

Australian International Islamic College

**2017 ACADEMIC YEAR  
WELCOME ADDRESS**

**Laa Dharara Wa Laa Dhiraar**

**“Let There Be No Harm and No Harming”**



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Bismillahir rahmanir Raheem

In the name of Allah, the most beneficent, the most Merciful. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon our beloved Nabi SAW. Honourable principal, parents, learned teachers, and my beloved children:

Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi wa barakatuhu

I hope you all had a nice and relaxed holiday and are looking forward to a rewarding and enjoyable 2017. Insha Allah This year will be better than last year in every aspect. Not the same or worse than last year, but better. The same way that your day today should not be the same or worse than yesterday, but better.

Looking back at 2016, **Khuthil Ibrah**: Learn a lesson. Assess and evaluate what you like the most, and what made you happy. What you did not like and did not make you happy, ask yourself, “Could you have done better?” Look back at 2016 and your relationships with your fellow students and your response to you teachers, could you have done better? Insha Allah we will improve ourselves in 2017. May Allah bless you all dear students.

You all know the Famous hadith and Dua of Rasulullah SAW, in which he taught us to ask Allah: “Allahumma Inaa Nas Aluka Ilman Naafi’an: Oh Allah! We seek and ask you to bless us with beneficial knowledge”, so we must work hard to acquire and advance the knowledge, which is beneficial to humanity. Rasulullah also asked us to seek in dua: “Alluma Innaa Na oothubika min Ilmin laa yanfa’, Oh Allah we seek refuge from the knowledge which is not beneficial to us.”

I would like to request our various departments and faculties to work hard to invent and improve the scientific and technological

development, to advance the beneficial knowledge of humanity. Such as in the field of Solar power, inventing useful devices, as well as improving and advancing ourselves in the IT Department.

I would also like to request our honourable teachers to plan and advance the agricultural based activities. Use the advantage of the land we have. I request you to explore any IIm An Naafi: Beneficial Knowledge, hands-on activities which may be useful for our country and indeed the whole of humanity.

Dear Students, public interest is paramount in all walks of life. Individual efforts are very important. What can you do for the community, society, country and the whole of humanity?

I would like to bring to your attention a hadith which was narrated by Abu Saeedil Khudhri RA, that Rasullulah SAW said: Laa Dharara Wa Laa Dhiraar. That Rasullulah SAW said: Let there be no harm and no harming. This hadith is most probably, the briefest hadith. Let there be no harm and no harming, Islam is the religion of peace and tranquility, based on justice and humanity.

This hadith emphasises the essential peaceful spirit of Islam. The words of the Hadith lend themselves to a very wide interpretation. It is apparent that if one does not harm others, he will not be harmed in return. Therefore, man should abstain from doing harm to anybody and keep his peace with his fellow human beings.

It is natural that every action has a reaction; an offence to others will result in defense or retaliation. Once the process of retaliation and counter-offence has begun, there is seldom an end to it. So the scope of Laa Dharara wa Laa Dhiraar, no harm and no harming, can surely be applied to international affairs as well.

My dear students I would like to conclude today's short talk with the famous inaugural address of John F Kennedy on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 1961, which was delivered more than half a century ago, "The energy, the faith and the devotion we bring to this endeavour, will light our country and to all who serve it, and the glow from that fire can truly light the world."

Therefore, John F Kennedy continued to say, "***My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country.***" He further says, "***My fellow citizens of the world ask not what America can do for you, but what together we can do for humanity.***"

My dear students, we must work hard to be the useful citizens to our beloved country Australia and to serve the whole of humanity. Once again, let me welcome you and wish you all a happy, enjoyable and rewarding academic year of 2017.

Wassalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuhu