

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President
Jamā'at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 31st August 2012, Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

As the UK Jalsa is getting underway next week, Hudūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ particularly addressed the volunteers who will be serving the guests during the Jalsa and stressed upon the importance of hospitality and good manners in this regard.

Hudūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said that it was a great honour to serve the guests who arrive to attend the Jalsa purely for the sake of Allāh. He said that the UK Jalsa had gained a central position among the Jalsas held worldwide due to the presence of the Khalīfatul Masīh in London. Therefore, the administration of the Jalsa and Khalīfatul Masīh are greatly concerned about the ever-growing needs and proper arrangements for the event. Since the guests who arrive from all over the world to attend the Jalsa take a keen interest in how the administration plans the event, the responsibility of the volunteers and other workers increases a great deal. The volunteers therefore need to make best efforts to improve their behaviour and standards of hospitality for the Jalsa. Hudūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said that selfless hospitality which is done for the sake of God receives twofold reward from the Almighty inasmuch as it is one of the noble traits of the prophets.

Hudūr related certain incidents from the lives of the companions of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام to illustrate how excellently they served their guests. Hudūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said that the Jalsa participants are actually guests of the Promised Messiah ایده اللہ تعالیٰ and as such it is a great honour for the volunteers to serve them. This is why the volunteers should make sure that the guests are treated in an excellent manner. Hudūr quoted the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام who said: 'I am always anxious for my guests lest they suffer any discomfort. In fact, one should try to provide as much comfort and ease to one's guests as possible. Separate food could be arranged for the guests with dietary restrictions.' Hudūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said that food is not the only department where guests should be treated well, but rather all the Jalsa departments need to take best care of their guests. If guests have any complaints regarding the arrangements, the volunteers should listen to them patiently and pay due attention to them. Those responsible for security should also make sure that they are polite with the guests while trying to maintain discipline. They should be kind to everyone and speak to the guests in a decent and affectionate manner. The non-Ahmadī participants should also be treated well. It is our good morals which will win their hearts. The Khalīfatul Masīh علیہ السلام places

great trust in volunteers who should, in turn, try to devotedly fulfil the requirements of the trust.

Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said that the companions of the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم set the best example of hospitality and good manners. Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ also narrated a Hadīth related by Hadrat *Abu Hurairah* about the excellent hospitality the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم and his companions extended towards the *Ashab-us- Suffa*.

Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said that the volunteers should make sure that they fulfil the requirements of their duties as well as offer prayers on time. Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ spoke about the beautiful atmosphere of the Jalsas in Rabwah and drew the attention of the UK volunteers to treat their guests in the same manner. Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ also urged the Ahmadīs around the world to remember Pakistani Ahmadīs in their special prayers.

Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said that it is incumbent upon us to make sure that all security arrangements are properly in place and that the guests are not treated badly on the pretext of the security. Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ asked the Ahmadī participants of the Jalsa to bring with them only those non-Ahmadī friends about whom they are sure that they are peace-loving people and interested in religious discourse. Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said that to serve the guests of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام is a great honour for us and we should try to serve them better than ever before. May Allāh enable all the volunteers to fulfil their obligations so that the Jalsa becomes a blessed event in every respect. *Āmīn*.

Please convey these guidelines given by Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ to members of your Jama'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Mansoor Ahmad Khan)

Acting Wakīl A'lā,

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