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Press Release

**National Conference on India, China and the Arab World: Exploring New Dynamics,
organized at JMI**

His Excellency Mr. Jasem Ibrahim Al-Najem, Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to India, inaugurated a two-day National Conference 'India, China and the Arab World: Exploring New Dynamics' at Jamia Millia Islamia. He was the Chief Guest in the inaugural session of the conference held on 25th March 2019. The India-Arab Cultural Centre, JMI organized this conference in collaboration with Indian Council for Social Science Research and Indian Council of World Affairs on 25-26 March 2019.

The inaugural session of the conference took place on 25 March at the Conference Room, India-Arab Cultural Centre, JMI. Honourable Amb. Chinmaya R. Ghare Khan, India & special envoy for West Asia & MEPP, Chaired the session. The session was followed by a formal welcome address by Mr. A. P. Siddiqui (IPS), Registrar, JMI. Dr. Nasir Raza Khan, conference convener and the officiating director of IACC, made introductory remarks.

Mr Siddiqui welcomed the guests with beautiful saplings and highlighted the contributions of Kuwait Embassy in the Centre's development. He also enlightened the guests about the dynamic activities of the Centre not only in the field of culture and cultural studies but also in organizing academic seminars and conferences around important these like policy interventions and relevant international issues. He elaborated that the conference is an intellectually enriched programme. Dr Nasir Khan welcomed all the dignitaries, introduced the theme and significance of the conference, and highlighted Centre's contributions and achievements in the academic filed through constructive leaning and research.

In his inaugural speech H.E. Mr. Jasem Ibrahim Al-Najem, Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to India said, " this conference is a reflection of a unique confluence of multi-diverse and multi-perspective themes around India-Arab World and China's relations" . Mr. Najem stressed that the theme of the conference has captured the most relevant issue of the contemporary globalised world. Emphasising on the ancient roots amongst the three regions with specific reference to India-Kuwait relations, Mr. Najem explained that the use of common currency in both the countries is a reflection of the extensive economic and cultural collaborations. These ties will have a bright future in the current scenario with the China's recent policy for economic expansion through the revitalization of ancient silk route needs more exploration so that it could be accessed by different centuries and establish better bilateral and multilateral relations. The present conference, he hoped, will open a forum to discuss multiple aspects of the emerging configurations in the region.

Admiring that India and China are the emerging super-powers in Asia, Mr. Najem explained that Kuwait, India and China should collaborate constructively to build strategic partnerships, strategic transformations into diversified trade, exploration of two initiatives of overland and

maritime Silk Roads called the “Belt” and “Road” initiatives, and economic treaties in order to create opportunities of further opening up of markets for free trade in the region. He also hoped that the bureaucratic hurdles from Indian part in the implementation of open trade policies between India and Kuwait will soon be neutralized with the constructive policies of current political regime in India.

H.E. Mr. Najem presented mementoes to Mr. Siddiqui, Registrar JMI and Dr. Nasir Raza Khan, IACC. Amb. Chinmaya R. Ghare Khan concluded the inaugural session by praising the political regime of Kuwait in Arab World as a unique mixture of monarchy and democracy where the parliament functions to assert for people’s rights with full freedom as and when it is required. At the same time, these assertions are democratically addressed by the Monarch.

Dr. Atia Rabbi Nizami delivered vote of thanks to the funding agencies and the presented dignitaries. Amb. Chinmaya R. Ghare Khan, India& special envoy for West Asia & MEPP, delivered special lecture in the following session and opened the working sessions of the Conference. Admiring the significance of the conference theme, Mr. Khan highlighted five important aspects of China’s two initiatives of overland and maritime Silk Roads called the “Belt” and “Road” initiatives: China’s expectation to be an active player in the global trade through economic expansion, upgrade domestic industries especially in the field of energy and to fully utilize the unutilized manufacturing capacity, defend China’s assets and large skilled population through technology transformation, combat domestic ‘terrorism’ by developing new partnerships in the region, and to expand its military base in the region. To summarise, he argued that the current policies of economic expansion delivers a core message to convince the world that Chinese model is the best model.

In seven working sessions of the two-day conference forty five papers were discussed. The valedictory session was held on 26 March. Amb. Sanjay Singh, Former Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India delivered the valedictory address.

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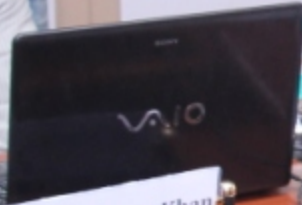
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