

## Muslim Heritage Exhibition Launched at Science Museum in London

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The Science Museum in London has launched a landmark exhibition highlighting the scientific heritage the world has inherited from Muslim civilisation. *1001 Inventions: Discover the Muslim Heritage in Our World* is sponsored by Abdul Latif Jameel Foundation and traces the forgotten story of a thousand years of science from the Muslim world from the 7<sup>th</sup> century onwards.

The free exhibition, which opened on 21 January and runs to 25 April 2010, will look at the social, scientific and technical achievements that are credited to the Muslim world, whilst celebrating the shared scientific heritage of other cultures. It features a diverse range of exhibits, interactive displays and dramatisation, all of which acknowledge the Muslim world's contribution to many modern inventions, spanning fields such as engineering, medicine and architecture, and can trace their roots back to Muslim civilisation.



The launch of the exhibition marks the beginning of a global tour that will visit the world's most respected museums and centres of learning over the next four years.

**Fady Jameel speaking on behalf of the Abdul Latif Jameel Foundation, said:** "One of the most important aims of our foundation is to promote global education projects and this 1001 Inventions exhibition at one of Europe's most prestigious museums will help achieve just that through increasing understanding about a fascinating period of history and discovering how it impacts us in today's modern world".

One of the iconic focal features of this exhibition is a six-metre high replica of the 'Elephant Clock'- a visually striking early 13<sup>th</sup> century water clock, the body of which contains symbols referring different cultures and is featured alongside a short feature film starring Oscar-winning actor Sir Ben Kingsley as Al-Jazari, inventor of the fabled clock.

The exhibition will run from 21<sup>st</sup> January until 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010 (with a short closure between 25<sup>th</sup> February and 12<sup>th</sup> March 2010 inclusive).