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LET'S JOIN HANDS

The activities carried out by any organization provide the most graphic evidence of the great objectives of the organization. Success however, is dependent on the participation of every member.

There is increasing demand for assistance, from organizations, mosques, zaviyas, thackiyas and others from various parts of the country. We need to join hands to recognize and respond to these needs. This is the challenge before us – to harness support in establishing and promoting sunnath jamaath activities in our community.

We thank you for the support, co-operation and encouragement given to us and we look forward to your continued support.

'Charity extinguishes fault just as water extinguishes fire' - *Saying of the Holy Prophet Muhammed (peace be upon him)*



Moulavi Ash-Seyed Alavi Moulana



Recital by the delegates from Jaamia Markez, India



Members at the Ifthar- 2015

IFTHAR

Ifthar was held on 27th June 2015 - a large number including ulemas, moulavis, delegates from Jamiaa Markez, India and our own members participated. Moulavi Ash-Seyed Alavi Moulana was the Guest speaker.

MEELAD CELEBRATIONS

The annual Meelad Celebrations were held at the Marine Grand Hotel in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering on 14th January 2016. Many Ulemas and Moulavis also participated. Mowlood was recited and the Bayaan was delivered by Moulavi Amjad Al Sakkafi Mufthi, Kalmunai Jumma Mosque. This was followed by Dinner.



Bayaan by Moulavi Amjad Al Sakkafi



Recital of Mowlood at Marine Grand, Colombo

MEELAD CELEBRATIONS IN THE EAST - 2016

The Association supported Meelad celebrations in the East at Masjidul Rasool in Aryampathy, at Masjidul Qamariya, Eravur and at the Hiluriya Cultural Centre at Kattankudy. The program included recital of Mowlood, delivery of bayaans and distribution of food. These activities were initiated by our Association a few years ago and are being continued with the participation of a number of citizens.



Masjidul Rasool, Aryamplathy



Hiluriya Cultural Centre, Kattankudy

SUPPORT TO KADAWATHA JUMMA MOSQUE

A donation of Rs. 50,000.00 was made towards the building fund of the Kadawatha Jumma Mosque. Funds received from an overseas well-wisher

ZAKATH

Over Rs. 750,000 was distributed among needy families as Zakath. Members identified the needy families and emphasis was laid on supporting them to earn a living of their own. Families were selected from Batticaloa, Kattankudy, Eravur, Matara, Beruwela, Galle and Colombo. Our sincere thanks to the donors.

VISIT OF A TURKISH DELEGATION

A Turkish delegation visited Sri Lanka to explore the possibility of opening an Islamic Educational Centre.

The association hosted them and they had discussions with a number of Arabic Colleges in Sri Lanka. However, we have not heard since. The visit was coordinated by Jaamia Markez, India.



Turkish delegation with representatives of Arabic Colleges

LECTURE BY LATHEEF FAROOK

A lecture and interaction session with eminent journalist Latheef Farook, winner of the Life Time Achievement Award for Excellence in Journalism was held at the Police Officers Auditorium, Colombo 05 after the last Annual General Meeting. The lecture covered the relationship between the Muslims and Sinhalese in Sri Lanka since the times the country was ruled by the Sinhalese kings. A large gathering of Muslims and non-Muslims were present.



Lecture by Mr Latheef Farook

Ceaseless Reward Even After Death

Abu Hurairah narrated that the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said,

"The good deeds that will reach a believer after his death are:

- knowledge which he learned and then spread;
- a righteous son whom he leaves behind;
- a copy of the Qur'an that he leaves as a legacy; a mosque that he built; a house that he built for wayfarers; a canal that he dug; or charity that he gave during his lifetime when he was in good health.

These deeds will reach him after his death." (Ibn Majah — authenticated by Al-Albani)

LECTURES BY MOULAVI AL-HAJ AS-SEYED ALAVI MOULANA Mursi

On a request made by ladies a lecture by Moulavi Ash-seyed Alavi Moulana was organized at the Ladies Zavya, Colombo. It is proposed to conduct meetings every two months for the ladies.

Lecture cum discussion was held with Alavi Moulana Mursi and a number of young members. The objective was to enlighten the younger members on the challenges facing them particularly on religious matters.



Moulavi Ash Seyed Moulana addressing the ladies at the Ladies Zaviya

DA' WA PROGRAMME FOR RAJARATA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL STUDENTS

This was held on 29th August 2015 at the CTC Reception Hall in Anuradhapura for the Rajarata University Medical students.

55 medical students (35 male + 20 female) and around five others from the area participated. Moulavi Fazlan Jazool Ashrafi BA Hons delivered an interesting and informative lecture based on the Sunnath Jama'ah Aqeeda which was followed by a very intellectual Q & A session. The questions were very challenging and the answers given by the Moulavi were convincing.



Moulavi Fazlan Asrafi delivering lecture at Anuradhapura.



(Below) Some of the participants

SUPPORT TO SHAZULIYA YOUTH FRONT, WELIGAMA

This organization is carrying out a number of programs to promote concept of sunnath jamaath. This includes bayans and awareness programs, teaching of the recital of mowloods, reciting mowloods etc. Our association supports the programs on a monthly basis.



Youth Front, Weligama

BENEFITS OF RAMADAN

1. Fasting in Ramadan helps in achieving Taqwaa.

Allah says “O you have believed decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you that you may become righteous (achieve Taqwaa)” *Al-Baqarah 2:183*

“When you fast, your hearing, your vision, and your tongue should also fast by avoiding lies and sins. You should not abuse your servant. You should maintain your composure and dignity on the day you fast. Do not make your fasting day the same as your normal day.” (Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaybah)

2. Double reward of fasting:

“Whoever feeds a fasting person will have a reward like that of the fasting person, without any reduction in his reward.” (*Al Tirmidhee*)
Ibn Taymiyah said: *What is meant by giving him iftaar is giving him enough to satisfy him. (Al-Ikhtiyaaraat, p. 194)*

3. Reading Qur'an in Ramadan assists in attaining “Taqwaa”

Reading Qur'an in this month assists in attaining “Taqwaa” since it is one of the main objectives of the revelation of the Qur'an.
Allah says: **“(It is) an Arabic Qur'an, without any deviance that they might become righteous.”** (*Az-Zumar, 39:28*)

4. A means of gaining forgiveness of sins:

The Prophet (*Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasalaam*) said:

- a. *“Whoever fasts Ramadan out of faith and in the hope of reward, his previous sins will be forgiven.” (al-Bukharee, 2014; Muslim, 760)*
- b. *“from one Ramadan to the next are expiation for sins committed in between, so long as you avoid major sins.” (Saheeh Muslim (233))*

5. Steadfastness and Patience:

Fasting helps in developing a strong will power. Fasting is patience in obeying Allaah, patience in keeping away from the things forbidden by Allaah, and patience in bearing the decree of Allaah, hunger, thirst, physical and mental weakness. So it combines all three types of patience, thus the fasting person deserves to be counted as one of the patient, and Allaah says:

“Indeed, the patient will be given their reward without account.” (*Az-Zumar, 39:10*)

6. Seeking Laylatul Qadr:

Prophet (*Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasalaam*) said:

“There has come to you Ramadan, a blessed month which Allah has enjoined you to fast, during which the gates of heaven are opened and the gates of Hell are closed, and the rebellious devils are chained up. In it there is a night which is better than a thousand months, and whoever is deprived of its goodness is indeed deprived.” (An-Nasa'ee, 2106; Ahmad, 8769.)

7. Fasting precludes ar-riya and assists in ikhlaas:

“Allah said: 'Every deed of the son of Adam is for him except fasting; it is for Me and I shall reward for it...'” (*Al-Bukharee (1761) and Muslim (1946)*)
Allah didn't say “prayer is Mine”, or “Hajj is Mine”, or “charity is Mine”. Why did He single out fasting?
Al-Qurtubi said: Because showing off may enter into all good deeds, but no one can see when a person is fasting except Allaah, so Allaah connected it to Himself.

8. Ramadan trains us to have good character and be truthful:

The Prophet (*Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasalaam*) said:

“Whoever does not give up false speech and acting upon it and ignorant behaviour, Allaah has no need of his giving up his food and drink”. (Sahih Al-Bukharee, 1903)

So if a person refrains from disobeying Allaah or gives up sinfulness, then this is true fasting. Meaning, your body needs to fast with you too along with hunger and thirst.

9. A sense of Unity:

All the Muslims participate in this act of worship. All of us are fasting and breaking the fast at the same time. We as a single ummah gather upon a single act of worship directing towards a single purpose.

10. Ramadan is an opportunity to learn discipline in food and drink:

One of the benefits of fasting is good health. This is something we should seek because with good health, we can worship Allah better and do extra good deeds which we might not be able to do if we did not have it. The Prophet (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasalaam) said:

"A strong believer is better and is more lovable to Allaah than a weak believer, and there is good in everyone..." (Sahih Muslim 2664)

11. Two moments of Joy:

The Prophet (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasalaam) said:

"The fasting person will have two moments of joy: one when he breaks his fast, and the other when he meets his Lord; then he will be pleased because of his fasting." (al-Bukharee, 1771)

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PROPOSED PROJECTS

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR IN THE EASTERN PROVINCE

We hope to conduct an educational seminar for moulavi students studying at the Arabic Colleges in the Eastern Province probably in July/August 2016. The venue will be in Kalmunai.

ISLAM CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

Many requests have been made for the Association to conduct classes in Islam for small children in the Bambalapitiya area. This is being studied.

OUR CONTINUOUS PROJECTS

SUPPORT TO MADRASA/ARABIC COLLEGES

The Association continues to support eight Arabic Colleges/Madrasas in various parts of the country – Eravur, Kalmunai, Galle, Hambantota, Matara and Weligama. Monthly contribution is made to meet the cost of salaries of the Moulavi teachers. The madrasas conduct Quran and Hiflul Quran classes while Moulavi course is being conducted at the Arabic Colleges. Progress has been very satisfactory.



Jamiaa Manbaeel Hidhaya Arabic College, Kalmunai

"By no means shall you attain righteousness until you spend benevolently out of what you love" - Holy Quran

"Listen and obey and spend in charity for the benefit of your own souls" - Al Quran 54-16



Al Madrasathul Qamariya, Eravur



An Nahjathul Islamiya Arabic College, Eravur



AzZaviyathul Fassiya Quran Madrasa, Matara



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An Nahjathul Islamiya Arabic College, Eravur



Furqaniya Madrasa, Galle



Jiffry Thackckiya Madrasa, Galle



OUR CONTINUOUS PROJECTS

CONDUCTING THAJWEED CLASSES FOR LADIES

Thafseer, Thajweed and Aqeedah classes in English for ladies conducted by Alima S Fayaza Al-Habshi Mowlana, Muskariya is being held weekly at the Ladies Zaviya, Bambalapitiya.



Minnathul Fasiyya Arabic College (ladies), Matara

CONDUCTING SPOKEN ENGLISH CLASSES

Support to conduct spoken English classes is being continued at Al Jamiyathul Ghowziya, Dehiwela, Academy of Islamic Higher Studies, Beruwela and at the Ajward Al Fassy Arabic College (Ummu Zavaya), Colombo. The first batch of students at Al Jamiyathul Ghowziya had completed their course and one of these students delivered a bayaan in English at the Meelad Celebrations held in Colombo. The bayaan was very well accepted by those present



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