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The Amīr/National President  
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,  
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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 22 August 2014, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at the Baitul Futūh Mosque, Morden, London.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: By the grace of Allah, the UK Jalsa Sālāna begins next Friday. Quite a lot of preparation has taken place at the site of the Jalsa, *Hadiqatul Mahdi*, and guests have also started arriving. May God protect all those travelling to the Jalsa and make their journey easy. *Āmīn*.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) drew the attention of the volunteers towards their duties and hospitality and said: The guests participating in the Jalsa are not ordinary guests. They are of special importance, for they do not come to the Jalsa for personal interests, rather they endure rigors of long journeys and come to attend the Jalsa from far-flung countries just for the sake of God and Faith. When I observe the love of Khilāfat in the eyes of the Jalsa guests, I thank God, for this love is impossible to be found in any other human relationship.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: High-ranking people in worldly terms are delighted to volunteer for different duties of the Jalsa. In turn, these volunteers become a source of *Tablīgh* for people outside the Jamā‘at.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Almighty God gives special emphasis on hospitality in the Holy Qur’ān. Therefore, the hosts who selflessly serve their guests have a special rank with God, because their service is solely for God’s pleasure.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: There are some infirm, elderly and sick people among the participants of the Jalsa for whom travel, even from London to *Hadiqatul Mahdi*, is an arduous journey. Therefore every duty-holder, man and woman, should be courteous to them in every way. At times some guests are unfair, but even then every volunteer should always do his duty with steadfastness. Respond to the greetings of a guest with a warmer and heartier greeting, convey to him your good wishes, and make him feel safe and secure and express delight at his arrival as you express delight at meeting a close relative.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: We need to set excellent standards of hospitality. Utilizing all the means available to us, we should provide the best hospitality to our guests. The Holy Prophet ﷺ said that guests have rights and the believers should abide by those rights.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) related incidents from the lives of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and his companions رضی اللہ عنہم illustrating upon their spirit of hospitality.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: God was pleased with them due to their spirit of hospitality and declared that the selfless believers give preference to others over themselves. We should always keep this great principle in view.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke of the hospitality shown by Rabwah residents during the Jalsa days in Pakistan and also narrated faith- enhancing incidents of hospitality from the life of the Promised Messiah ﷺ.

Once when the subject of hospitality was mentioned in the presence of the Promised Messiah ﷺ he said: ‘I am always mindful that no guest should be inconvenienced. In fact, I always advise that as far as possible guests should be made comfortable. A guest’s heart is delicate like glass and is broken at the slightest of knocks. Separate food arrangements can be made for those who are not well.’

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Sentiments of a guest should never be hurt and to show courtesy at every instance is the duty of all volunteers. Workers of every Jalsa department are now well-trained and understand their work very well, however, at times over-confidence weakens the system. While confidence should be maintained, it should not cause one to overlook and neglect minute details of the task in hand. The security department needs to be especially active. It should also be kept in mind that with all the deep scrutiny on the part of the security department, there should not be any slackening in courtesy. Checking points should not have just youngsters on duty; rather mature persons should also be present with them. The most important thing is that all duty-holders should pray for their tasks to be accomplished in an excellent manner. Everyone should pray that may God enable all arrangements of the Jalsa to be completed on time and may all the facilities be available for the guests.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A‘lā,

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