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**Press Release: Exhibition Islam draws in 40,000 visitors at The Al-Ansaar Souk International Trade & Family Convention in Durban, South Africa.**

**London, UK:** Exhibition Islam have showcased a historic exhibition at the Souk Al Ansaar that was hosted at the Durban Exhibition Centre between 25<sup>th</sup> December 2009 and 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2010.

For the first time ever in the history of Durban, Exhibition Islam displayed a very rare collection of Islamic manuscripts dating back to the 1<sup>st</sup> Century of Islam. On show, were extremely rare manuscripts from the area of Hijaz, in present day Saudi Arabia, which were written on polished Vellum and written by some of the first generation of Qur'anic scribes. Also on display were a number of folios from Andalusia, China, Indonesia and Sudan.

The exhibition was attended by 40,000 visitors, most of them having never witnessed such an elaborate collection of Islamic history in their entire lives. For visitors both young and old, the exhibition provided a wonderful opportunity to marvel at the rich heritage of the Islamic world and to learn about the magnificent achievements and contributions that the Muslim nation had made to the global community.

Exhibition Manager, Umar Ansari commented about the event "It has been extremely rewarding to have been given the opportunity to showcase our exhibition to the community in Durban, a community whose dynamism and enthusiasm contributed so much to the entire event. Taking the 'museum style' exhibition to communities who don't have regular access to museums and galleries always has its own special value, and having introduced our exhibition to the Muslim community in Durban has been immensely satisfying for everyone involved".

Having glimpsed what Exhibition Islam can now offer, leading Muslim organisations in South Africa are now planning to host a range of exhibitions throughout South Africa during the World Cup 2010.

The exhibition report can be viewed here:

[http://www.exhibitionislam.com/~/.%5Cresources%5Creports%5C12\\_EI\\_SA\\_Durban\\_Dec\\_2009\\_v1.7.pdf](http://www.exhibitionislam.com/~/.%5Cresources%5Creports%5C12_EI_SA_Durban_Dec_2009_v1.7.pdf)

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**About Exhibition Islam**

Exhibition Islam, the world's leading Islamic exhibition provider specialises in promoting a greater understanding of Islam in the international arena. Exhibition Islam utilizes the latest exhibition resources to deliver professional "museum style" exhibitions that address a diverse spectrum of themes and topics. Having hosted over 750 exhibitions, and attracting almost 1 million visitors from across the globe, Exhibition Islam has both the reputation and experience to continue to develop greater and more challenging concepts for the presentation of Islam. Exhibition Islam is a Registered charity and is based in London, UK, visit [www.exhibitionislam.com](http://www.exhibitionislam.com) for more details.