

Eddiya celebrates: World Arabic Language Day

December 18th, 2015 Time 5:00 to 8:00 PM

Eddiya Canadian Centre for Arabic Studies celebrates the International Arabic Language Day December 18, 2015 and the activities of the celebration focused on: reading poetry, Arabic language contests, recitations of Al Quran, sayings of the Prophet, Arabic songs, and finally with a lecture about the Arabic language and the contemporary challenges presented by Dr Abdallahi Hamdy. He referred to three important points.

The first point relates to the loss of identity, indicating that some of the Arabs have become proud of themselves when they speak foreign languages, by taking into account the importance of these languages in our time. Also, our children should have a chance to learn and to understand their mother language and culture. Unfortunately, the abandon of Arabic language led to the weakness of the academic curriculums and lack of interest from the new generations to learn this beautiful language.

The second point, Dr. Hamdy raised the awareness of teaching of local dialects and creating a new system of communication called “Al ARBIZI” which mixes between Arabic and English, or any foreign language. This kind of language is well known between youth in the internet and the social media. In this contest, the community leaders and teachers should pay more attention and emphasize the use of pure Arabic language (Alfusha) in the classrooms and family social activities.

In his final remark, Dr. Hamdy confirmed that the Arabic language will remain a language of culture and civilization of this nation despite all the challenges, whether local dialects or foreign languages. He also reminds the Arabs that great countries like Japan, China, South Korea and Turkey became more developed because of paying attention to their native languages. They have studied sciences and knowledge in their mother languages and tied their new generations on the glories of those languages and cultures.

The students of Eddiya remind us of those meanings through this great celebration. They rose by hands Arabic books curriculum and posters glorifying the language of the Al Quran such as:

“Preserving the Arabic Language is the responsibility of all of us. Are we doing our part and fulfilling our responsibility?”

Finally, the ceremony concluded by dinner and recitation of verses from the Holy Quran highlight the strong relationship between the Arabic language and Al Quran.

