



AMSS UK 2010 Building Bridges Award Formally Presented to HE Professor Ahmet Davutoglu

The prestigious Award was presented by AMSS Chair, Dr. Anas S. Al-Shaikh-Ali, CBE, FRSA on 9th October 2012 in recognition of

outstanding scholarly service, exceptional work on building bridges between communities and nations, and developing peaceful solutions to conflict.

The Award was to have been presented at the **Middle Eastern Congress on Politics and Society**, 9-11 October, Sakarya University but as circumstances prevented Professor Davutoglu from attending he was formally presented with the Award at the Foreign Ministry in Ankara.

The AMSS UK presents two annual Awards which are given to either one or two recipients: the Building Bridges Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award. The Lifetime Achievement Award was inaugurated in 2000 and the Building Bridges Award in 2002. These have been introduced to recognise and highlight the outstanding achievements of individuals/organizations who have made a significant contribution either to their field of expertise, or to the promotion of social harmony, to inter-cultural and interfaith dialogue or to Islamic thought.

Previous distinguished recipients of the Building Bridges Award:

Charles Le Gai Eaton (2002), Karen Armstrong (2003), the Archbishop of Canterbury Dr. Rowan Williams (2005), HE Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey and HE Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero of Spain (2006), A Common Word (2008), the British Council's 'Our Shared Europe' Project and '1001 Inventions: Muslim Heritage in Our World' (2009), Professor Jack Goody (2011), Professor Nabil Matar (2012).

