

**International Best Book of the Year Award
(Tehran, 7 February 2017)**

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The Middle Path of Moderation in Islam: The Qur'anic Principle of Wasatiyyah was named Best Book of the Year for 2016 at the 24th Iran International Book Festival. The distinguished author, Prof. Mohammad Hashim Kamali, received the prestigious award from President Hassan Rouhani in a special ceremony at Tehran's Vahdat Hall.

In his speech, President Rouhani emphasised that literature should not create conflict among ethnic groups or encourage religious extremism and violence. Rather, works of literature have a duty to promote peace and harmony. The eight award winners at the festival included authors from Malaysia, Iran, Turkey, Germany, Spain, Finland, Romania and England. As a prominent scholar, Prof. Kamali represented Malaysia in the Islamic studies category. A total of 2,500 books were evaluated for the contest.

In his book, published by Oxford University Press in 2015, Prof. Kamali illuminates the concept of moderation (*wasatiyyah*) and elaborates on the manifestations of *wasatiyyah* in the light of the Islamic tradition. In addition, he discusses its application for these pressing contemporary issues: social justice, women's rights, environmental balance, economic fairness and globalisation. Prof. Kamali was also invited to deliver lectures at Tehran University and Al-Mustafa International University of Iran. For more information, please visit www.iais.org.my.

**Melestarikan Integriti TN50 Berasaskan Nilai Pelbagai
Perayaan Agama Di Malaysia
(Kuala Lumpur, 2 March 2017)**

Ameen Misran

Across the borders of race and religion, each and every religious celebration in Malaysia teaches what Dr. Chandra Muzaffar terms “universal values.”

The above aptly summarises the academic discussion held under the banner “Melestarikan Integriti TN50 Berasaskan Nilai Pelbagai Perayaan Agama Di Malaysia” (Sustaining Integrity of TN50 on the Grounds of Religious Celebrations in Malaysia) on 2 March 2017 at INTEGRITI Hall. The discussion was organised by Institut Integriti Malaysia (INTEGRITI), Jabatan Perpaduan Negara dan