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In the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

As Salaamu Alaykum

With the Grace and Mercy of Allah (SWT) we have completed a whole year at the Islamic Association of Saskatoon with a degree of success in the aims we set out to achieve. This report will outline the steps I have taken to achieve the objectives we set out in the initial proposal; any developments that have occurred at this time and finally a summary of the key performance indicators were identified.

I tried my very best and I apologise for my shortcomings. I was able to perform my duties with the help of Allah. All of the activities are done with co-operation and full support from IAS President and Religious Affair Chair. Special thanks to all board members for helping me with full dedication.

Jazak Allahu Khairan to all of you for putting your trust in me.

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1. INTRODUCTION:

As we embark on the start of a year, we reflect on our immediate past, feel encouraged by the fruit of our efforts, enriched by hard lessons learned, and eager to forge ahead with optimism and enthusiasm. We thank Allah (SWT) for the many blessings he has bestowed upon us. The following is just a brief list of highlights and accomplishments I have achieved in 2012. These activities are done only for the sake of Allah with the best of my abilities. May Allah accept all of us for service of his Deen. Ameen

2. PRAYERS

2.1 Five Times Prayer:

Led the five daily time prayers regularly Br.Haji noor, Hafiz Zubair & Br.Mu'atasim Barjawi assisted me in my absence. May Allah reward them all.

2.2 Jumah prayer & Khutba

Some topics covered during Jumah Khutba:

- Muharram
- Ashura
- Ramadhan
- Importance of Hajj
- Importance of reading and memorizing Quran
- Prophet Muhammed SAW seerah
- Cartoons/movies against the Prophet Muhammad SAW
- Muslim Ummah situation and protests
- Importance of Adhan
- Violence against Women
- Muslims & Canada Day
- Tafseer of Surahs/Ayahs
- Personalities in Islam – e.g. Umar ibn AbdulAziz
- Etiquettes of the Masjid

2.3. Funeral Prayer.

DATE OF DEATH

July 26	2011
July 28	2011
October 19	2011
October 21	2011
November 17	2011
February 1	2012

May 14	2012
June 4	2012
July 13	2012
July 20	2012
August 2	2012
September 1	2012
September 26	2012
November 19	2012

2.4. Taraweeh in Ramadan

Lead Taraweeh & Tahjjud in Month of Ramadan as main Imam & gave chances to other Huffaz in the Community May Allah accept their efforts.

2.5 EID UL Fitr & Eid ul Adha

Led both Eid prayers as main Imam.

3. Education Service

Overview Chart:

BACK TO BASIC

A GREAT CHANCE TO UPDATE YOUR KNOWLEDGE - 2013 = FRIDAY PROGRAM

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
04	1	1	5	3	7
11	8	8	12	10	14
18	15	15	19	17	21
25	22	22	26	24	28
		29		31	

THE FOLLOWING TOPICS ARE UNDER DISCUSSION

1	Importance of acquiring knowledge and etiquettes.
2	Importance of Aqeedah and fundamental believes of Muslims.
3	Importance of Fiqh and history of compilation of Fiqh.
4	History of compilation of the Holy Quran.
5	History of compilation of Sunnah (Hadith).
6	Importance of Tajweed and etiquettes of reciting of the Holy Quran.

7	Uloom ul Quran and introduction of major books of Tafseer.
8	Introduction of authentic books of Hadith.
9	Fiqh of Taharah.
10	Fiqh of Salat
11	40 short hadith on various topics.
12	Commentary of short surah of the Quran (last 23 surah)
13	Seerat un Nabi (sallallahu alayhi wasallam)
14	Ashra-e-Mubashra

BACK TO BASICS

ISLAMIC EDUCATION SESSION 2013 = SUNDAY PROGRAM

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
6	3	3	7	5	2
13	10	10	14	12	9
20	17	17	21	19	16
27	24	24	28	26	23
		31			30

TOPICS

1	Importance of acquiring knowledge and etiquettes.	علم کی اہمیت اور اسکے آداب
2	Importance of Aqeedah and fundamental believes of Muslims.	عقیدہ کی اہمیت اور اہم عقاید کی تفصیل
3	Importance of Fiqah and history of compilation of Fiqah.	فقہ کی اہمیت اور اسکے تدوین کی تاریخ
4	History of compilation of the Holy Quran.	تاریخ تدوین قرآن
5	History of compilation of Sunnah (Hadith).	تاریخ تدوین سنت (حدیث)

6	Importance of Tajweed and etiquettes of reciting of the Holy Quran.	تجوید کی اہمیت اور تلاوت قرآن کے ادب
7	Uloom ul Quran and introduction of major books of Tafseer.	علوم القرآن اور مشہور تفسیروں کا تعارف
8	Introduction of authentic books of Hadith.	حدیث کی 6 مستند کتابوں کا تعارف
9	Fiqh Taharah.	فقہ الطہارۃ
10	Fiqh Salat	فقہ الصلاة
11	40 short hadith on various topics.	مختصر 40 احادیث
12	Commentary of shot surah of the Quran (last 23 surah)	سورة الضحي سورة لناس ا
13	Seerat un Nabi (sallallahu alayhi wasallam)	سیرت النبی (صلی اللہ علیہ و سلم)
14	Ashra-e-Mubashra	عشرة مبشرة

3.1. Full-Time Hifz Class at IAS:

The full time HIFZ UL QURAN program was introduced September 2012 with a full cooperation from the IAS board due to high demand from parents

Course outline: Primary focus on Hifz -ul-Quran and circular studies were done at home under the guidance and supervision of parents.

- Batch started date: Sept 2012
- Batch End Date: June 2013.
- Total number of students: 13

3.2. Daily Quran Classes after Magrib: Mon -Thursday

The students are being taught how to read Quran with Tajweed, and also focusing on Arabic grammar, etiquettes and Aadab and Memorisation. Total 30 students are learning in evening classes with two teachers.

3.3. Short Talk after Isha:

Various topics covered after Isha either in the form of a hadith or books

Main books covered:

- Questions and Answers on Fiqh of Adhan (2 weeks)
- Hajj (short)
- Ramadan (short)
- Questions and Answers on Seerah (5-6 weeks)

3.4. Study Circles (Halaqas)

Conducting Halaqas twice a week, These Halaqas often deal with current issues.

- ✓ Friday: Islamic Center of Saskatoon (English)
- ✓ Sunday: West Side Masjid.(Urdu)

3.5. Quiz Competition:

- ✓ Quiz for Adult and Children's were conducted in the month of Holy Ramadan and prizes were awarded to winners after Eid prayer.
- ✓ Hifz -ul- Quran competition was also conducted in the month of Holy Ramadan, more than 30 students participated and prizes were given after Eid prayer.

3.6. Ramadan Preparation Sessions.

Ramadan Preparation: Several Topics were covered in 3 sessions to allow everyone to prepare for the holy month of Ramadan.

- ✓ **Session 01** July 06 2013
- ✓ **Session 02** July 13 2013
- ✓ **Session 03** July 20 2012

3.7. Lectures:

Special Lecture was delivered at the West Side Masjid for Ashurah .

4. COMMUNITY SERVICES

4.1 Visits to IAS

Important Visits to the IAS by Non-Muslim Groups

- Mar 14, 2012 : Saint Marks Catholic School (Grades 7-8)
- Mar 20, 2012 : School from Wilkie, SK.
- Nov 6, 2012 : Tommy Douglas Collegiate (Grade 12)
- Nov 18, 2012 : Unitarian Church
- Nov 28, 2012 : Mount Royal Collegiate (Grade 12)
- Dec 2012 : Bedford Road Collegiate Institute

4.1.2. Invited as a Guest Speaker:

Invited Presentations given for the following groups.

Mar 8, 2012 – Regina Huda School (invited by Carla Natrasany, Principal)

Topics Covered

- ✓ Social interactions between Muslims and Non-Muslims
- ✓ “Status of women”
- ✓ “Jihad – misconceptions and reality”

Apr 6 – 8, 2012 – Islamic Information Community Center of York, ON.

Topics Covered

- ✓ Friday Khutbah followed by several presentations

- Oct 31, 2012 – Tommy Douglas Collegiate, Saskatoon.
- Nov 14 and 21, 2012 – Calvary United Church, Prince Albert, SK

4.2. Nikkah Services

- Seventeen marriages were performed in year 2012
- Islamic Sharia rituals were performed and everything is legally documented.

4.3. Islamic Family Counseling.

- Counseling: March 18 2012
- Counseling: June 3 2012.
- Counseling: June 18 2012
- Counseling: August 12 2012
- Counseling: November 22 2012

4.4. Martial Disputes.

- August 12 2012
- October 17 2012
- June 21 2012.
- Dec 24 2012

4.5. Inauguration Ceremony

About 13 Community Family visits were performed which include new born baby azan/Iqama, Tahneek and inauguration of new homes and businesses.

4.6. New Comers to Saskatoon

Helped many International students, families to get settled and connected them with community members and introduced to them our Masjid activities.

4.7. Saskatoon Provincial Correctional Centre.

- Several visits done to meet with inmates upon request and provided them Quran and prayer mat two times.
- Letters received at IAS from inmates I have answered them and satisfied their concerns.

4.8. Hospital visits.

- Many visits of muslim patients done throughout the year at RUH & SPH and provided them necessary counselling.
- Communicated with Royal University Hospital Spiritual and Cultural Care staff.
- Communicated with St. Paul's Hospital Spiritual and Cultural Care staff.

5. Conclusion

I wish to thank the tremendous efforts of all the board members for a wonderful year. There is a lot of work that still needs to be done to achieve the vision and objectives of the IAS Thus far, from comments from members of the community, most if not all our objectives are well on their way to being met.

Overall, we have to thank THE ALMIGHTY for granting us this opportunity to earn some Sadaqat al-Jaariya and grant all the Board Members & community members the Tawfiq to continue supporting this initiative.