

Khilafat Day and Khilafat Centenary Jalsa Report

Sydney – Khilafat Day

By the Grace of Almighty Allah, Tuesday the 27th of May 2008 marked the completion of one hundred years of Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya. It was a day all Ahmadis around the World were waiting for with heart-fulled emotions and a feeling of immense gratitude to their God. Every member of the Jamaat was indeed very fortunate to witness this memorable day.

This blessed day began for the Australian Ahmadiyya Jamaat with Tahajjud prayers at 4:40am at the Bait-UI-Huda mosque in Sydney. The mosque was illuminated with lights and it was a beautiful sight with the dark night sky in the background. Doves of cars had began coming in to the mosque from 4am for this momentous occasion to thank Allah for the 100 years of Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya He has blessed on the Ahmadiyya Jamaat. Tahajjud prayers were led by Mujeeb Ur Rehman Sanauri followed by the offering of Fajr prayers in congregation as well. Ameer and Missionary In-Charge of the Ahmadiyya Community of Australia, Maulana Mahmood Ahmad then gave a short talk (dars) on the importance and blessings of Khilafat. Everyone then proceeded to the graveyard outside the mosque to pay their respects and pray for the deceased members of the Jamaat. Breakfast was served afterwards for everyone.

It was quite a chilly morning but there was still a large number of men, women and children that had gathered so early in the morning for this once in a life time event to offer their thanks to Allah and pray for the future of the Jamaat. The flag hoisting ceremony took place at 6:45am with the sun starting to appear from behind the clouds and fog. Both the Australian National flag and the Ahmadiyya Jamaat flag were hoisted with various members of the Jamaat highly charged with emotions chanting slogans in favour of the Jamaat and Khilafat. This was followed by silent prayers led by Ameer Sahib.

Members of the Jamaat returned to the mosque on the same day in the evening to listen to the Khilafat Day Sermon delivered in London by the Head of the Worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba) and broadcast live globally on MTA. A projector and large screen was organised by the Jamaat to show the live proceedings. The Sermon ended at 12:15am, where after sweets and tea was served for everyone. This brought an end to a most memorable and historic day for all Ahmadis, with members of the Jamaat moving on with renewed enthusiasm and vigour.

Sydney – Khilafat Centenary Jalsa

After the memorable scenes witnessed at Bait-UI-Huda Mosque in Sydney on Tuesday, the 27th of May 2008 to mark the 100 years of Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya, the Ahmadiyya Community of Australia held a Khilafat Centenary Jalsa on Saturday, the 31st of May 2008.

First Session

The first session of the Khilafat Centenary Jalsa was chaired by Ameer and Missionary In-Charge of the Ahmadiyya Community of Australia, Maulana Mahmood Ahmad. It commenced at 2:10pm with the recitation and translation of the Holy Quran by Syed Tariq Ahmad. A nazm (religious poem) was then delivered in the most beautiful tone by Saqib Mahmood Atif. Then Taseer Bashir presented a speech in Urdu introducing the Khilafat Centenary program. He stressed that as per history, the success of Islam is not possible without the existence of Khilafat. This was followed by a succession of small speeches on the five Khalifas since the demise of the Promised Messiah (as). Ata-Ul-Awal Nasir spoke on Khalifatul Masih I, Fateen Khan spoke on Khalifatul Maish II, Muneeb-Ur-Rehman Sanori talked about Khalifatul Masih III, Usman Khan spoke on Khalifatul Masih IV and finally Ahmad Mirza talked about the current Khalifah, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba). Nazms written by some talented members of the Australian Jamaat were presented next. Mrs. Rehana Khan, wife of Farhad Jan Khan wrote a beautiful poem on Khilafat after being inspired by the congregational Tahajjud prayers on Khilafat Day. This was read out by Dr. Omar Shahab Khan. Mohammed Amjad Khan then presented his poem on the Khilafat Jubilee, which was quite touching. The last poem was delivered by Tariq Bashir Malik, which was very creative and touching as well. Next, Atfal presented a tarana.

Ameer Sahib's speech was next on the program. He began by emphasizing that the Khilafat Centenary celebrations should include the Jamaat being thankful to their Lord and at the same time re-thinking and re-focusing their responsibilities. He then highlighted that the Bait-Ul-Huda Mosque is maintained all by volunteers from the Jamaat who make huge sacrifices for the sake of Allah and to be regarded as the true followers of the Promised Messiah (as). He pointed out that those members of the Jamaat who sacrifice their time, wealth or effort for Allah should never complain. Members of the Jamaat should pray for the further success of Ahmadiyyat, pray for an everlasting bond with Khilafat and pray for their beloved Huzur (aba) and Khalifah. Ameer Sahib advised the Jamaat to make trust in Allah their beauty and fear of Allah their garment. Finally, the Ahad read out by Huzur (aba) during Khilafat Day on the 27th of May 2008 globally on MTA, was re-played with the whole Jamaat repeating after Huzur (aba). The first session ended at 4:10pm with silent prayers led by Ameer Sahib.

Second Session

The second session of the Khilafat Centenary Jalsa began at 5:30pm after Maghrib and Isha prayers were offered in congregation at 5pm. This session was also chaired by Ameer Sahib and it was started by the recitation and translation of the Holy Quran by Muzaffar Mirza. Ameer Sahib then delivered the opening speech. There were a number of guests and dignitaries present in this session so Ameer Sahib first introduced and welcomed all the guests from outside the Ahmadiyya Community. He then highlighted the duties and responsibilities of Ahmadis taught by Khilafat. He pointed out that the love of one's homeland is a part of faith. Ameer Sahib praised the religious freedom existing in Australian and went on to thank the Australian Government and people for their support. After that, Taseer Bashir delivered a speech on the Khilafat Centenary. He explained that Divine guidance and help is always with the Ahmadiyya Jamaat due to the blessings of Khilafat. The Ahmadiyya Jamaat being spread in 190 countries and the members numbering around 150-200 million globally are signs of the success of the Jamaat as well as witnessing all the enemies of the

Jamaat being perished or defeated. The speaker elaborated that the solution to all the problems and despairs of this World lay with Khilafat as this institution goes beyond race, colour, creed and politics. This was followed by Mirza Imran Karim Ahsan presenting the summary of Huzur's (aba) Sermon that he delivered on Khilafat Day on the 27th of May 2008.

Ramzan Sharif then read out messages from various dignitaries, including Hon. Kevin Rudd, the Prime Minister of Australia, Hon. Morris Iemma, the Premier of NSW and Cnr. Leo Kelly, the Mayor of Blacktown City Council.

Various distinguished guest speakers were then given a chance to express themselves. Louise Markus MP read out a message from Hon. Brendan Nelson, leader of the opposition Liberal party. Hon. Philip Ruddock, the former Attorney General of Australia spoke on the persecution and oppression the Ahmadiyya Community faced and then gave credit to the members of the Australian Jamaat for the service they carry out for their community and for humanity in general. Lastly, Hon. Roger Price, MP of Blacktown City Council praised the great contribution by Ahmadis in Australia. He also stated that preaching tolerance and understanding between faiths is vital and the Ahmadiyya Community always strive to practice this.

Finally, MTA Australia presented a very impressive documentary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's history in Australia using the aid of a projector and screen. The session was brought to a close at 6:55pm with silent prayers led by Ameer Sahib. Large marquees were set-up for dinner, with separated areas for men and women. It was served at 7:30pm for everyone, including all the members of the Jamaat as well as all the guests and dignitaries from outside the Ahmadiyya Community.

Brisbane – Khilafat Day

Tahajjud prayers and Dars: The first program of the celebrations was to start the day with Tahajjud prayers on the 27th of May 2008. Congregative Tahajjud prayers were offered in Bait-Ul-Masroor mosque. Record attendance was registered during Tahajjud prayers and people could hardly squeeze in the mosque hall. The total attendance at Tahajjud prayers was 193 including 25 Ansaar, 55 Khuddam, 17 Atfaal and approximately 96 Lajna and Nasiraat. After combined Tahajjud and Fajr prayers, Murabbi Sahib gave a dars on the topic of importance of Khilafat. After dars, members met and greeted each other on this auspicious occasion. Everyone was very happy and praising Almighty Allah for blessing the Jamaat with 100 years of Khilafat.

Flag hoisting ceremony: Prayers and dars were followed by breakfast. By this time the sun was about to rise, so all Jamaat members including Lajna members gathered in the front hall for flag hoisting ceremony. President Jamaat Brisbane raised the Jamaat flag and Murabbi Sahib raised the Australian flag. Members raised religious slogans with immense passion during the hoisting ceremony. Murabbi Sahib then led silent prayers in which Jamaat members thanked Allah the Almighty and prayed for continuation of the blessings of Khilafat. After silent prayers, sweets were distributed to all members especially to children.

Visit to Ahmadiyya graves: A group of Khuddam then went to Mt. Gravatt Cemetery to pray for Ahmadis of early 1900. 11 Khuddam in two groups went to graves of Ali Bahadur Khan (died in 1955) and his wife Margaret Khan (died in 1948) and prayed for the resting souls of early Ahmadis in Queensland.

Decoration of mosque: The decoration of mosque from inside and outside was carried out as part of Khilafat Centenary celebrations. Mubasher Javed with his team decorated and illuminated the mosque in a beautiful manner.

The next program in the celebration of Khilafat Jubilee was the Khilafat Day Jalsa that started after Maghrib and Isha prayers.

The program was presided by President Jamaat Abdul Lateef Maqbool. The program started with the recitation of Holy Quran by Mudassar Mahmood. Nasirat presented a beautiful Khilafat Tarana then Murabbi Sahib delivered a speech on the importance and blessings of Khilafat.

Five Waqfeen-e-Nau children delivered speeches on each Khalifatul Masih starting with Khalifatul Masih I Hakim Maulvi Nooruddin (r.a.), highlighting brief life sketches and schemes of each Khalifa. After these speeches, President Jamaat Brisbane spoke to Jamaat members about the day and the celebrations. The formal program concluded with silent prayers led by Murabbi Sahib. This followed by dinner for everyone.

House decoration competition

Another important event of Centenary Khilafat celebrations was the House Decoration competition. All members were invited to take part in this competition as suggested by Sydney office. Many households decorated their houses, but 7 houses indicated that they want to participate in the competition.

House owner Jamaat members invited other members to see their decoration and share the happiness as well as offering sweets to visitors.

President Jamaat Brisbane appointed a team of 3 judges to visit the houses and decide the first three position holders. Prizes would be given to winning house owners in an Ijlas-e-Aam (General Meeting) next month.

Brisbane – Khilafat Centenary Jalsa

By the Grace of Almighty Allah, Jamaat Brisbane organised a successful Khilafat Centenary Jalsa on Sunday the 1st of June 2008. This was the biggest event of all the celebration events so far in Brisbane. Many non-Ahmadi locals were invited to attend this program. Councillor Phil Pidgeon also attended the ceremony with his wife. A few neighbours and other locals from different walks of life also attended the ceremony. Two largest newspapers of the area “Jimboomba Times” and “Logan West Leaders” also covered this event.

The program started with the recitation from the Holy Quran by Nasir Sharma. This was followed by the presentation prepared by MTA Sydney on the Ahmadiyya Community in Australia shown on a data projector. This was followed by a speech on the “Introduction to Ahmadiyya Community” by Abdul Salam Aslam. This speech was also aided by projector slides. Abdul Salam gave a brief introduction of Ahmadiyya believes and an overview of the Jamaat in Queensland.

The second speech in the program was by Dr. Riaz Akber. He elaborated the importance of Khilafat day in the Ahmadiyya Community and told the audience how

the concept of Khilafat is different from other Muslims and what the real meaning of Khalifa is.

The third formal speech of the program was by Ehsan-ul-Haq Alvi on the topic of "Contribution of Ahmadiyya Community to society – globally and locally." He briefly covered the services to humanity the Ahmadiyya Community is performing worldwide. He categorically mentioned many projects undertaken by Humanity First in Africa, Asia and other parts of the World. The speaker also mentioned the contribution of the Brisbane community to the local society, especially in the Jimboomba area. He mentioned the community's active involvements in Red Cross fund raising, blood donation schemes and involvement in Cleanup Australia Day.

President Jamaat Brisbane then invited Cr. Phil Pidgeon to say some words to the Community members. Cr. Pidgeon thanked the members and honoured the efforts put by the Ahmadiyya Community towards society. President Jamaat Brisbane Abdul Lateef Maqbool thanked all the guests and the first part of the program concluded with silent prayers led by Murabbi Sahib.

The flag hoisting ceremony was held after the speech sessions. President Jamaat Brisbane raised the Jamaat flag and Cr. Phil Pidgeon representing the local government raised the Australian flag. Members raised slogans in joy and happiness.

Exhibition:

As part of the Khilafat Centenary Celebrations, an exhibition was organised by Ibraheem Malik on the 1st of June 2008 as well. All the guests and Jamaat members took special interest in the exhibition and appreciated the work done by the Jamaat auxiliary organisations.

Lunch was served to all guests and Jamaat members after the exhibition. After lunch, President Jamaat Brisbane Abdul Lateef Maqbool presented Cr. Phil Pidgeon with a souvenir gift from Jamaat. The program was concluded with Zuhr and Asar prayers.

Gifts to neighbours

As part of the celebrations, a souvenir and chocolate gift box was delivered to all adjacent neighbours of mosque. A letter was also sent to neighbours explaining the event and these celebrations.

Souvenirs stall

A souvenirs stall was also set up for members to purchase souvenirs items and give these to their friends. All the items sold like hot cakes and members asked to request more souvenirs from Sydney.

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Bundaberg – Khilafat Day and Khilafat Jalsa

In order to celebrate the auspicious event, preparations were under way since last 12 months with monthly fasts to emphasis on special prayers for the Khilafat Centenary.

Tahajjud prayers were offered at the residence of Dr Abdul Ghaffar Chaudhry, President of Jamaat Bundaberg on the 27th of May 2008. This was followed by individual viewing of Huzur's (aba) speech relayed through MTA on the eve of 27th May 2008.

On the 1st of June 2008, 5 Ahmadi families gathered at the residence of Zahid Shah in Harvey Bay to celebrate the Centenary of Khilafat. The program started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Haris Zia followed by a nazm. A series of small speeches by Atfal and Nasirat were then presented on various subjects, including meaning and importance of Khilafat by Ibtesam Zia, obedience of Khilafat by Javaria Chaudhry, 'my beloved Huzur (aba)' by Maria Zia and the last topic of importance of Khilafat.

Dr Ghaffar Chaudhry then delivered a speech about blessings of Khilafat, its significance and its importance in the lives of Ahmadies. Next, Sadr Lajna gave an overview of Khilafat-e-Rashida and Khilafat-e-Ahmaddiya to Lajna and Nasirat separately. The programme was concluded by silent prayers, followed by lunch, offering of Zuhr and Asar prayers and distribution of sweets.

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Melbourne – Khilafat Day and Khilafat Jalsa

By the Grace of Almighty Allah, Jamaat Ahmadiyya Victoria expressed its gratitude to Allah Almighty on the completion of 100 years of the blessed institution of Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya and celebrated its program of Khilafat Day on the 27th of May 2008.

For this historic occasion Jamaat was able to book a facility named Gaelic park at 324 Perry Road Keysborough. This facility has its own grounds, car parks, outdoor entertainment area and a big hall with the formal sitting capacity of 500 people. Hall had the partition option, beautiful stage, display gallery and other essential amenities. For the set up & decoration, tasks were divided among the teams where different teams had been working on their respected tasks for many weeks.



Many Khuddam, Ansar and Atfal arrived in Hall at 7pm for the preparation of next day while Lajna team was working from home. Almost 70 Jamaat members participated in the preparation and decoration of the venue and worked till late night.

The hall was beautifully decorated with Khilafat theme. Different prophecies regarding Khilafat were displayed throughout the venue. Exhibition and bookstall were also arranged in the gallery where history and teachings of Ahmadiyyat, Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya and prophecies regarding the Institution of Khilafat and its blessings were displayed.



The program of 27th May started with Namaz-e-Tahajjud. It was a rainy & wet day but a good number of Jamaat members joined in for the early morning prayers. The attendance on Namaz-e-Tahajjud was 98 including 18 Lajna. It was the highest attendance in any Namaz-e-Tahajjud in the history of Jamaat Ahmadiyya Victoria. This scene was very inspiring and delighting. Hearts were filled with blessings of Allah Almighty and were paying gratitude to their Creator for the bounty of Khilafat that He has showered upon the Community.



Namaz-e-Tahajjud was led by Muhammad Ashraf Janjua who repeatedly recited the prayers of Khilafat Jubilee advised by Huzur (aba). After Fajr prayers (led by Naik Muhammad), Ramzan Ahmad delivered Dars-e-Quran.

Namaz and Dars-e-Quran were followed by breakfast. After breakfast, most of the members left for homes while the cooking team started the preparation of lunch.

After the morning break, members of Jamaat started to arrive back to the venue at 10am Khuaddam & Atfal held their sports from 11am



to 1pm while Lajna held their own program in reference to Khilafat including Bazm-e-Zauq.

At 1:30pm, Zuhr and Asar prayers (led by Mubashir Ahmad Khalid) were offered which were followed by Dars-e-Hadith delivered by Arshad Saeed. In dars, he quoted the prophetic Hadith about Khilafat in Islam. Afterwards, lunch was served for everyone.

Jalsa Khilafat Day started at 2:30 pm. Jalsa started with the Recitation of the Holy Quran by Saadat Ahmad. Then, Syed Ali Sajjad presented a beautiful Nazm from Dur-e-Sameen. After the Nazm, Sadr Jamaat Ahmadiyya Victoria Safdar Javed Choudhary conveyed the message of Huzur (aba) to Jamaat members. After the message, the first speech was by Abdul Qadeer Razi on the importance and need of the Institution of Khilafat, followed by Mubashir Ahmad Khalid, who delivered his speech on the topic of Khilafat ala Minhaj-e-Nabuwwat in which he covered the era of Khilafat-e-Rashdia and Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya.

To mark the blessings of Khilafat all over the world, Ahmadies from different countries were invited to present the start of Ahmadiyyat and blessings of Khilafat in their country. In this context, Norrudin Abbas from Ghana, Wahudi from Indonesia and Raheem Azami from Afghanistan delivered the short speeches.

A beautiful Tarana was then presented by Nasirat that was followed by the last speech of Jalsa by Naik Muhammad. The topic of his speech was blessings of Khilafat.

Before finishing the Jalsa, Sadar Sahib Jamat requested the Jamaat members to remember Huzur (aba) in their prayers and remember those Ahmadies across the World who are not allowed to gather to celebrate this day, particularly in Pakistan and Indonesia.

Presentation and Banquet

After the Jalsa, the Hall was arranged for a Banquet. 30 tables were arranged with 10 chairs around each table.



Guests started arriving around 6:30 pm, which were greeted by the Reception team. All the guests were shown the Exhibition and Bookstall.



Later on, all guests and Jamaat members gathered in the hall and formal proceedings of the program started with recitation from Holy Quran by Nayyar Ahmad. Then, Malik Imran Ahmad delivered a Power Point Presentation with reference to Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya. The presentation included the Introduction of Jamat-e-Ahmadiyya, reasoning and importance of celebrating

this day, promise of Quran about Khilafat, institution of Khilafat in Judaism and Christianity with references to Torah and Bible, prophecy about Khilafat by Holy Prophet (PBUH), meaning of Khilafat, brief history of Khilafat in Islam, introduction of Khulafa-e-Ahmadiyyat, blessings of Khilafat in terms of carrying the message of Islam to the corners of earth (publishing of Quran translations, Mosques, MTA etc.) and serving of Humanity in which the speaker made reference to Jamaat's efforts in



Africa and also through Humanity First.

The last part of the presentation covered briefly the history of Ahmadiyyat in Australia and Jamaat's participation in Australian icon activities such as Australia Clean up Day and Red Cross Door Knock Appeal. He also spoke about how Jamaat's services are acknowledged all over the world, quoting references to the messages of dignitaries.

25 guests including representatives of Member of Parliament, Councillors, and Chairman of local interfaith forum were among the guests present. After the presentation, Sadr Jamaat introduced the guests to the attendees and requested guests to share their feelings and views where four various presented their views and congratulated Jamaat Ahmadiyya on the completion of 100 years of the institution of Khilafat Ahmadiyya.

At the end, President Jamaat thanked all the guests for their participation and appreciated volunteers for their excellent efforts and contribution towards the success of the day. He also congratulated all members of the Jamaat on successfully completing the 100 years milestone of Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya. This program was concluded by silent prayers led by President Jamaat Ahmadiyya Victoria.

Dinner was served after the program, where all the guests enjoyed the evening and shared their thoughts with Jamaat members. Souvenirs regarding Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya were given to the guests.

Huzur's (aba) Speech

A satellite dish antenna was also installed on the site and the live arrival of Huzur (aba) to Khilafat Day Jalsa at UK was watched by all guests through MTA. Most of families left the hall immediately after the dinner to be able to listen to Huzur's (aba) live address at homes, but around 50 Khuddam and Ansar stayed at the Hall and listened to Huzur's (aba) address and joined in for the historic pledge and concluding prayer. These Khuddam and Ansar also participated in final Waqar-e-Amal and left the hall around 2:30am the next day.

Adelaide – Khilafat Day

By the grace of Allah Almighty, Jamaat Ahmadiyya Adelaide celebrated the historic Khilafat Day with great religious devotion and enthusiasm. The program started with Tahajjud prayers on Tuesday the 27th of May 2008. Adelaide Jamaat does not have its proper centre currently, therefore Tahajjud prayers were offered at four different Namaz Centres. Ansar, Khuddam and Atfal offered Tahajjud at these centres while Lajna and Nasirat did so at their homes.

In all centres, Fajr prayer was followed by dars with a Khilafat theme. After dars, all participants enjoyed breakfast and then went home to get ready for the day-time celebrations.

All members gathered again at 10 am at the Jamaat's property in Aldinga. A flag hoisting ceremony was held at 10:30 am. Dr Munir Ahmad Abid, President Jamaat South Australia raised the Lawa-e-Ahmadiyyat (Ahmadiyya Flag), while the Australian flag was raised by Vice President, Manzoor Qadir Khan. After silent prayers that were led by President Sahib, two young members, Ijlal Ahmad and Tahir Ahmad presented a Tarana in a melodious voice. All members got very emotional and raised a lot of slogans. Chocolates and sweets were then distributed among the children.

A formal ceremony presided by President Sahib started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by a Khadim, Qaseem Aslam Kanwar. Nazm was then presented by a Tifal, Talha Shafiq. Speeches on the topic of Khilafat and Khalifas were delivered by Atfal, UneeB Baig, Danish Akhtar, Ansar Rana, Rameez Ahmad, Kamran Khalid and Ahmad Faraz Haque. This was followed by a Tarana presented a Nasirat.

At the end of this session, President Sahib addressed the Jamaat members and highlighted how Khilafat was established in Jamaat. He explained how Allah Almighty protected the Khilafat in times of fear, transforming such anxiety into peace. Zuhr and Asar prayers were then offered at 1 pm.

Lunch was served to all Jamaat members at this occasion. This lunch was provided by members, Farooq Ahmad Chandio and Nazeer Ahmad Awan on their own expense. May Allah bless them with a great reward for their efforts. The Jamaat Centre was beautifully decorated for this occasion. Members also decorated and illuminated their houses. A decoration and illumination competition was held on 28th and 29th of May 2008, in which 15 families participated.

Adelaide – Khilafat Banquet

By the grace of Allah Almighty, Jamaat Ahmadiyya Adelaide also held a 'Khilafat Banquet' on Sunday the 8th of June 2008 at Goodwood Community Centre. An invitation letter and a detailed program were designed by the local Khilafat Committee of the Jamaat. This letter was printed and sent to 140 prominent persons, including bureaucrats and politicians. Nearly 40 people accepted the invitation and participated in the banquet, 50 people sent their apologies and 5 dignitaries sent their messages of best wishes on this historic event. Respected Ameer and Missionary Incharge of Jamaat Ahmadiyya Australia, Mahmood Ahmad Shahid Sahib kindly graced this event with his presence, which was a great honour for the Adelaide Jamaat. Guests were warmly welcomed by the members of the reception team at the main entrance of the hall and were directed to the 'Khilafat Exhibition' and finally to their pre-organised seats.

Some of the distinguished guests were as follows:

- Hon. Michael Atkinson, South Australian Attorney General and Minister of Multicultural Affairs
- Hon. David Ridgway, Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs representing Opposition Leader Dr Martin Hamilton Smith
- Hon. Lindsay Simmons, MP for Morialta
- Hon. Stephanie Key, MP for Ashford
- Mr Greg Kelly, State Director of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship
- Ms Stephanie Jarrett, Public Relations and Settlement Officer, Department of Immigration and Citizenship
- Ms Branka King, member of South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission representing Lieutenant Governor Mr Hieu Van Le
- Mr Bryan Fahy, Assistant Commissioner Police representing South Australian Police Commissioner Mal Hyde
- Councillor Francis Wong, representing the Lord Mayor Adelaide City Council accompanied by his wife Mrs Susie Wong

All guests and members visited the exhibition from 11 am to 11:30 am.

Formal proceedings of the session started at 11:35 am with the recitation from the Holy Quran and its English translation which was presented by Ahmad Octavianus. Next, Dr Munir Ahmad Abid, President Jamaat Ahmadiyya Adelaide formally welcomed the guests and also presented an introduction to the Khilafat Centenary. After that, respected Ameer Sahib addressed the audience and in his speech he elaborated on the initiation of the institution of Khilafat and a successful journey of one hundred years of this blessed leadership in the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat.

After Ameer Sahib's speech, one of the Khadims, Monus Ahmad presented the summary of the speech delivered by Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V (aba) on the historic occasion of Khilafat Day on the 27th of May 2008. Guests were also provided with the opportunity to address the audience with the following distinguished guests addressing the audience:

- Hon Lindsay Simmons MP for Morialta.
- Hon Stephanie Key MP for Ashford.
- Hon David Ridgway- Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs.
- Mr Greg Kelly, State Director Department of Immigration.
- Hon Michael Atkinson, Minister of Multicultural Affairs.

These guests appreciated the efforts of the Ahmadiyya Community members in their social services and in spreading the message of peace and love. They also congratulated the Jamaat members on this commemorative occasion.

Five messages from dignitaries were also received. The message received from Hon Patrick Conlon MP, Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Energy was read by one of our Khadim, Junaid Ahmad Abro. The rest of the four short messages were read by Manzoor Qadir Khan, who performed the duty of stage secretary at this occasion.

At 12:45 pm a magnificent documentary compiled by the team of MTA Australia was presented to the participants. This session was formally concluded with silent prayer led by respected Ameer Sahib.

After silent prayers, at 1:15 pm all guests and members were served with lunch which was prepared by the Ziyafat Team. All guests expressed their gratitude and happiness at attending such a memorable event.

After lunch, guests again visited the exhibition and book-stall with keen interest. This exhibition and book stall was setup by the Exhibition Team. Guests were presented with Centenary Gifts when they left the hall and this brought a successful end to the Khilafat Centenary Celebrations.

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