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The Amīr/National President  
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

**Thankfulness on the success of 40th Jalsa Sālāna Canada. Instructions on improving arrangements. Impressions of some guests.**

**I am thankful to all the workers who fulfilled their duties with voluntary zeal.**

**It is Allāh who motivates the hearts of the volunteers to wholeheartedly serve the guests of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام.**

On 14th October, 2016, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at the Baituz Zikr, Toronto, Canada.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: By the grace of Allāh, Jalsa Sālāna Canada was successfully held last week and it brought many blessings. It is only by the grace of Allāh that, in spite of our limited resources, we are able to hold Jalsas in every country, and it is also by His grace that the arrangements are generally good. During the days of Jalsa everyone tries to serve in a selfless manner. It is Allāh who inspires the volunteers with the drive to serve the guests of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام merely for the sake of Allāh, setting aside their personal thoughts or desires. Therefore, first and foremost, we should be grateful to Allāh for blessing the Jamā‘at with volunteers who work selflessly in every department, such as washing toilets, cooking and serving food, parking, and many others. Even children fulfil their duties with great zeal.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: While the participants should be grateful to Allāh, they should also be thankful to the volunteers, some of whom left their jobs as they were unable to secure leave for the Jalsa. They work diligently to serve in the best manner. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that while I ask the participants to be thankful to the volunteers, I would personally like to thank all the volunteers and guests, whether they are children or girls or women or men, who offered their voluntary services and carried out even minor duties with zeal. In fact, the work of the volunteers is a source of guidance for many.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited the example of a Bengali friend who had come from USA to attend the Jalsa and was deeply impressed by the service of a volunteer. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: A simple service done by the volunteer changed his thinking and became a source of spiritual transformation for him. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The participants of the Jalsa and all those who watched it across the world should be grateful to the MTA team. And the volunteers themselves should also be grateful to Allāh for enabling them to serve. Allāh says: If you are grateful to Me, I will increase and enhance your capabilities. It is the way of believers to be

grateful upon every success and upon receiving everything good; and where they find themselves falling short they should seek His mercy and forgiveness.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) pointed out some shortcomings in the departments of hospitality, toilets, audio and video, and translation, and gave instructions on how to correct them. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited the impressions of a Syrian Arab Aḥmadī who was attending the Jalsa for the first time.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) praised the Canadian Press Team for its efforts towards increasing interaction with the media. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I did not know that our young men were playing such a big role, and I was pleasantly surprised to see them working so diligently in contacting newspapers and TV channels. Allāh is causing the Jamā‘at to be known on a wide scale.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Aḥmadīs who are doing voluntary work should work even more diligently and humbly. They should always remember that everything comes from God’s grace, and this is what they need to seek. The news about the Jalsa reached millions of people through newspapers and social media. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) praised the role of the media and said that they had conveyed the news honestly.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: We should not rest content with this success, rather we should strive to improve our spiritual condition and foster our relationship with Allāh. If God is giving us an opportunity to serve, we should consider it His gift. All office bearers and workers of the Jamā‘at should abide by *taqwa* and fulfil their obligations. All the participants and viewers of the Jalsa should reflect on their own condition. This is true gratitude as compared to feelings of temporary gratitude, and this is what will invite even greater blessings from Allāh. May Allāh enable every Aḥmadī to establish a true relationship with Allāh. *Amīn*.

Please convey these guidelines given by Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) to members of your Jamā‘at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A‘lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan.

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