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## ◆ **LE UDIENZE**

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Il Santo Padre ha ricevuto questa mattina in Udienza:

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S.E. il Sig. Feleti Vaka'uta Sevele, Primo Ministro del Regno di Tonga, con la Consorte, e Seguito.

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## LE LETTERE CREDENZIALI DELL'AMBASCIATORE DEGLI EMIRATI ARABI UNITI PRESSO LA SANTA SEDE

Alle ore 11 di questa mattina, il Santo Padre Benedetto XVI ha ricevuto in Udienza S.E. la Sig.ra Hissa Abdulla Ahmed Al-Otaiba, Ambasciatore degli Emirati Arabi Uniti presso la Santa Sede.

Pubblichiamo di seguito il discorso che il Papa rivolge al nuovo ambasciatore, nonché i cenni biografici essenziali di S.E. la Sig.ra Hissa Abdulla Ahmed Al-Otaiba:

### ● DISCORSO DEL SANTO PADRE

Your Excellency,

I am pleased to welcome you to the Vatican and to accept the Letters accrediting you as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United Arab Emirates. On this notable occasion, I would ask you to convey my greetings to His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahayan. Kindly assure him of my gratitude for the good wishes which you have just expressed on his behalf, and of my prayers for his well-being and that of all the people of the Emirates.

As diplomatic relations between the Holy See and the United Arab Emirates have only recently been established, your presence here today as your country's first Ambassador to the Holy See is a particularly auspicious event. During a joint ceremony with other Ambassadors on 15 April 2008, the President of the United Arab Emirates noted that the Papal Representative "exercises a particular mission, which is above all for the preservation of faith in God and the promotion of intercultural and interreligious dialogue." Faith in the Almighty cannot but lead to love for one's neighbour for, as I wrote recently, "love – *caritas* – is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace" (*Caritas in Veritate*, 1).

Love of God and respect for the dignity of one's neighbour motivates the Holy See's diplomacy and shapes the Catholic Church's mission of service to the international community. The Church's action in the field of diplomatic relations promotes peace, human rights and integral development, and thus strives for the authentic progress of all, without regard for race, colour or creed. Indeed, it is towards men and women, understood as unique in their God-given nature, that all politics, culture, technology and development are directed. To reduce the aims of these human endeavours merely to profit or expediency would be to risk missing the centrality of the human person in his or her integrity as the primary good to be safeguarded and valued, for man is the source, the focus and the aim of all economic and social life (cf. *Caritas in Veritate*, 25). Thus, the Holy See and the Catholic Church take care to highlight the dignity of man in order to maintain a clear and authentic vision of humanity on the international stage and in order to muster new energy in the service of what is best for the development of peoples and nations.

Your Excellency, the United Arab Emirates, notwithstanding difficulties, have experienced notable economic growth in recent years. In this context, your country has welcomed many hundreds of thousands of foreigners coming to seek work and a more secure financial future for themselves and for their families. They enrich the State not only by their labour but by their very presence, which is an opportunity for a fruitful and positive encounter between the world's great religions, cultures and peoples. The openness of the United Arab Emirates towards those foreign workers requires constant efforts to strengthen the conditions necessary for peaceful coexistence and social progress, and is to be commended. I would like to note here with satisfaction that there are several Catholic churches built on lands donated by the public authorities. It is the Holy See's earnest wish that this cooperation may continue and indeed flourish, according to the growing pastoral necessities of the Catholic population living there. Freedom of worship contributes significantly to the common good and brings social harmony to all those societies where it is practised. I assure you of the desire of the Catholic Christians present in your country to contribute to the well-being of your society, to live God-fearing lives and to respect the

dignity of all peoples and religions.

Madam Ambassador, in offering you my best wishes for the success of your mission, I assure you that the various departments of the Roman Curia are ready to provide help and support to you in the fulfilment of your duties. It is the sincere desire of the Holy See to strengthen the relations now happily established between it and the United Arab Emirates. Upon Your Excellency, your family and all the people of the Emirates, I cordially invoke abundant divine blessings.

**S.E. la Sig.ra Hissa Abdulla Ahmed Al-Otaiba** **Ambasciatore degli Emirati Arabi Uniti presso la Santa Sede**

È nata ad Abu Dhabi il 23 giugno 1958.

È sposata ed ha sei figli.

Laureata in *Business Administration* (Cairo University), ha conseguito un Master in *Computer Data Management* (Webster University Saint Louis, Missouri) e un Dottorato presso la *Business School* di Losanna.

Ha ricoperto i seguenti incarichi: Incaricata dell'*Information Technology* negli Emirati Arabi Uniti (1981-2000); Incaricata dell'*Information Technology* presso il *the United Nations Diplomats Wives Committee* (UNDWC) e presso il *Women International Forum* (WIF), New York (2002-2007); Assistente del Rappresentante locale e, successivamente, Supervisore dell'*Operations Team* del Programma di Sviluppo delle Nazioni Unite (UNDP) negli Emirati Arabi Uniti (2000-2008); Dirigente presso il Dipartimento della Pianificazione e dell'Economia, Abu Dhabi (2008).

Attualmente è Ambasciatore in Spagna, ove risiede.

Parla l'arabo, l'inglese, il francese, il portoghese e lo spagnolo.

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## **LE LETTERE CREDENZIALI DELL'AMBASCIATORE DI MONGOLIA PRESSO LA SANTA SEDE**

Alle ore 11.15 di questa mattina, il Santo Padre Benedetto XVI ha ricevuto in Udienza S.E. il Sig. Luvsantersen Orgil, Ambasciatore di Mongolia, in occasione della presentazione delle Lettere Credenziali.

Pubblichiamo di seguito il discorso che il Papa ha rivolto al nuovo Ambasciatore nonché i cenni biografici essenziali di S.E. il Sig. Luvsantersen Orgil:

### **• DISCORSO DEL SANTO PADRE**

Your Excellency,

I am pleased to welcome you to the Vatican and to accept the Letters accrediting you as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia to the Holy See. I am most grateful for the greetings which you have brought from President Tsakhia Elbegdorj, and I ask you to convey to him my own prayerful good wishes for him and for all your fellow-citizens. As your nation celebrates the twentieth anniversary of its passage to democracy, I express my confidence that the great progress made in these years will continue to bear fruit in the consolidation of a social order which promotes the common good of your citizens, while furthering their legitimate aspirations for the future.

I also take this occasion, Mr Ambassador, to express my solidarity and concern for the many individuals and

families who suffered as a result of the harsh winter and the effects of last year's torrential rains and flooding. As you have rightly observed, environmental issues, particularly those related to climate change, are global issues and need to be addressed on a global level.

As Your Excellency has noted, the establishment of diplomatic relations between Mongolia and the Holy See, which took place after the great social and political changes of two decades ago, are a sign of your nation's commitment to an enriching interchange within the wider international community. Religion and culture, as interrelated expressions of the deepest spiritual aspirations of our common humanity, naturally serve as incentives for dialogue and cooperation between peoples in the service of peace and genuine development. Authentic human development, in effect, needs to take into consideration every dimension of the person, and thus aspire to those higher goods which respect man's spiritual nature and ultimate destiny (cf. *Caritas in Veritate*, 11). For this reason, I wish to express my appreciation for the constant support of the Government in ensuring religious liberty. The establishment of a commission, charged with the fair application of law and with protecting the rights of conscience and free exercise of religion, stands as a recognition of the importance of religious groups within the social fabric and their potential for promoting a future of harmony and prosperity.

Mr Ambassador, I take this occasion to assure you of the desire of Mongolia's Catholic citizens to contribute to the common good by sharing fully in the life of the nation. The Church's primary mission is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In fidelity to the liberating message of the Gospel, she seeks also to contribute to the advancement of the entire community. It is this that inspires the efforts of the Catholic community to cooperate with the Government and with people of good will by working to overcome all kinds of social problems. The Church is also concerned to play her proper part in the work of intellectual and human formation, above all by educating the young in the values of respect, solidarity and concern for the less fortunate. In this way, she strives to serve her Lord by showing charitable concern for the needy and for the good of the whole human family.

Mr Ambassador, I offer you my prayerful good wishes for your mission, and I assure you of the readiness of the offices of the Holy See to assist you in the fulfillment of your high responsibilities. I am confident that your representation will help to strengthen the good relations existing between the Holy See and Mongolia. Upon you and your family, and upon all the people of your nation, I cordially invoke abundant divine blessings.

**S.E. il Sig. Luvsantseren OrgilAmbasciatore di Mongolia presso la Santa Sede**

È nato il 18 giugno 1963.

È sposato ed ha tre figli.

Laureato in Relazioni internazionali (*Moscow Institute*, URSS, 1986), si è specializzato nella medesima materia (*George Washington University*, USA, 1999).

Ha ricoperto i seguenti incarichi: Funzionario presso il Ministero degli Affari Esteri (1986-1991); Secondo Segretario di Ambasciata a Washington D.C. (1991-1995); *Warren Weaver Fellow* presso la *Rockefeller Foundation* a New York (1995-1996); Ufficiale per gli Affari Civili presso la Missione ONU in Tadjikistan (1997-1998); Coordinatore Capo presso *The Chinggis Khan Expedition* in Mongolia (1992-2003); Presidente di *The Skybrite International. Inc.* (2003-2009); *Advisor* per le Politiche estere del Presidente di Mongolia (2008-2009)

Parla l'inglese, il russo e il francese.

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