

## *Editorial*

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Greetings to the dear readers,

Inter-cultural dialogue is an open and respectful exchange of views between individuals, groups, ngos, and organizations from different cultures that lead to a deeper understanding. The lack of this is the origin of most conflicts of the world. We as general managers know a little, and have challenging experience about it.

We know how important it is to teach people peacemaking skills. In fact, given the current state of international relations, teaching this skill to young people, is a sacred responsibility, if we are to create a sustainable and developed loving world.

We, as shia muslims, have found the themes of peace, fraternity, and kindness as important subject, in our literature and traditions. After the sept 11, 2001 accident, we have had peace related issues at the top of plans and agendas. Conferences have been made, publicity accelerated, presentations made, and many peace groups overseas contacted in order to explain and show our intrinsic and natural differences with the extremist groups who assert that they are islamic based organizations, but their acts are far from the islamic teachings and

principles which have begun with peace (salam) from the merciful and compassionate God to the people throughout the universe.

Moreover this issue contains and provides materials about our last hope, imam mahdi (may God accelerate his reappearance) and other holy imams, the islamic behavioral morality, the importance of consultation in development of the communities, and the holy quran and environment, etc.

I hope you benefit and enjoy reading this issue.