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"This is a clear statement for men, guidance and an admonition to those who guard themselves (against evil)" A'l-Imran: 138



AIC HOLDS AN INTER-RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE AND PEACE SYMPOSIUM



"PRESIDENT MUSEVENI: DR. RAISI WAS A TRUE UNIFIER"

AT A GLANCE

- Interfaith Dialogue
- International Women's Day 2025
- Principal Visits Nkumba University
- AIC Guild Elections
- Qur'an Shortcourse
- Annual Bootcamp



"Peace and Co-existence with the Different Other"

Upcoming Events: AIC SUMMER SCHOOL | STUDENT'S QURAN COMPETITIONS 2025 | INTER-CULTURAL SPORTS GALA



On behalf of the People of Uganda, I want to express the most heartfelt condolences to the friends and People of Iran on the death of their President, H.E Ebrahim Raisi.
We could easily see that H.E. Raisi was a dedicated worker and unifier for his Country and for the Tri-continental struggle for justice by Asia, Africa, and Latin America and the peace-loving People of Europe. Small things could even show this.
When he visited us recently, we finished the government bilateral functions late, as dusk was gathering. However, he insisted on going to the suburbs at night to visit the pro-people projects Iran had constructed. From there, at night, H.E Raisi, a Shia, visited Old Kampala mosque which belongs to the Sunni sect.

I could see a patriot in His Excellency. It is a pity he died prematurely. May his soul rest in eternal peace.
Yoweri K. Museveni
President of Uganda



H.E Majid Safar- Ambassador of the I.R.Iranin Uganda

"Through dialogue and mutual respect, we can replace fear and mistrust with understanding and friendship. This is how we create peaceful societies where everyone feels valued and included"

On Saturday, December 14th, 2024, Al-Mustafa Islamic College convened a landmark Inter-Religious Dialogue and Peace Symposium under the theme "Peace & Coexistence with the Different Other: Lessons for Sustainable Peace." The event, held in the college's main hall, brought together religious leaders, scholars, students, and community representatives for a deeply reflective and solution-oriented engagement on faith, peace, and humanity.
Organized by the College's Research and Innovations Department, the symposium served as a platform to promote constructive dialogue across diverse religious traditions, including Islam, Christianity, and other faith-based communities. With over 200 participants in attendance, the forum emphasized the urgent need to create and sustain spaces of encounter where differences are not just tolerated, but embraced as opportunities for growth and collaboration.
In his keynote address, the College Principal underscored the importance of dialogue as a transformative force in building peaceful societies. "Interfaith dialogue is not about eliminating our differences, but about understanding and respecting them," he remarked.
Speakers highlighted pressing global and local challenges such as religious intolerance, hate speech, and the erosion of communal values, proposing that peacebuilding begins with listening, empathy, and shared responsibility. Participants also explored how education, media, and cultural programs can be leveraged to nurture a culture of mutual respect and coexistence.
The symposium achieved several key outcomes:
Participants expressed a renewed commitment to peaceful coexistence and tolerance.
Cross-faith networks were formed to foster ongoing collaboration beyond the event. Students were encouraged to carry the message of peace into their communities. The event attracted attention and praise from alumni, religious leaders, and education stakeholders across the region.
As Al-Mustafa Islamic College continues to champion peace through dialogue, this symposium marked another significant step in positioning the institution as a beacon of unity, intercultural understanding, and social transformation.



Rev. Wandira Daniel.
"Interfaith Dialogue is not a theoretical exercise but a practical approach to achieving unity amidst adversity. It creates opportunities for meaningful encounters, encourages collective action, and nurtures a society grounded in respect, peace, and collaboration.n peace and harmony"



Ms.Namakula Gloria-Worship House, Nansana.
"I was able to study in a Muslim- founded school, GOMBE SS, for 6 years, and as a young person, this gave me an opportunity to embrace interfaith initiatives, which gave me a chance to grow and celebrate unity in diversity. I realized that despite our different religions and beliefs, we are human, and this was never going to change".



Ms.Trassyleen Ankunda-Lawyer & Team Leader, Girls & Mentorship Space
"Religion often shapes an individual's sense of self and their connection to a larger community, influencing beliefs, values, and behaviors, thereby making it a significant aspect of identity construction. While religion can unite communities around shared values, it also can be a source of conflict when differences are encouraged over commonalities."



Prof. Umar Ahmad M. Kasule- DVC, Muteesa I Royal University.
"In many cases, inter-religious dialogue is pegged together with Peacebuilding as if to suggest that religious diversity and peace are incomprehensible. It could be true in various traditions. However, in Islam it is not true, Muslims are encouraged to live with the religious other in peace and harmony"



Dr. Mansoor Mirahmadi, professor of Politics at Beheshti University.
"Although Islam as a religion stresses on peace and coexistence between human beings, some groups and movements in the Muslim countries have radical thoughts and relate them to Islam.
Understanding the reasons for this would require one to look at the political and methodological aspects of it"



Bishop Andrew Lugoloobi-Sec. General of the Born Agin Faith Uganda & board member of the IRC of Uganda.
"on behalf of the
IRC-Uganda
& my own behalf, we are honored to be gathered here today to dialogue on how we can live together, cooperate, and work together amidst our differences in faith, opinion, gender, origin, and even color. The theme of this dialogue dubbed "peace and coexistence with the different other" is in tandem with the very reason for the establishment of
IRC-Uganda. I therefore congratulate Al-Mustafa Islamic College for organizing this engagement and for always pushing to unify the people of faith in Uganda. It is our prayer that this dialogue becomes an annual event hosted by different faith institutions in the country"

Women's Day 2025: Celebrating Strength, Diversity & Inclusion Empowering Voices. Honoring Culture. Breaking the Bias.



Al-Mustafa Islamic College joined the world in celebrating International Women's Day 2025 with energy, elegance, and purpose.

Held at the College Main Hall, the celebrations brought together students, staff, and guests in a reflective yet uplifting ceremony that highlighted the resilience, creativity, and brilliance of women—past, present, and future.

A Guest of Impact: Ms. Mambo Aisha

The keynote address was delivered by Ms. Mambo Aisha, Director of Human Resources at Sheraton Hotel Kampala. In her powerful speech, she encouraged young women to embrace leadership, aim high, and challenge limiting stereotypes:
"There's no industry or table too high for women to reach. But success is not just personal—when we rise, we must lift others too," she remarked to thunderous applause.
Her presence brought not only prestige but also real-world inspiration from a woman who has forged success in one of Uganda's top institutions.

Student Presentations

Several female students took center stage to present on themes including:

- Women in Leadership & Governance
- Balancing Faith, Culture, and Modern Empowerment
- Mental Health & Self-Worth in a Digital Age

Their insights, drawn from academic research and personal experience, created moments of deep reflection and encouraged more inclusive dialogues across campus.



Showcasing Talent Vocational Exhibitions

The event also featured a vibrant vocational exhibition, where female students in their umbrella body **"The VG-Hub"** showcased creative works made through practical skills training. Exhibits included:

- Handcrafted jewelry and fashion items
- Decorative crafts and embroidery
- Herbal beauty products and culinary innovations

These displays celebrated not just talent, but the economic empowerment and potential of vocational education in transforming women's lives.

Principal's Courtesy Visit to Nkumba University



Beyond Competition: Al-Mustafa College Builds Bridges with Nkumba University
A Courtesy Visit by the Principal Sparks New Paths for Collaboration
In an academic world that often leans on rivalry, Al-Mustafa Islamic College is rewriting the script—and leading by example. In March 2025, the College Principal paid a courtesy visit to Nkumba University, one of Uganda's largest private institutions of higher learning, in a move that signaled a clear shift from competition to strategic collaboration.

🏛 **Engaging Leadership, Sharing Vision**

The visit was marked by a warm meeting with the Chancellor of Nkumba University, where the leaders exchanged ideas on the evolving landscape of higher education in Uganda. The Principal expressed gratitude for the opportunity to learn from Nkumba's growth journey while emphasizing Al-Mustafa's commitment to mutual development and academic cooperation.

"The era of competition is over. This is the age of collaboration. Institutions that thrive will be those that work together—not against each other—to serve the nation's educational needs," remarked the Principal during his visit.

🎓 **Exploring the Campus: A Tour of Innovation**

The visit also included a guided campus tour, allowing the Al-Mustafa delegation to explore Nkumba's facilities, administrative structures, and innovative academic units. Particular attention was given to:

Postgraduate and research facilities

E-learning and ICT integration

Student support and entrepreneurship programs

The tour inspired ideas on how both institutions could share resources, expertise, and platforms—especially in areas like capacity building, student exchange, and professional development for staff.

A New Era of Student Leadership H.E. Kakooza Muhammad Ushers in the 13th Guild Government



In a true demonstration of democracy, unity, and youthful ambition, Al-Mustafa Islamic College recently held its 13th Guild Elections, successfully organized by the Student Electoral Committee under the guidance of the Office of the Dean of Students. These elections marked yet another milestone in the college's continued commitment to nurturing participatory governance and leadership among students.

After a peaceful and vibrant campaign period—characterized by issue-based debates, manifestos focused on student welfare, and an overwhelming show of enthusiasm from the student body—H.E Kakooza Muhammad emerged victorious as the new Guild President, winning the confidence and votes of his fellow students.
The swearing-in ceremony, which was graced by college administrators, staff, student leaders, and alumni, marked the beginning of a new chapter. In his inaugural address, H.E Kakooza promised to prioritize transparency, academic excellence, student welfare, and stronger engagement between the guild and administration.

"Leadership is not about position, but responsibility," H.E Kakooza remarked. "We shall be a listening government and one that strives to unite all students, regardless of background."

The 13th Guild Government is expected to play a central role in enhancing student life, organizing academic and co-curricular programs, and serving as a bridge between students and college management.

Qur'an Shortcourse Elevating the Art of Recitation



As part of our Ramadan activities at Al-Mustafa Islamic College, we were honored to host a spiritually charged and intellectually enriching event — the Qur'an Conference 2025, dedicated to enhancing the skills, discipline, and technique of Qur'an tutors and reciters.

The conference, held during the blessed month of Ramadan, was a landmark in the college's efforts to promote excellence in Qur'anic education, aligning with our vision to produce well-rounded scholars and spiritual leaders.

The highlight of the conference was the presence of a distinguished international Qur'an reciter from the Islamic Republic of Iran, whose voice, mastery of tajweed, and deep understanding of the Qur'anic sciences left the audience both mesmerized and inspired.

He conducted practical sessions, correcting recitation, and teaching advanced techniques in:

Tajweed (Pronunciation & Rules)

Maqamat (Melodic tones of recitation)

Voice control and emotional delivery

Effective memorization strategies

His interaction with students and tutors was highly engaging, blending passion with pedagogy in a way that ignited a renewed love for the Qur'an among participants.

Annual Bootcamp

Al-Mustafa College Empowers Youth Through JA Social Equity Bootcamp



Al-Mustafa Islamic College, in partnership with Junior Achievers (JA) Uganda, successfully hosted a three-day Social Equity and Entrepreneurship Bootcamp aimed at inspiring innovation and business leadership among students.

The event attracted 246 registered participants with a daily attendance of over 210 students. Divided into teams, participants developed practical business ideas addressing community needs and presented them in a final pitching session.

Seven outstanding groups emerged winners and advanced to the national JA competitions.

College leaders and JA facilitators praised the students' creativity and teamwork, noting that such programs strengthen youth empowerment and real-world skills. The Principal reaffirmed Al-Mustafa College's commitment to nurturing graduates who are not only knowledgeable but also enterprising, socially responsible, and ready to lead change

Sports

The ACT Marathon

supporting Youths led Environment conservation agenda through sports.

In a bid to inspire positive environmental action, Al-Mustafa Islamic College joined hands with local partners to support a youth-focused initiative combining sports and environmental awareness. The program engaged young people in football, athletics, and team activities while teaching practical ways to protect and sustain their local environment.

The event not only fostered healthy lifestyles and teamwork but also emphasized the importance of environmental stewardship, encouraging youths to become active participants in preserving Uganda's natural resources.

Through such initiatives, the College continues to demonstrate its commitment to holistic youth development and community empowerment, blending education, social responsibility, and fun.

Al-Mustafa Clinches the 7th Ediition of the Vipers SC Fan's Cup









> A meeting of two ready partners

Al-Mustafa College Strengthens Ties with Buganda Kingdom

The Principal of Al-Mustafa Islamic College led a high-level delegation to Bulange, Mengo, where they met with the Buganda Kingdom Minister of Youth, Sports, and Recreation. The meeting focused on exploring areas of collaboration in youth empowerment, talent development, and education.

During the discussions, both parties expressed their commitment to working together to equip young people with practical skills, leadership values, and opportunities for personal growth. The Principal emphasized Al-Mustafa College's readiness to support the Kingdom's youth programs through training, mentorship, and community-based projects.

The Minister appreciated the college's ongoing contribution to education and youth development, noting that such partnerships are vital in nurturing a disciplined and innovative generation.

This engagement marks a key step in strengthening institutional relations between Al-Mustafa Islamic College and the Buganda Kingdom.



ABOUT US

Al-Mustafa Islamic College, established in 2011, is a non-profit Degree-Awarding Institution dedicated to fostering academic excellence and holistic development. With a mission to cultivate competency, creativity, and confidence in its students, the college provides an inspiring and supportive learning environment that empowers individuals to excel and contribute meaningfully to society. Licensed by the National Council for Higher Education, Al-Mustafa upholds the highest standards of education, shaping future leaders with integrity, innovation, and a commitment to lifelong learning.

Faculty of Business & Management (FBM)

Academic Program	Duration	Study Time.
Bachelor of Business Administration (Accounting, Management, Banking & Finance, Marketing Options)	3 Years	FT, WKD, DL
Diploma in Business Administration	2 Years	FT, WKD, DL
Diploma in Accounting and Finance	2 Years	FT, WKD, DL
Diploma in Public Administration	2 Years	FT, WKD, DL
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National Certificate in Business Administration	2 Years	FT
National Certificate in Accounting and Finance	2 Years	FT
Entrepreneur	1 Year	FT

Faculty of Islamic Studies (FIS)

Academic Program	Duration	Study Time.
Bachelor of Arts in Islamic Studies	3 Years	FT
Diploma in Islamic Studies	2 Years	FT
Diploma in Quran and Hadith	2 Years	FT
Diploma in Arabic Language	2 Years	FT
Certificate in Islamic Studies	2 Years	FT

Faculty of Science & Technology (FST)

Academic Program	Duration	Study Time.
Bachelor of Information Technology	3 Years	FT, WKD, DL
Diploma of Information Technology	2 Years	FT, WKD, DL
UVTAB		
National Certificate in Information Technology	2 Years	FT
ICT Practitioner	1 Year	FT, WKD
Graphic Designer	1 Year	FT, WKD
Website Developer	1 Year	FT, WKD
Web Application Developer	1 Year	FT, WKD
Mobile Applications Developer	1 Year	FT, WKD
System Administrator	1 Year	FT, WKD
Network Administrator	1 Year	FT, WKD
Computer Technician	1 Year	FT, WKD

Faculty of Vocational Studies (FVS)

Academic Program	Duration	Study Time.
UVTAB		
National Diploma in Hotel Management and Institutional Catering	2 Years	FT
National Diploma in Fashion and Garment Design	2 Years	FT
National Diploma in Electrical Engineering	2 Years	FT
National Diploma in Mechanical Engineering	2 Years	FT
National Certificate in Hotel Management and Institutional Catering	2 Years	FT
National Certificate in Fashion and Garment Design	2 Years	FT
National Certificate in Electrical Installation Systems and Maintenance	2 Years	FT
National Certificate in Automotive Mechanics	2 Years	FT
Baker	1 Year	FT
Cook	1 Year	FT
Motorcycle Mechanic	1 Year	FT
Motor vehicle Mechanic	1 Year	FT
Domestic Electrician	1 Year	FT
Electronics Mechanic	1 Year	FT
Metal Fabricator	1 Year	FT
Tailor	1 Year	FT
Sewing Machine Technician	1 Year	FT

Faculty of Education (FED)

Academic Program	Duration	Study Time.
Bachelor of Arts with Education	3 Years	FT, IN-SERVICE
Bachelor of Science with Education	3 Years	FT, IN-SERVICE
Bachelor of Education– Primary	3 Years	FT, IN-SERVICE
Bachelor of Early Childhood Education	3 Years	FT, IN-SERVICE
Diploma in Early Childhood Education	2 Years	FT, IN-SERVICE
Diploma of Education– Primary	2 Years	FT, IN-SERVICE
Diploma in Guidance and Counselling	2 Years	FT
Certificate in Early Childhood Education	2 Years	FT, IN-SERVICE

Why Study at Al-Mustafa

- Affordable Fees
- State of the Art Computer Labs
- Finest Lecturers
- Cultural and Religious Diversity
- Superb Library with Books and Electronic Resources
- Modern Lecture Rooms
- Free WiFi all over the Campus
- Homely Halls of Residence.

NCHE National Council for Higher Education
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"We Strive for Future Elites"

Leaders Endorse Al-Mustafa's Vision for Affordable, Quality Education

Al-Mustafa Islamic College recently hosted two high-profile leaders — Hon. Hajjat Minsa Kabanda, Minister for Kampala and Metropolitan Affairs, and Hon. Asuman Basalirwa, Member of Parliament for Bugiri Municipality — in separate meetings with the College Principal.

The discussions centered on expanding access to quality and affordable education for communities across Uganda. Both leaders commended Al-Mustafa College for its strong values, inclusive approach, and commitment to empowering young people through practical, skill-based programs.

They pledged their support in promoting the College's initiatives within their constituencies to ensure that more learners benefit from the institution's holistic model of education — one that blends academic excellence, moral grounding, and community development.



