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33rd Ahmadiyya Annual Convention Examines Religious, Contemporary, and Moral Issues

MISSISSAUGA: Over fifteen thousand participants attended the second day of the 33rd Annual Conference of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, a three-day event being held at the International Centre, Mississauga (Derry and Airport Roads). The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, which is know worldwide for its motto, "Love for All, Hatred for None", has been hosting such conferences for over a century throughout the world.

During the conference's second day, scholars discussed, amongst other topics, the moral and spiritual excellences of the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and the companions of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), the correct interpretation of the finality of his prophethood according to the most revered scholarship of Islamic history, as well as the correct understanding of the Shariah concept of justice and criminal punishment. Iftikhar Ayyaz O.B.E in his keynote address highlighted the persecution of Ahmadiyya Community in the world, he noted how the blessings of Allah have descended upon the persecuted and the community in general.

For the final day of the conference on June 28, the following honourable MP's, MPP's, Mayors and Councillors have confirmed their attendance: Peter Van Loan (Minister), Michael Ignatieff (Leader of the Opposition), Scott Simms, Jim Karygiannis, Judy Sgro, Mauril Belanger, Maria Minna, Navdeep Bains, Joe Volpe, Gurbax Malhi, Kirsty Duncan, Rob Oliphant, Ruby Dhalla, Harinder Takhar, Greg Sorbara, Reza Moridi, Bob Delaney, Lynda Jeffrey, Monte Kwinter, Laura Albanese, D. Kuldip Kular, Dr. Shafiq Qaadri, Amrit Mangat, Hazel McCallion (Mayor), Linda Jackson (Mayor), Suzanne Hall, Sue McFadden, Elaine Moore, Janet Davis, Mario Ferri, Peter Meffe, Tony Carella and Colin Best. Also confirmed are Chief Armande Labarge (York Regional Police), CommissionerJean Augustine and Preeti Saran (Consul General of India). Representatives of various faith groups, professions, academia and the media will also be in attendance.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is a worldwide religious organization that strives to convey the message of societal peace and harmony as preached by the Holy Prophet Muhammad. Currently, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is lead by its fifth Khalifa, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad. On July 5, 2008, Prime Minister Stephen Harper stated that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community represents "the true and benevolent face of Islam" and referred to its Khalifa as a "champion of peace."

The conference is open to the general public and admission is free. On June 28, the program begins at 10:30 a.m.

For further information on the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Canada visit: www.ahmadiyya.ca or www.islamevents.ca

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