

Katara Tech Forum Discusses Artificial Intelligence Applications in Islamic Sharia



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DOHA, July 8: The Cultural Village Foundation – Katara, in cooperation with the Ministry of

Endowments and Islamic Affairs and IslamOnline, organized the 30th Katara Tech Forum to

discuss the role of artificial intelligence (AI) in Islamic Sharia rulings.

The forum gathered experts in religious sciences, technology, and media to examine the impact of AI on Islamic knowledge, fatwas, and digital religious content, as part of Katara's efforts to host discussions on contemporary technological developments.

The session was moderated by Muath Yousuf Al-Qasimi, Head of the Religious Guidance

Department, with the participation of Jassem Abdullah Al-Ali, Director of the Department of

Da'wah and Religious Guidance; Sheikh Abdulrahman bin Abdulaziz Al Thani, Director of the

Mosques Department; Ashraf Sharif, Head of Information Technology specializing in AI and

cybersecurity at IslamOnline; and Dr. Idris Ahmed Tijani, researcher in Islamic jurisprudence.

Dr. Tijani highlighted practical AI applications in the religious field, including supporting fatwa

services, improving access to Islamic sources, and assisting research. He stressed that such

technologies must operate under scientific and Sharia guidelines, with human experts

maintaining the final review role.

He also presented AI applications in analyzing Friday sermons through digital conversion,

identifying key themes, and preparing evaluation reports based on scientific standards.

Participants discussed AI's role in developing Islamic content, media, and research while

addressing challenges related to accuracy and reliability. They emphasized that AI is a supportive

tool for organizing knowledge and improving access to information, but cannot replace scholars or human judgment in religious matters.

The forum reflects Katara's commitment to promoting intellectual dialogue and exploring modern technologies while preserving authentic cultural and religious values.