

## ***MUSLIM UNIVERSITIES URGED TO PRODUCE COMPETENT PROFESSIONALS IN SCIENCES AND RELIGION***



Zanzibar, Chukwani, (SUN), August 14: The President of Zanzibar and Chairman of the Revolutionary Government, Dr. Ali Mohamed Shein has urged Muslim Universities to produce competent professionals in Sciences and Religion to keep pace with changing technology.

“It is important for Islamic Universities to take up the responsibility by providing education that will enable their students and alumni to keep pace with technology changes which emerge due to globalization”, the President emphasized in a speech read on his behalf by the Second Vice President, Ambassador Seif Ali Iddi when opening the Third International Islamic Universities here.

The President said that the Quran not only provides religious guidance to leading lives according to the will of the Almighty God but also inducts to explore and discover the power of God’s creation within the universe.

He urged Muslim scholars to undertake an in-depth study of the meanings of the Quran to deduce its rational premises and scientific implications adding.

“University professors should be working with students and officials to transform the teaching structure, the material used, the relationship between teachers and students so that they may fulfill their aspirations as centers of excellence in tune with the rest of society”, the president said.

He said that it is important for the Islamic Universities to exert more efforts in conducting social and scientific researches adding “ researches are vital for Muslims to be able to address and solve the challenges Muslim communities are currently facing.”

He said a number of research topics could be drawn from the Quran whose verses pose challenges that persuade a human mind to dwell on research pertaining to scientific domains.

Dr. Shein said Islamic Universities should not be left behind in a world of the changing Information Technology which can provide ways for teaching and getting an education through the internet which has made it easy to find books on Islam.

The Third International Islamic Universities Conference which was jointly organized by Sumait University and the International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT) brought together more than 50 participants from East Africa, West Africa, North Africa, Middle East, and South East Asia.