Civilizations Exchange & Cooperation Foundation

AMBASSADORS OF PEACE
Qatar & Saudi Arabia

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This program was developed by CECF for Muslim Professionals in the U.S.A

The Pearl of Doha

Jeddah

Fanar Islamic Cultural Center

Hospitality

Madinah

Women in Qatar

The intellectual capital of the American Muslim community is soon to be felt all over the Muslim world. The new American experience for immigrant Muslims and the young generation born in America and rooted in the professional world of today is, without doubt, being "Ambassadors of Good Will" for the Muslim world, as well as for America, the place they call home. It is more crucial than ever before to reach out in search of paths leading to peace, coexistence, harmony and understanding through face-to-face interaction and discussions.

In what ways can Muslim Americans be of benefit to their peers in other predominately Muslim countries? Are they in a position to begin networking with countries in the Middle East? Is the practice of Islam in America similar or different from other countries? Are Muslims in America different from Muslims in other countries,

such as the Middle East, South & Southeast Asia? How can these shared experiences gained during this program be beneficial for everyone?

Join us in our **Ambassadors of Peace** program and represent your community during this unique opportunity. Engage in dialogue and exchange ideas. Bring back different views from abroad and share your personal experiences.

Participants: Professionals from communities throughout the U.S.A.

Goals:

- Facilitate mutual understanding and appreciation between America and the Muslim World
- Discuss the role of interfaith, diversity and religious freedom
- Facilitate seminars and workshops in which the participants will meet and interact with their regional professional counterparts
- Provide opportunities for business and cultural networking

In each country participants meet with:

- Community activists, religious leaders and youth groups and feel the current and future change in the society
- Politicians and Government Officials
- Business Community - Discuss obstacles and possible opportunities for advancement and development
- Academics, Professionals – Visit universities, professional groups and organizations

Meetings in Qatar:

- Representative of the Qatar Foreign Ministry
- Faculty Representatives of Qatar University
- Cultural & Public Affairs Officer of the American Embassy in Doha
- Interaction with local individuals in their daily lives
- Forum with members of the business community – Doha Youth Center
- Experience the vibrant changing city of Doha
- Ministry of Religious Affairs & Qatar Islamic Information Center
- Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue

Meetings in Saudi Arabia:

- Representative of the Foreign Ministry in Jeddah
- Chairman and members of the Islamic Fiqh Academy
- Organizations of the Islamic Conference "OIC" – Headquarters
- Seminar by Cultural Attaché of the US Embassy - Jeddah
- Seminar with Saudi women at Effat University "***Women & Education in Saudi Arabia"***
- Seminar and dialogue with students of King Abdul Aziz University - Jeddah
- Forum & Reception with members of the business community in Jeddah
- Jeddah Youth Club

NOTE: Final list of the confirmed meetings will be available 30 days before the program.

Optional Umrah: Muslim participants are welcome to stay an extra 4 days and perform Umrah along with Imam Mohamad Bashar Arafat.

CECF is dedicated to fostering cooperation rather than confrontation among different religions and cultures, focusing on the factors that led to the rise and fall of previous civilizations and creating better understanding between the East and West through face-to-face dialogue and visits.

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