

# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Major exhibition in Canberra until 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Since the establishment of The Asia Education Teachers' Association in the 1970's, the focus has been Intercultural Awareness and Understanding leading to respect and acceptance of DIFFERENCE. This has never been more important in Australia than it is now as we guide our students to develop respect and empathy to assist them to become global citizens.

The National Museum in Canberra is currently staging an Exhibition called **'SO THAT YOU MIGHT KNOW EACH OTHER' FAITH AND CULTURE IN ISLAM'**.

It will be on until 22<sup>nd</sup> July and entry is free. You will be able to view objects that celebrate the achievements of Muslim people, their daily lives, customs and spirituality from textiles and clothing to musical instruments, ceramics and jewellery from many different countries.

The name of the Exhibition comes from SURA [ chapter 49, verse 13] in the Qur'an where Allah tells of the value of respect and human equality despite individual differences.

*'O mankind, we created you from male and female, and made you into Nations and tribes, that you might know each other [ not that ye might despise one another]. Verily the most honoured of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you'.*

## **THIS IS INTERCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING.**

The Exhibition covers Africa, Asia and Australia .There is material, appropriate to History, Visual Arts, Society and Culture, Religious Studies and International Studies. The section on Australia covers the Tre pang fishermen and the Afghan Cameleers with an excellent video presentation on the latter.

The Exhibition is comprised of material from the Vatican Museums and the Sharjah Museums and the Australian National Museum. It is well worth a visit!



**A female jacket from Bethlehem used for festive occasions [Vatican Museum]**