

Exhibition on tolerance, understanding, co-existence, Oman's message of Islam held in capital

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The six-day long exhibition "Tolerance, understanding, co-existence, Oman's message of Islam" that was organized by the UNESCO Office in Kathmandu in Patan Museum, Lalitpur concluded. The exhibition was held to celebrate the International Day for Tolerance 2014.

The exhibition aimed at promoting interfaith dialogue, mutual understanding and peaceful coexistence. It intended to promote dialogue as a tool for reconciliation of cultural, social and ethnic differences by making aware of similarities instead of looking into differences.

"This is in line with UNESCO's mission to build peace and solidarity among

people", said Christian Manhart, UNESCO Representative to Nepal. He added, "We work for this subject through education, protection of cultural heritage and diversity, promotion of mutual understanding. We promote freedom of expression to allow speaking and be heard".

Prof Dr Ismaeil bin Saleh al-Aghbari of the Ministry of Endowments and Religious Affairs, Sultanate of Oman, conveying Oman's message of peace to the people said, "Oman believes that all people shall live peacefully, without war, without killings. There should not be any kind of conflict about any culture and any country".

Satya Mohan Joshi, an eminent culture expert of

nation expressed, "For the context of such exhibition, the interlink between our cultures and religions play a leading role to find ourselves coming closer and promoting greater understanding among different people and nurture wider contacts with them. We feel that these cultural aspects will prove more valuable and essential to help spread international friendship and goodwill among the nations of the world".

Purna Chandra Bhattarai, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development said, "Nepal is always in favor of tolerance, understanding and coexistence which has helped maintain social harmony and national unity and integration in the country".