



## **BUDI ILMU FROM SOMALIAN PERSPECTIVE**



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### **ABSTRACT**

This essay compares and contrasts the term Budi Ilmu used by International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) as gist of its vision, mission and goals. Budi is translated as virtue which is not accurate translation because budi has strong root in the Malay culture and Islamic scholarship which cannot be translated. Likewise the term ilmu which is simply translated as knowledge. Budi Ilmu has been linked with the Garden of Knowledge and Virtue tagline of IIUM. In Somalia, the closest term to budi is wanaagga Cilmiga. Somalian tradition is mixed of local tribal culture and Islamic education influence in traditional schools.

Keywords: Budi ilmu, Malaysia, Somalia

### **INTRODUCTION**

My parents wanted me to study at International Islamic University Malaysia. Sheikh Mohmoud Mohamed, a local influential scholar who is the founder of Madrasah Qalam Somalia and Qalam charity Foundation, has recommended my parents to send me to IIUM. In addition, I am also a graduate of the Madrasah. The Madrasah has graduated more than 10,000 students. 95% of the students are from Somalia and the rest from neighbouring countries.

I asked my parents the main reason for the recommendation from the Sheikh. They said that the Sheikh is very impressed with the integration of traditional madrasah orientation and modern academic orientation.

## BUDI ILMU IN SOMALIAN LANGUAGE AND TRADITION

Sheikh did not mention budi ilmu. He mentioned about Wanaaga Ilmiciga in our Somalian-Arabic influence language. When I relate to Budi Ilmu used by International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), I could comprehend that Sheikh is also emphasised on budi (in our term is wanaagga and Cilmiga (in our term is Wanaagga). Budi ilmu for IIUM is the gist of its vision, mission and goals.

Budi Ilmu stands on its own. No other language could comfortably translate budi ilmu. Budi has been translated as virtue which is not accurate translation because budi has strong root in the Malay culture and Islamic scholarship. Likewise, the term ilmu which is simply translated as knowledge. Budi Ilmu has been linked with the Garden of Knowledge and Virtue tagline of IIUM.

Wanaagga Cilmiga has been part of our Madrasah. The meaning of Wanaagga, which IIUM called it budi ilmu, is Wanangga Cilmiga.

## CONCLUSION

Budi Ilmu stands with its Malay culture and Islamic scholarship. Our Somalian Wanaagga Cilmiga also stands with the Somalian culture and Islamic education. It seems the Malay Muslims and Somalian Muslims have strong root of the concept Budi Ilmu in Malaysia and Wanagga Cilmiga in Somalia.