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### [Imam Feisal Rauf Speaks at IIIT on Shari'ah Index Project](#)

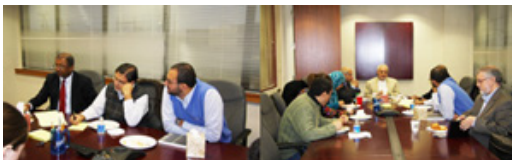
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Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, founder and President of Cordoba Initiative briefed a select group of scholars and IIIT staff on Friday, December 19, 2008 on the Shari'ah Index Project, a pioneering effort which aims at developing an index based on Maqasid al Shari'ah for the purpose of measuring the performance of Muslim countries in relation to the implementation of Shari'ah.

Since its inception in 2006, the Shari'ah Index Project –which is directed out of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia- has generated the support of many Muslim countries and organizations as well as prominent Muslim scholars and leaders worldwide.

The index itself is being developed through the joint efforts of the prominent scholars and social scientists from different parts of the Muslim world. Upon completion, it will be used primarily in Muslim countries through polling of sampled populations via interviews and surveys to be conducted by Gallup USA. The data then will be analyzed and findings and conclusion will be made available to policy makers, the media and the public at large.



Accompanying Imam Rauf were Dr. Jasser Auda, member of the Advisory Council of Scholars for the Project and expert on Maqasid, Courtney Erving, the Executive Director, and her assistant Irfana Hashimi. Dr.



Abubaker al-Shingaiti, Regional Director of IIIT, welcomed the guests and pledged cooperation and support from IIIT to the Project.