

LUTFIA RABBANI FOUNDATION

The Lutfia Rabbani Foundation was established January 30, 1979, in The Hague, the Netherlands. Its name honours the late Mrs. Lutfia Rabbani, the mother of the founder, Mr. Mahmoud S. Rabbani. It is his way of showing gratitude for the great sacrifices with which, widowed at an early age and expelled from her homeland, Palestine, she has brought up her four children.

The objective of the Foundation is to promote cultural exchanges between Arab and Dutch young people and to increase their mutual understanding through study. This exchange is fostered by the provision of scholarships. It involves schooling and education in the broadest sense. During their training periods in each other's countries students are to gain the widest possible knowledge of the cultural, social, political, religious and economic ideas and realities there. This will imply getting acquainted with the language of the country.

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The Chairman and Members of the Board express the hope that many people will support their effort and in so doing make an effective contribution towards giving more depth to the relations between the Netherlands and the Arab world.