqf & Endowment 2023 and

Launching of Health Waqf Fund

Memorandum of Understanding Document Exchange

Universiti Malaysia Sarawak and Hacettepe University, Turkiye

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12.25 pm : Lunch

2.30 pm : **“Waqf: Between Perception and Reality”**

Datu Hj Abg Mohd Shibli Bin Hj Abg Mohd Nailie
General Manager,
Tabung Baitulmal Sarawak, Malaysia

3.00 pm : **“Waqf Business Model for Property Development Strategy”**

Tuan Haji Rosidi Bin Hussain
Chief Executive Officer,
Wakaf Pulau Pinang, Malaysia

3.30 pm : **“Financing Higher Education and Healthcare Services Through Waqf”**

Dr. Said Shofwan
President Director,
Sultan Agung Islamic Teaching Hospital, Indonesia

4.00 pm : Forum: **“Strategies and Challenges in Managing Waqf”**

Moderator : Mr Bolhassan Iskandar Taibi
Deputy General Manager,
Tabung Baitulmal Sarawak

Programme

17 MARCH 2023, FRIDAY

8.00 am : Arrival of Guests, Media, Speakers and Participants

8.30 am : **“Financing of Healthcare System in Turkiye”**

Prof. Dr. Deniz Demiryurek
Dean Faculty of Medicine,
Hacettepe University, Turkiye

9.00 am : **“Sustainable Advanced Molecular Testing Through Waqf”**

Dr. Adam Malik Bin Ismail
Head of Anatomic Pathology Unit,
Sarawak General Hospital, Malaysia

9.30 am : **“Personalization of Cancer Care: The Right Treatment for the Right Patient”**

Dr. Voon Pei Jye
Head and Medical Oncologist,
Sarawak General Hospital, Malaysia

10.00 am : **“Targeted Cancer Therapy : Turkiye’s Experience”**

Dr Yasemin Yozgat Byrne
Scientist,
Cancer Research Centre,
Istanbul Medipol University, Turkiye

10.30 am : Forum: **“Precision in Cancer Care : New Hope Through Waqf”**

Moderator : Associate Professor Dr. Helmy bin Hazmi
Deputy Director,
UNIMAS Teaching Hospital and Medical Centre
Universiti Malaysia Sarawak

12.15 pm : Lunch

End

Speakers

“INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO PROVIDING HEALTHCARE SERVICES THROUGH WAQF IN PALESTINE”

His Excellency Dr Mahmoud Sudqi Al Habbash
Palestinian President's Advisor for Religious Affairs and Islamic Relation, Palestine

“DIVERSIFYING CORPORATE WAQF FOR COMMUNITIES”

Tuan Haji Mohammad Razin Bin Mohamat Noor
Head of Waqf Development Division, Waqaf An-Nur, Malaysia

FORUM: “WAQF AND COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY”

Moderator : Assistant Professor Dr Sami Samir Abdelfattah Abdelkawi
Head of Department, Da'wah and Usuluddin Department,
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“WAQF: BETWEEN PERCEPTION AND REALITY”

Datu Hj Abg Mohd Shibli Bin Hj Abg Mohd Nailie
General Manager,
Tabung Baitulmal Sarawak, Malaysia

“WAQF BUSINESS MODEL FOR PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY”

Tuan Haji Rosidi Bin Hussain
Chief Executive Officer,
Wakaf Pulau Pinang, Malaysia

“FINANCING HIGHER EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE SERVICES THROUGH WAQF”

Dr. Said Shofwan
President Director,
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FORUM: “STRATEGIES AND CHALLENGES IN MANAGING WAQF”

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Prof. Dr. Deniz Demiryurek
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Hacettepe University, Turkiye

“SUSTAINABLE ADVANCED MOLECULAR TESTING THROUGH WAQF”

Dr. Adam Malik Bin Ismail
Head of Anatomic Pathology Unit,
Sarawak General Hospital, Malaysia

“PERSONALIZATION OF CANCER CARE: THE RIGHT TREATMENT FOR THE RIGHT PATIENT”

Dr. Voon Pei Jye
Head and Medical Oncologist,
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“TARGETED CANCER THERAPY : TURKIYE’S EXPERIENCE”

Dr Yasemin Yozgat Byrne
Scientist,
Cancer Research Centre
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FORUM: “PRECISION IN CANCER CARE : NEW HOPE THROUGH WAQF”

Moderator : Associate Professor Dr. Helmy bin Hazmi
Deputy Director,
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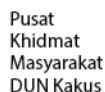
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HEALTH WAQF

The goal of any medical therapy is to accurately give the right drug for the right disease to the right patient. However, the limited access of new technology is due to the constraint of healthcare funding. Hence, financial assistance to finance the cost involved is very much needed. The initiative to establish a special Health Waqf Fund for this purpose will benefit underprivileged patients undergoing treatment at our local hospitals. This is the first step towards a wider collaboration with other relevant agencies, institutes, NGOs and private entities.

**You are part of many patients' new hope.
Stand up, stand strong and stand together.
We can all do something to help.
It's our collective responsibility.**

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