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Press Release: Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General to UN conferred with 'Doctor of Letters' at Jamia

Jamia Millia Islamia held a 'Special Convocation' on **April 27, 2011 at 11 AM** in Dr. M.A. Ansari Auditorium, Jamia Millia Islamia to confer the degree of 'Doctor of Letters' (*Honoris Causa*) on **Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General to United Nations.**

Mr. Ban Ki-moon is the [eighth and current Secretary-General of the United Nations](#). In 2011, Mr. Ban Ki-moon ran unopposed for a second term as Secretary-General and was unanimously re-elected to the post of Secretary General by the General Assembly. **He will continue to serve in his current position until 31 December 2016.**

The newly appointed Chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia **Lieutenant General M.A. Zaki (Retired)** presided over the special convocation and conferred the degree on **Mr. Ban Ki-moon**, Secretary General to United Nations. **Mr. Najeeb Jung, Vice Chancellor, presented him the citation. The text of the citation is enclosed** for your perusal.

The citation presented to him by Vice Chancellor Mr. Najeeb Jung read "In honouring him, Jamia Millia Islamia celebrates one of the most acclaimed figures of our times, who – in his person and action – combines the strong foundations of morality and ethics with equally important principles of human rights and dignity. In recognition of his immense contribution to development and world peace, Jamia Millia Islamia confers upon him the degree of Doctor of Letters (*Honoris Causa*) on this 27th day of April, 2012."

In his **acceptance speech, Mr Ban Ki-moon said** "Thank you for this distinguished recognition. For decades, I have been a student of India. Now I finally have a degree to prove it! Today you do me and the United Nations a special honour. In that spirit, I accept this honorary doctorate on behalf of the women and men who serve the United Nations around the world." **The full text of the acceptance speech is enclosed** for your perusal.

Also, pictures of the convocation are attached with this press release for your perusal.

I also take this opportunity, on behalf of Jamia Millia Islamia, to thank the members of the press for participating in this important event of the university and giving it its due coverage.

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