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## Most watched film in modern times about the Muslim World being showcased in the region for the first time

- *Award-winning '1001 Inventions and the Library of Secrets' mini-feature film being screened at the Abu Dhabi Science Festival on the Corniche*
- *Seen by millions of people around the world, this film is one of the most downloaded films ever on the internet*
- *Round-table involving Ali Alsloom, UAE Cultural Expert, Professional Speaker, TV Show Host; and Imad DeirAtany, from the New York Film Academy Abu Dhabi, take part in a discussion evaluating the role of film in sparking curiosity and changing perceptions*
- *The Edge Picture Company, the award-winning film production company which made the film, has opened an office in Abu Dhabi due to demand from regional customers*

Abu Dhabi, November 29 2011: The mini-feature film '1001 Inventions and the Library of Secrets' - which highlights how much of the technology we see in the world today exists thanks to Arab or Muslim scientists and mathematicians - is being showcased in the Middle East for the first time ever at the Abu Dhabi Science Festival as part of the '1001 Inventions' travelling exhibition.

The film, which stars Academy Award-winner Sir Ben Kingsley, was commissioned by The Foundation for Science, Technology and Civilisation (FSTC), a UK-based not-for-profit, non-religious academic and research organization, which embarked on a major project to educate people across the world about the impact of Muslim civilization on our world today. The resulting exhibition, '1001 Inventions', and accompanying film were designed to challenge international perceptions about Islam, specifically about its contributions to human development across the ages.

The '1001 Inventions' Exhibition has attracted more than two million visitors in the last 18 months alone. From its first home at the Science Museum in London, the exhibition has travelled to Istanbul, New York, Los Angeles and has now reached Abu Dhabi as part of the Abu Dhabi Science Festival (ADSF), organised by the Abu Dhabi Technology Development Committee (TDC). The ADSF - which has attracted over 100,000 visitors of all ages from across the UAE - aims to support the Emirate's long-term human capital development plans and as part of TDC's mandate to help embed science, technology and innovation within the fabric of Abu Dhabi.

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