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### WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK (WIHW)

In celebration of the World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) in February 2013, the Royal Aal Al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought in Jordan invites organizations and individuals to organize activities which adhere to the objectives of the WIHW.

The WIHW is an initiative proposed by H.M. King Abdullah II of Jordan and was adopted by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly in 2010 with the intention that the activity will play a vital role in promoting peace and harmony among the world's various religions and beliefs. Celebrated every first week of February, the objectives of the WIHW, in the words of the author of the resolution, Prince Ghazi bin Muhammad are to:

1. coordinate and unite the efforts of all the interfaith groups doing positive work with one focused theme at one specific time annually, thereby increasing their collective momentum and eliminating redundancy;
2. harness and utilize the collective might of the world's second-largest infrastructure (that of places of worship – the largest being that of education) specifically for peace and harmony in the world: inserting as it were, the right “software” into the world's religious “hardware;” and
3. permanently and regularly encourage the silent majority of preachers to declare themselves for peace and harmony and providing a ready-made vehicle for them to do so.

As part of the Institute's continuing efforts to ensure the success of the initiatives, the following award cash prizes will be given to the best organized events or activities which will be awarded during the WIHW in February 2013 in Jordan:

Place	Award Cash Prize
First	\$25,000 and a gold medal
Second	\$15,000 and a silver medal
Third	\$ 5,000 and a bronze medal

Deadline for submission of entries is on *February 28, 2013*.

Participation of both public and private schools shall be subject to the no-disruption-of-classes policy as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*.

For more information, interested participants may visit the website: [www.worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com](http://www.worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com).