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VISION

To lead the Sri Lankan Muslim community as a forum in it's unity, prosperity and growth.

MISSION

To bring all Sri Lankan Muslim families resident in Qatar under a common platform and conduct activities of educational, religious, cultural and charitable backgrounds.

OBJECTIVE

To develop and strengthen cordial ties among families, communities and other associations, thereby deriving greater benefit for the community

Educational and religious activities

- Skill Development Programs
- Seminars and Workshops
- Competitions for Children and Adults
- Qur'an and Islam Teachings
- Hajj and Umrah Pilgrimages

Charitable activities

- Scholarships for needy Students
- Janaza assistance
- Assistance to needy families
- Charity bazaars

Social and Welfare activities

- Sports Events
- Eid Celebrations
- Family Gatherings/Picnics
- Job Bank

Membership

All Sri Lankan Muslim families resident in Qatar are eligible to apply for membership by filling an application form available with Executive Committee members.

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Milestones – 2001 To 2019

- 2001 - First executive committee meeting was held.
- 2002 - SLMQ constitution was launched.
- 2002 - The first umrah pilgrimage program was conducted.
- 2002 - SLMQ Quran Class commenced.
- 2002 - First ifthar program was held.
- 2002 - First Symposium was held.
- 2003 - First Annual General Meeting was held.
- 2005 - SLMQ Celebrates 5 Years of Community Service.
- 2006 - Scholarship programs for students in Sri Lanka was launched.
- 2006 - SLMQ's Colombo Branch was established.
- 2008 - First SLMQ newsletter was circulated.
- 2009 - SLMQ website was launched.
- 2010 - SLMQ Celebrates 10 Years of Community Service.
- 2011 - Merging of SLMQ and SLIC Quran Classes.
- 2011 - Al Huda Association affiliates with SLMQ.
- 2014 - SLMQ partners to support Sri Lankan Community Football Team.
- 2015 - SLMQ Celebrates 15 Years of Community Service.
- 2015 - Launch of SLMQ Bachelors Wing (B-wing).
- 2016 - Launch of Young Muslim Writers Award in Qatar.
- 2017 - Ministry of Interior Qatar (Moi) Appreciation Award to SLMQ for Outstanding contribution to the Community.
- 2018 - Partnered and supported a Social Responsibility in Media Initiative.
- 2019 - Re-launch of SLMQ website.

Ambassador's Message

*Coming together is a beginning;
keeping together is progress;
working together is success...*



It is with great pleasure that I congratulate The Sri Lankan Majlis-Qatar, for another year of successful accomplishments under the theme of “Together Towards a Tomorrow”.

Togetherness is one of the most basic but hugely important aspects of life. It unites us, gives us security, much needed support, a sense of belonging and also encourages us to love one another. The Sri Lankan Majlis – Qatar and its executive committee, members, and their families have shown what togetherness can do to change and contribute to the lives of Sri Lankans in Sri Lanka and Qatar.

I am indeed proud to have such an Association and its exemplary individuals as part of our Sri Lankan community in State of Qatar.

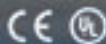
On this special occasion of SLMQ Symposium 2019, I wish much success for the Sri Lankan Majlis - Qatar and it's member in all their future activities and noble work that contribute to the development of our community, and for many years to come.

Let me leave you with this final thought; what divides us pale in comparison to what unites us. Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.

H.E. Kithsiri Athulathmudali

Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the State of Qatar,
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President's Message

In the name of Allah, the Most Beneficent the Most Merciful.

May the Peace and Blessing be upon the final Prophet and Messenger.



It is with utmost pleasure that I welcome you all to this 18th Consecutive SLMQ Annual Symposium 2019 and present you this souvenir, with the greeting of peace – Assalamu Alaykum! As we take humble pride with almost two decades of efforts, dedication, and commitment to community development, the executive committee and I focused our activities this year, on the basics.

Activities in 2019 had three main goals. One - to strengthen the interaction and engagement of the members and their families. Two - to reach out to fellow Sri Lankans and other associations with a common purpose, and three - to build our membership in the State of Qatar.

The theme “Together Towards A Tomorrow” is an extension from last year. It was under this banner of unification that we aligned all our activities this year.

As a pioneering association in Qatar, our efforts and initiatives have, is, and will continue towards the enhancement of welfare and development of the Sri Lankan community in both countries. We are committed to working with the Embassy of Sri Lanka, all institutions and associations to achieve this.

As a call to action – we invite all Sri Lankans living in Qatar, regardless of race, religion or background to unify under this banner of “Together Towards A Tomorrow”.

“O Mankind! We have created you from a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, that you may know one another. Verily, the most honourable of you with God is that who is more pious.” - Holy Quran-

I wish you all a very enjoyable and memorable symposium.

Thank you,

Zulfikar Jiffry

President - SLMQ



More Goodness..
More Value..



General Secretary's Report

In the name of Allah, the Most Beneficent the Most Merciful.

All praise and thanks be to Almighty Allaah
Peace and blessing be upon Prophet Muhammed (May peace and
blessings of Almighty Allah be upon him)



On the event of celebrating the 18th symposium of the Sri Lankan
Majlis of Qatar (SLMQ), I would be honored to present this report on behalf of the Executive
Committee.

Since the last symposium 2018, SLMQ has conducted many of its annual signature and
flagship events.

The Annual General Meeting of SLMQ was held on 03rd January 2019 at the Fanar lecture
hall. The new executive committee comprising of 11 members was elected along with its
office bearers.

Considering the fact that there is a real need to bridge the gap and build healthy relationships
among all communities, the theme "Together Towards Tomorrow" has been continued from
2018 to date.

Since the last symposium in 2018, SLMQ has conducted many events and social welfare
activities for its member families, other communities in Qatar, and Sri Lanka.

The first event of the 2019 executive committee was the Meet & Greet. The main objective of
conducting this event was to focus on strengthening the bond among the member families.
It was held on 08th of February at the Al Bidda Park. It was a day of family gathering, which
was well received and attended by more than 45 members and potential families. It was also
an opportunity to invite new potential member families to join the SLMQ.

SLMQ took all initiatives to support the Sri Lankan Community football team, which
participated in the prestigious community football tournament. The tournament was
organized for the 6th consecutive year by the Qatar Football Association (QFA).
On the 1st of February SLMQ also supported and fielded a team to participate in the first-
ever Ozzees Veteran Soccer Tournament held at the Al Jazeera Grounds, Doha.

On the 22nd of February, marking the 71st Sri Lankan Independence Day, SLMQ conducted
the Annual Independence Day Competition at the Stafford Sri Lankan School Doha. This
was the first-ever event that was organized along with a food fiesta, promoting Sri Lankan
traditional food. This was an exclusive event for all Sri Lankan communities living in Qatar.
More than 150 students representing various schools participated in competitions such as
Coloring, Drawing, Essay writing, Speech, and Mono act. The competitions were conducted
in different age categories covering from ages 4 years – 18 years. His Excellency the Sri
Lankan Ambassador to Qatar Mr. A.S.P. Liyanage was the chief guest and the Chairman of
Stafford Sri Lankan School, Mr. Mohan Balasooriya was the guest of honor for the event.

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As an offshore project, a teacher training seminar in Puttalam, Sri Lanka was sponsored by SLMQ in March. More than 200 male and female teachers benefitted from the program. As a continuation of the last year's community welfare project, the Zam Zam Media project was supported by the SLMQ.

On the 30th of March, an Islamic Tamil lecture program for gents and ladies was held at the Fanar auditorium. The program was conducted by the visiting eminent Scholar, Shaikh Hasan Fareed. More than 200 participated and benefitted from this event.

In April SLMQ had the privilege to partner with Qatar Islamic Events International (QIEI), Fanar and AWQAF to conduct the 4th Doha Islamic Convention in Katara Amphitheatre. It was held on 12th & 13th April with the participation of eminent international scholars such as Mufthi Ismael Menk, Shaikh Omar Sulaiman, Shaikh Abdulraheem McCarthy, Shaikh Yehya Thahir and Shaikh Muhammed Makki.

On the 19th of April, an exclusive ladies' program, "Welcome Ramadan" was held. This was organized by the ladies' wing of the executive committee. Over 100 participants attended the program. It was an interactive session focusing on increasing spirituality, healthy food preparation and eating habits.

One of the main calendar events of SLMQ during the month of Ramadan is the annual ifthar program. Though all initiatives were taken to host the event, due to the tragic Easter Sunday attacks, the event had to be canceled in solidarity with all our fellow Sri Lankans.

For the first time in July this year, SLMQ hosted its members for a morning breakfast at Rotana Restaurant in Barwa Village. It was a midyear meeting where all past events were reviewed, and future plans were discussed.

Due to the immense success of the Ramadan ladies' event, another exclusive interactive ladies' event, Women and Wellness was held on 11th October 2019. The program's objective was to revive the prophetic lifestyle and medicine. This event, too, was well received and well attended.

SLMQ is currently in the process of evaluating many other community projects back in Sri Lanka, in the field of self-employment, career development, and education.

In conclusion, I would like to sincerely thank the principal sponsor, advertisers, well-wishers and members for their immense support and warmly welcome them to the 18th Annual Symposium of SLMQ.

Sahal Alavi

General Secretary - SLMQ

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2010, 2012, 2013 & 2016



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Executive Committee 2019



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Why Muslims are an Integral Part of Sri Lanka

The Muslims of Sri Lanka, be they Moor, Malay, Memon or Bohra share one thing in common, and that is the faith of Islam. However little is it known that there is another common trait that binds the Muslims of this island together, and that is their love for the country of their birth.



The earliest Muslim settlers in the island were merchants and entered the country by peaceful means. As such they have come to regard peaceful co-existence as essential for their livelihood, since peace - lasting and continuous peace - is an essential prerequisite for doing business. This is true of the Moors, Memons and Bohras who originally came here as traders and still engage in trade to a large extent. Although it is true that the Malay community was brought in by the Dutch colonial rulers, largely to serve in a military capacity, they have shown the greatest inclination to integrate into the national fabric, many of them preferring government jobs and even serving in the armed forces of independent Sri Lanka to which they have contributed immensely.

A Much loved Community

Muslims ever since they arrived in the island endeared themselves much to the royalty and the people of Sri Lanka. They were welcome to settle in the country and even bestowed with land grants so that they and their descendants could become permanent residents of the country. They were so rewarded for their services in medicine and military contribution among other things.

Many records testify to this fact. A Muslim physician from Galle Suluttan Kuttiya was so renowned for his medical feats that he was invited to the Kandyan court and taken into royal service. So beholden was royalty for his services that he was bestowed with grants of land by King Senarat in 1631 and his son Rajasinha II in 1645. It was on these grants of land that his descendants known as Galle Vedaralala (Physicians from Galle) lived until 1874 . Another well known Muslim physician who served in the Kandyan King's Medical Department (Betge) was the father of Buwelikada Vedarallage Ahamadu Lebbe Abubakar who was rewarded with lands in Daskara in

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Udunuvara for treating Alutgama Dugganna Unnanse, the concubine of Rajadhi Raja Sinha . A member of the Gopala clan of Moor physicians is said to have evinced so much skill as a physician that the Kandyan King (perhaps Kirti Sri Rajasinha) whose queen was cured of a dropsy, conferred on him the office of Betge Muhandiram with the title of Vaidyatilaka Rajakaruna Gopala Mudaliyar and bestowed on him lands in Dumbara, Matale and Yaḍinuware.

Tradition also has it that the Kandyan King Rajasinha II (1635-1687) granted to the Muslims of the village of Pangaragammana in Badulla District, a large extent of land as a tribute to the memory of a Moor woman who had been killed by the Portuguese for refusing to divulge the whereabouts of the king whom they were pursuing following his defeat in a military encounter in the Uva country . Others were rewarded for their valour in military service as seen for instance in the origin legend of the Muslim settlement of Akurana in the Kandy District. A.C.Lawrie in his Gazetteer of the Central Province (1896) records the following tradition relating to the origin of the Moor settlement of Akurana current in his time:

The tradition is that three Arabs made their way to Kandy during the reign of Raja Sinha. When the Portuguese attempted an invasion, the King engaged their services to fight the enemy. Ultimately the King was successful and desired the men to settle in the country. They asked for wives from among the Kandyan women. The King gave them encouragement and during the perahera the three men boldly carried three young Kandyan women away, and concealed them in the palace. The relatives then appealed to the King, who advised that as the Arabs had already taken the women by the hand and led them away, it was best to let them go. The relatives consented. The men went to Akurana and settled there. These were the ancestors of the people of the village.

Even the common people seem to have regarded the Muslims with great respect. The 14th century Moroccan traveller Ibn Battuta refers to the people of the country honouring Muslims greatly, so much so that they would “lodge them in their houses, and give them to eat, and they live in their houses amidst their wives and children”.

Intermarriage with other communities

There is ample evidence to show that the early Arabian settlers of the country and their mixed descendants, the Moors, intermarried with the daughters of the land. The early seafaring Muslims who arrived to trade here did not bring women and so married local Sinhalese and Tamil women.

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The Moors of Akurana for instance trace their descent to three Arabian mercenaries who espoused Kandyan women during the reign of King Rajasinha II (1635-1687). The Gopala (Betge Nilame) family of Moors domiciled in Getaberiya in the Kegalle district likewise claim descent from Arab physicians who arrived in the country from Sind during the reign of King Parakramabahu II (1236-1270) of Dambadeniya and espoused Sinhalese women. Indeed, some of the members of this clan are said to have been given in marriage daughters of the Kandyan nobility. According to an elderly member of the clan, Mohamedu Udayar of Gevilipitiya, oral tradition passed down the generations had it that their first ancestor who settled in the country took in marriage Tikiri Kumari, daughter of Unambuvela. This is interesting since the Govi clan of Unambuvela were deemed to be of a very high status in Sinhalese society, being a clan with which even Sinhalese royalty, including the last true Sinhalese monarch, Narendra Sinha, married into. In fact, we were informed by Mohamadu Udayar's son, Hamees that his father was addressed as Nilame by elderly village folk. The women of the clan he pointed out were likewise addressed as Menike. Titles such as Nilame were used in the olden days to address only those of a very high aristocratic status.

Adoption of Ge-Names

To this day, many upcountry Moor families bear hereditary patronymic ge-names typically found among Sinhalese. For instance, one still finds among Kandyan Moors ge-names like Arachchige, Lekamge, Galgedara, Lindeggedara, Kandedgedara, Vedaralalage-gedara, Muhandiramla-gedara, Kurundogolla-gedara, Kotmale Adappala-gedara and Nagahadeniya-gedara.

Interestingly, the Moors of the maritime districts like Alutgama, Beruwala and Maggona also formerly bore ge-names. This is widely attested in the Dutch Tombos of the 18th century where we find such names as Ibrahim Tandellage Ahamadoe Nainde, Daroebesie Lienege Oemoer Lebbe, Iratnewalli Aratjege Oedoema Lebbe, Ismail Mokedonge Oemoer Lebbe, Pawelekodige Sleman Lebbe, Kopeaediaerlage Ibrahim Lebbe, Mamina Marekelage Ahamadoe and Assena Lebbelage Potoema Natja.

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It is possible that such names, at least in some instances, were originally borne by the Sinhalese ancestresses of these Moor families who passed it down to their offspring, thus ensuring its continuity. In the alternative, it would indicate the readiness of the Moors to adopt the salient features of the host culture so as to identify themselves more closely with their Sinhalese neighbours with whom they maintained friendly relations. Parallel situations are not lacking elsewhere such as for instance, the Turkic-speaking Muslim peoples of Central Asia who following Russian practice follow their personal names with the names of their fathers suffixed with –ov e.g. Karimov, Sultanov and Rakhmanov.

A few such ge-names such as Muhandiramlage were very likely acquired as a result of the ancestors of these families being appointed to the high office of Muhandiram by the Kandyan kings. The same may be true of names like Vidanalage ‘House of the One who conveys the King’s Orders to the People’. Vedaralalage ‘House of the Physician’ indicates that the folk bearing this name are descended from medical men.

Adoption of local Languages

The Muslims of Sri Lanka are unique in that they have eschewed their original language, adopting in its place the language of the land they have come to live in, which speaks much of their readiness to integrate with the other communities of the island. While the majority Sinhalese have preserved their Sinhala tongue and the minority Tamils their Dravidian speech, the Muslims remain the only major community that do not have a speech of their own and have adopted either Tamil or Sinhala. This particularly holds true of the Moors who comprise of over 90 percent of the Muslim population of the island who have adopted Tamil and more recently Sinhala in place of their original Arabic speech and the Malays who have largely adopted Sinhala in preference to their original Malay speech.

When we consider the Moors, we would find that despite having Arabic-speaking antecedents, they later took to speaking Tamil as their home language even in the Sinhalese majority areas. That the Moors were once an Arabic-speaking community is borne out by epigraphic evidence, namely the fact that Arabic was used in inscribing gravestones and the remnants of Arabic speech still surviving among the Moors of today. The reason for this shift from Arabic to Tamil is attributable to the fact that the Muslims settled in the island looked to the Tamil-speaking Muslims of South India for

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social, cultural and mercantile relations following the fall of the Islamic Caliphate based in Baghdad to the Mongol hordes in 1258. It has been argued with good reason, that since the Tamil language was the language of trade in the areas where the forefathers of the Moor community settled, they had no difficulty in adopting it as their language of communication with the resident population as well as among themselves and thereby lost interest in Arabic as the spoken language.

To this day, Muslims in the Tamil-speaking regions of the North and East, including the youth remain faithful to the Tamil language. They have contributed immensely to its enrichment especially in the area of literary activity. Ahamed Kutty's Isuma Ammanai, Adul Rahuman Alim's Manamangala Malai and Asanar Lebbe's Saru Saru Padaipor stand out among the older epic works while more recently men like A.M.Sherifudeen, the author of Mutumoli Venpa, Suravali Padaippor and Isaivarul Malai have made an immense contribution, so much so that Sherifudeen was honoured with the title of Pulavarmani by the renowned Tamil poet of the East Pulavarmani Periyathambipillai.

However, Muslim youth in the Sinhala-speaking areas of the Western, Central and Southern Provinces are eschewing Tamil and adopting Sinhala in its place. This process is largely attributable to education in the Sinhala medium. The majority of Muslim students in these areas receive their education today in the Sinhala medium and one even finds Friday sermons being sometimes delivered in Sinhala in certain areas, particularly in the Colombo District.

As such, we could conclude that the Muslims of the country have throughout the ages integrated well into Sri Lankan society. They have also contributed meaningfully to all spheres of national life including socially, economically and culturally. This endearing quality of Sri Lanka's Muslims should hopefully stand the test of time.

By Asiff Hussein
Keynote speaker Symposium 2019

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Muslim culture needs no introduction from anybody. Right through the long history, right through the pages of history, Muslim culture has left a deep impression throughout the world - Europe as well as Asia. Today too we know the tremendous impact Muslim culture and Muslim thought have on world affairs. In our country, we are well aware of the part played not only by Muslim culture and religion but by that community in the development of this country; particularly, the trading activities of Ceylon, and, therefore, we are beholden to that community for the tremendous service it has rendered this country. In fact, when we think of the long history for the fruition of this project - namely this building, I am rather amazed, because unity of purpose has been a distinguishing feature of the Muslim community of Ceylon. I think they set an example to the rest of us all. Unity, I suppose, follows from the fact of the stress they embark on any venture, the wholehearted support of the community is generally forthcoming and I have no doubt, are long, we will see the completion of this building.

In Ceylon, I am sorry to say, that the respect for the cultures and religions of the different communities that inhabit this land has not been too conspicuous in the recent years. Our parlous state today in very many activities in which we should have forged ahead in the recent years is entirely due to the lack of this understanding and harmony among the different communities and religions that call this country their home. I do hope that era is over and we realize that true democracy cannot exist in a country without the rights and the religions and the cultures of all who call this land their home, have their rightful and proper place. That is another fact of democracy that people seem to forget and I do hope that any endeavor to thrive and build up movements based on division and hatred will meet with the fate, the disastrous fate that such objectives rightly deserve. When we think of religions, surely we are not deluded when we realize that religion, whatever religion it may be, was never meant to divide, but unite mankind. What are the cardinal principles of all religions? I think, unity, mutual respect, brotherhood. They are, in one way or another, enshrined in the noble principles of all religions, but for some unaccountable reason religion that was meant to unite has been prostituted, I say, for the purpose of division.



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Message from Federation of Sri Lankan Muslim Associations Qatar (FSMA-Q)



It is with great pleasure we congratulate and appreciate the efforts of Sri Lankan Majlis-Qatar (SLMQ), the Executive Committee and members on the occasion of 18th Annual Symposium and its contribution to the entire Sri Lankan community.

SLMQ, a pioneer & leading Social welfare community organization, has been serving Sri Lankan community in Qatar over a period of 18 years and has been implementing several projects to support and uplift the needy back in Sri Lanka in various needs.

FSMA-Q which is an umbrella body of Sri Lankan Muslim Associations in Qatar was formed in 2014 with the support and cooperation of many organizations with the objective of serving together uniting the Sri Lankan community living in Qatar. SLMQ played a crucial role in establishing FSMA-Q and continue to contribute to the activities of FSMA-Q.

We wish SLMQ and the member all the best in its future activities and success in continuing the services for the further betterment of the community.

Hazim Hamza

President - FSMA-Q



Al Huda Foundation

(An Affiliate of Sri Lankan Majlis Qatar)

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State of Qatar

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Message from Al Huda Foundation

Al Huda Foundation ("The Foundation") was formed by a group of Sri Lankan professionals living in the State of Qatar with the primary objective of uplifting the education of needy students in Sri Lanka. The Foundation will be celebrating its 13th Anniversary in November 2019.

Al Huda is dedicated and determined to help needy and talented students by providing them, with much-needed financial assistance to continue their higher studies. Initially formed with a handful of members, *Alhamdulillah* the Foundation has grown steadily in terms of network and reach during the past 13 years with current membership strength of over 150 active members.

Primary Objective

"To provide financial assistance to needy candidates who are identified by the members as eligible for assistance to continue with their higher education"

Progress update

Al Huda currently provides scholarship for more than 140 students across major education streams including Commerce & Finance, Medicine, Engineering, Islamic Studies, Law and Arts etc. By the grace of Allah, as of now around 180 students have completed their studies with the assistance of the Foundation.

Members/ Beneficiaries Growth



Beneficiary Composition (as of July-2019)

Al Huda Foundation

Source of Study	Count	%
Science	39	26%
Management & Finance	31	21%
Arts	22	15%
Engineering & IT	23	15%
Religious Studies	19	13%
Medicine (MBBS)	12	8%
Law	4	3%
Total	150	100%



District Composition (as of July-2019)

Al Huda Foundation

District	Count	%
Puttalam	58	32%
Batticaloa	37	31%
Kurunegala	36	31%
Colombo	13	9%
Kandy	12	8%
Trincovalle	11	7%
Ampara	10	7%
Kalutara	8	5%
Gampaha	7	5%
Monaragala	7	5%
Matara	5	3%
Nuwara-eliya	5	3%
Matale	4	3%
Galle	4	3%
Mannar	4	3%
Kegalle	4	3%
Amunathapaya	2	3%
Ratnapura	1	3%
Hambarottala	1	3%
Ratnapura	1	3%
Total	150	100%



In 2013, Al Huda joined hands with SLMQ to commence scholarships for vocational training programs for needy Sri Lankan youths. Together with SLMQ we continue to explore more diversified opportunities to educate and uplift the Sri Lankan community. In addition, Al Huda works closely with SLMQ when it comes to special aid projects such as the Aluthgama Rehabilitation project and the Flood Relief projects etc.

More recently, Al Huda played a vital role in the rehabilitation efforts towards the Digana -2018 and Kurunegala -Chilaw-Minuwangoda Projects.

Finally, we would like to thank the President, the Executive Committee, the Advisory Committee and the Members of SLMQ for their continuous and unwavering support in our activities. We pray that this year's event will be memorable event in the history of SLMQ and on behalf of the members of Al Huda we wish to convey our heartiest wishes to the Symposium 2019!

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Symposium 2018



Cookery Competition 2018





Sri Lanka Community Football



SLMQ Football Team



SLMQ fielded a football team that participated in the OZEE 7's Veterans Football Championship - 2019.

The SLMQ team's performance saw them reach the quarter finals stage of the tournament.

Meet & Greet



A Meet & Greet initiative was carried out to create an opportunity for existing and new/potential members to engage and interact with one another.

The initiative saw a participation of approx. 100+ Sri Lankan Muslims (Families) attending the event. The gathering provided a social and interacting opportunity for the members to meet, greet, play while fostering brother and sisterhood.

Seminar in Sri Lanka



SLMQ provided financial support towards conducting a Seminar/workshop for graduates who sat for the Teaching Examination Finals in the North Western Province of Sri Lanka.

The seminar was attended by 130+ potential teachers and was conducted by leading Educationists in Sri Lanka.



Seerah Workshop



The poster features the Standard Bearers Academy logo at the top left, which includes a sailboat and the text 'STANDARD BEARERS ACADEMY' and 'EXCELLENCE HEREAFTER'. To the right is a circular portrait of a smiling man with a white beard and a brown cap. The title 'The Seerah Solution' is prominently displayed in a large, serif font, with the subtitle 'An offering of the Standard Bearers Academy' below it. The author's name 'By Mirza Yawar Baig' is centered. The main text describes a '2 - day work shop (for men and women) to derive answers to our worldly problems from the Seerah of Rasoolullah' followed by a small Islamic calligraphy icon. The date 'Date: 22 & 23 March, 2019' and time 'Time: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm' are listed. The venue is 'Student Lounge, HBKU University Education City Mosque Building- Doha'. The cost is 'Cost: QR 350 per person for both days' with a note '(Fee is for meals, and logistics. This is not - for - profit course)'. A QR code is located to the right of the registration information. The registration link is 'Please register using : <https://goo.gl/Eitxdo> or'. At the bottom, it says 'Supported By' followed by the SLMQ logo and the contact email 'For any inquiry mail us on: seerahsolution@gmail.com'.

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SLMQ supported a 2-day workshop titled “The Seerah Solution”, which was organized by Standard Bearers Academy.

The course was conducted by Shaikh. Mirza Yawar Baig, and was open to brothers and sisters.

Public Lecture



SLMQ Organized a lecture by Moulavi. Hasan Fareed on the topic
“ The role of family in building a society with high moral values”

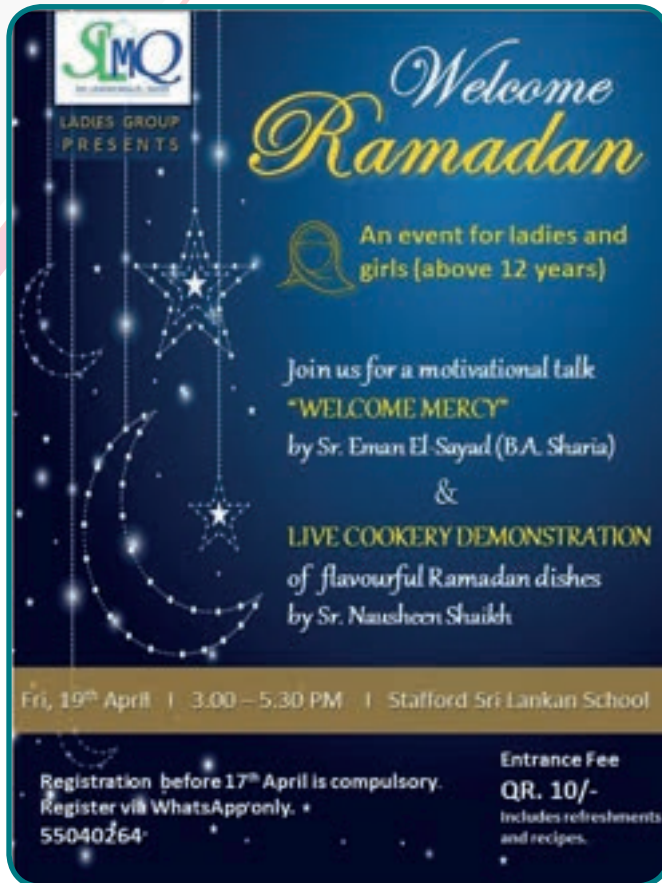
4th Doha Islamic Convention 2019



SLMQ was the co-organizer of this Annual Doha Islamic Conference event, which was held in Katara.

The convention was attended by approx 4500+ people and featured leading Islamic Scholars from Zimbabwe, US and Ireland.

Ladies Event



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Mid Year Review and Breakfast



A members get-together which combined a mid-year review of all SLMQ activities was held in July.

This gave an opportunity for members to provide their feedback and suggestions on the activities completed and also plan activities and programs for the rest of the year.

Women and Wellness Ladies Program



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This event is for women and girls above 14 years only.

Women and Wellness a ladies event was organized by the SLMQ ladies group.

This event was attended by 100+ ladies (members and non members) which comprised of an evening of interaction, discussion and learning on physical and mental wellness.

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Five Before Five

The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) advised

"Take benefit of five before five: Your youth before your old age, your health before your sickness, your wealth before your poverty, your free time before you are preoccupied, and your life before your death"

1

Your Youth

When we are young we have strength, enthusiasm and drive and putting those advantages in the path of Allah raises the individual levels.

The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) has told us that a young person who grew up with the worship of Allah, will be among the seven who are granted shade by Allah when there no shade but His. (Bukhari)

2

Your Health

No one can guarantee what tomorrow will bring. Our health is a blessing from Allah that we tend to take for granted.

The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said, "Whosoever begins the day feeling family security and good health; and possessing provision for his day is as though he possessed the whole world." [At- Tirmidhi].

3

Your Wealth

We should all have some part of our wealth to invest in the hereafter. Helping the needy, providing for orphans etc. all these secure a spot for us in Jannah.

Allah has promised us that he will repay us more than whatever sum of money we spend for His sake:

Who is it that would loan Allah a goodly loan so He may multiply it for him many times over? And it is Allah who withholds and grants abundance, and to Him you will be returned. (Quran 2:245)

"The feet of the son of Adam shall not move from before his Lord on the Day of Judgement, until he is asked about five things one of which is his wealth and how he earned it and spent it upon... (Al-Tirmidhi)

4

Your Free Time

Wasting time on idle things is not recommended in Islam. We should try to always fill our free time in the remembering Allah and being productive.

The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said, "There are two blessings which many people lose: (They are) Health and free time for doing good." (Bukhari)

5

Your Life before Death

We are all going to die, It is an inevitable truth. And how we spend this life in Dunya (this world) determines our life in the hereafter.

Take advantage of your life before it is too late...

"If you could but see when the criminals are hanging their heads before their Lord, [saying], "Our Lord, we have seen and heard, so return us [to the world]; we will work righteousness. Indeed, we are [now] certain." (Quran 32:12)



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