

## **Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Sydney Ijtema 2009**

### **Day 1**

By the Grace of Almighty Allah, the 5<sup>th</sup> Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Sydney Ijtema commenced on Saturday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2009 with Tahajjud prayers at 5:15am at the Bait-UI-Huda Mosque. This was followed by Fajr prayers and a short dars. Registration for the Ijtema participants started after this, while breakfast was served at the same time.

The sports' competitions commenced with the soccer pool games. There was intense fog around the Mosque, so there was a bit of delay before the first match started. The cricket pool games followed the soccer. The 100 metre race and shot put competitions were also held in this first session of sports.

Lunch was served for everyone and then Zuhr / Asr prayers were offered in congregation.

### **Flag Hoisting Ceremony**

The official opening of the Ijtema commenced at 2:15pm with the flag hoisting ceremony. Ahmad Jawwad Khan, Qaid of Majlis Bait-UI-Huda raised the Australian Flag while Rana Ejaz, Sadr Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Australia raised the Khuddam Flag. The Australian National Anthem was then sung by every one followed by silent prayers.

### **Opening Session**

Khuddam made their way back into the Mosque at 2:35pm for the opening session of the Ijtema. This session was chaired by Sadr Sahib, Rana Ejaz and it started with the recitation and translation of the Holy Quran by Atif Zahid. Sadr Sahib read out the Khuddam Ahad with the Khuddam repeating after him and then a nazm was read by Imran Chandio. Sadr Sahib then proceeded to give his opening speech in Urdu. He spoke about the benefits of the Ijtema and advised to always keep good company. He encouraged Khuddam to set good examples for others to follow and to abide by the Promised Messiah's (as) teachings. He finally prayed for the success of the Ijtema to end his speech. Ahmad Jawwad Khan read out the English translation of Sadr Sahib's speech. Sadr Sahib led silent prayers at 3:10pm to end the opening session.

The religious competitions began next with the Quran Tilawat competition taking place first. This was judged by Nisar Tariq, Khalid Saifullah and Mujeeb Sanori. The Hifz-e-Quran competition also took place at the same time, judged by Amjad Tariq. Next was the Urdu speech competition, judged by Usman Khan and Mujeeb Sanori. This was followed by the English speech competition, judged by Omar Khan and Idrees Khan.

Maghrib / Isha prayers were then offered in congregation, followed by dinner.

At 7pm, the nazm competition was held, which was judged by Omar Khan, Usman Khan and Mujeeb Sanori. The spontaneous speech competition was next, judged by Omar Khan and Azhar Mahmood Ahmad. The final two competitions of the day were the Bait Bazi competition and the Religious Knowledge competition, both of which were run by Omar Khan and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. This brought an end to the first day of the Ijtema at 9:40pm.

## **Day 2**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the Ijtema once again started with Tahajjud prayers at 5:15am, followed by Fajr prayers and a short dars. The Message Relay competition took place next, where after breakfast was served for everyone. The Table Tennis competition started next and then the Volleyball competition was held. This was followed by the soccer final between Majlis Bait-UI-Huda and Majlis Al-Noor, with Majlis Bait-UI-Huda coming out on top with a 1-0 victory. The cricket final was next between the same two Majalis, but this time Majlis Al-Noor emerged victorious. The last competition of the Ijtema was the Tug-O-War competition, which was followed by lunch and Zuhr / Asr prayers.

## **Closing Session**

The final session of the Ijtema was chaired by Nasir Kahlon, Naib Ameer of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Australia. It began at 2:30pm with the recitation and translation of the Holy Quran by Syed Tariq Ahmad. The Khuddam Ahad was read by Sadr Sahib with the Khuddam repeating after him. A nazm was then presented by Haris Khan.

Next, Syed Wadood Junood, a Khadim from Adelaide who was a guest in the Ijtema and is studying to be a Murabbi in Canada expressed his personal experiences on his decision to become a Murabbi. He advised that all Khuddam should reflect on what they have done for Ahmadiyyat and the propagation of Islam. One should recognise the purpose of life and make sacrifices.

Usman Mahmood, Nazim-e-Aala presented the Ijtema report and thanked all the volunteers and participants of the Ijtema.

The Prize Distribution ceremony was conducted next, with Atfal receiving their awards first as Majlis Atafal-ul-Ahmadiyya held their own Ijtema over the two days. Khuddam were then presented their awards, which were book vouchers. All awards were distributed by Syed Wadood Junood.

The biggest prize of the day was presented by Sadr Sahib and this was for the winning Khuddam Majlis. This year the trophy was won by Majlis Bait-UI-Huda as they dominated most of the Ijtema and a proud Qaid, Ahmad Jawwad Khan received the trophy.

Finally, Nasir Kahlon delivered the concluding speech. He spoke in regards to obedience to the Jamaat system and advised the Khuddam that at least one congregation prayer should

be done in the house and special attention should be made to run a good family life. Prophet Mohammed (PBUH)'s model should be practiced as he never mistreated his wives. The speaker highlighted that one should ignore the weaknesses and negatives in his partner, but look at the strengths and positives. He also stressed that Khuddam need to take the following quote from the Promised Messiah (as) seriously, "Nations cannot be reformed without the reformation of youth" and strive to make themselves better Ahmadis.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sydney Ijtema came to a successful end at 4pm with silent prayers led by Nasir Kahlon. The attendance for the Ijtema was 150 Khuddam and 61 Atfal.