



**Khoja Shia Ithna-Ashari Jamaat  
KSIJ MELBOURNE - AUSTRALIA**

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Newsletter October 2022**

### **Assalam Alikum**

We congratulate the entire community on Eid e Zehra SA.

Khoja Shia Ithna Ashari Jamaat Melbourne has prospered in the year post COVID and with the first complete year of the new management committee. This includes establishing the madressa under the management of KSIJ Melbourne in the suburb of Tarneit and imparting modern Islamic Education through the MCE Syllabus. It has been received very well by the community with over 75 kids and we will continue to grow it in coming years. With the focus of Jamaat to promote much needed bonding events and social platform to bring the community together, we organised an Eid Dinner during Eid Al Adha which was attended by 150 community members and their families. Moreover, the concluded Table tennis tournament in June was much needed break for the youth and was well received within the community.

The Jamaat continues to receive good feedback from the community for focusing on establishing a strong foundation for current and future generations to benefit. We highly encourage members to come forward in strengthening the Management committee in delivering these initiatives.

### **Fazeelat of Dua Faraj and Dua Tawassul**

The Dua Faraj is supplication of Imam Mahdi AS. In his book of al balad al amin, Shaykh al Kafami has mentioned that Imam Mahdi AS taught this supplicatory prayer to a prisoner who was then set free.

- Allama Majlisi has quoted some considerable books to have mentioned that Muhammad Ibn Baabwayh reported Dua Tawassul from the Holy Imam AS. He mentioned that "Whenever I said this supplication for any matter, I could find the traces of response immediately.



### **Exciting News**

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## World Federation 3<sup>rd</sup> Executive Councillors (EXCO) Meeting in Sydney and Office Bearers visit to Melbourne

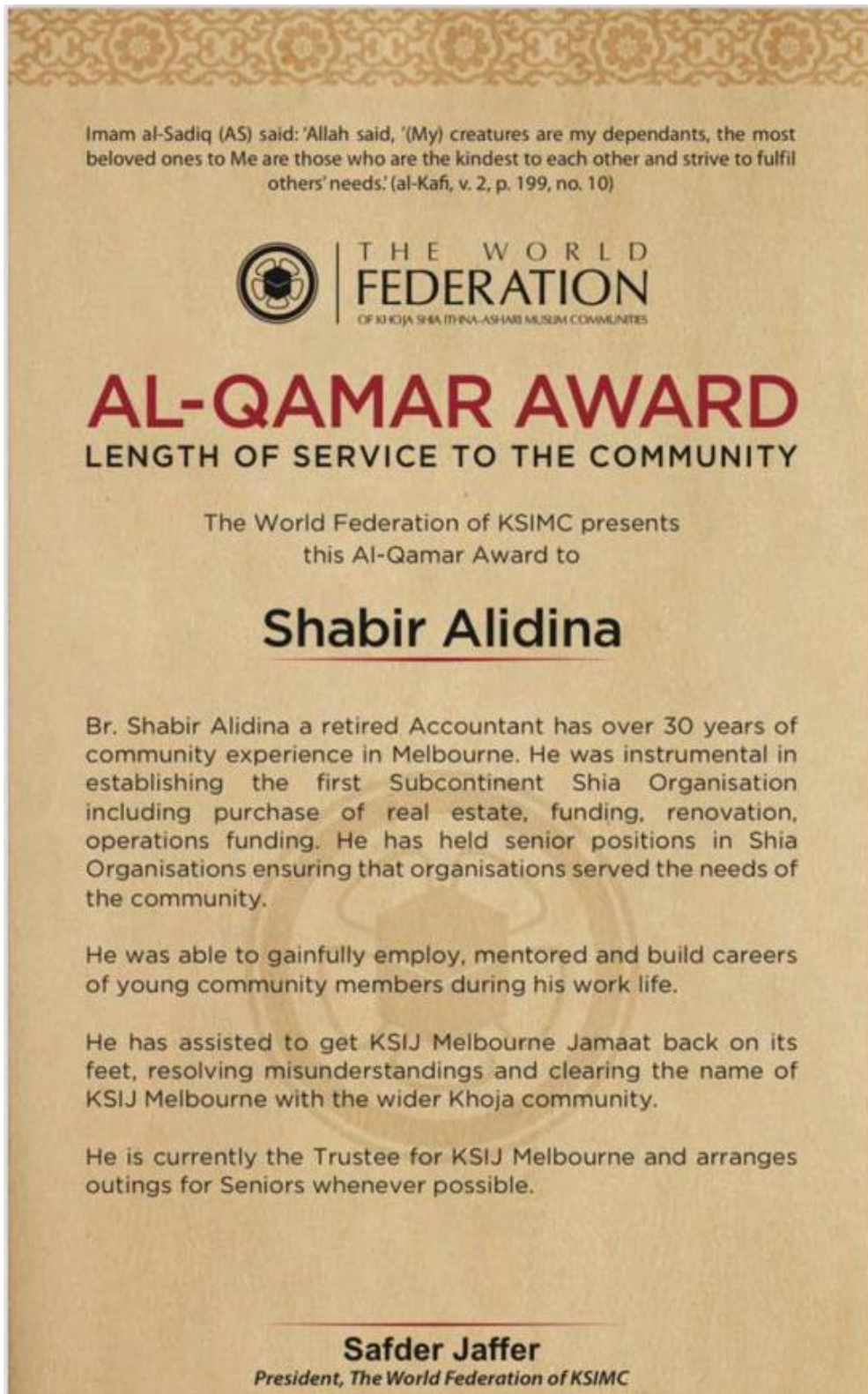
The third Executive Councillors of World Federation of Khoja Shia Muslim Communities, which is the parent body of Federation of Australasian Communities (FAC) of which Khoja Shia Ithna Ashari Jamaat Melbourne (KSIJ Melbourne) is part of was held in Sydney between 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September. It was attended in person by the Executive Councillors from Melbourne namely Br. Fahim Merchant who is also the Acting President of FAC and President of KSIJ Melbourne as well as other executive councillors Br. Riaz Hussain and Br. Irfan Dewji. The meeting also provided an opportunity to other members of KSIJ Melbourne Management Committee to participate and contribute and was attended by Br. Ashfaq Ajani, Br. Hani Lakhani, Br. Farrukh Sewani and Br. Abbas Raza. Br. Fahim Merchant in his opening address stressed the importance of a united Khoja Identity in Australia without previous geographical influences.

Alhaj Safder Jaffar the President of World Federation and Br. Arifali Hirji – Secretary General and Br. Abbas Aly from Imam Hasan Centre then visited Melbourne for a short visit on 27<sup>th</sup> September and interacted with the management committee of KSIJ Melbourne and Executive Councillors to discuss the overall situation and progress including future matters of Melbourne community.



## World Federation Al Qamar Award for Brother Shabir Alidina

Brother Shabir Alidina was awarded the Al Qamar Award for his lifelong services by the World Federation. Brother Shabir has served the community over decades and is currently the trustee for KSIJ Melbourne. He has previously served as President of KSIJ Melbourne and has held various management roles at Panjtan Society of Victoria. He has been instrumental in bringing communities together including resolving long standing disputes of community in previous years.



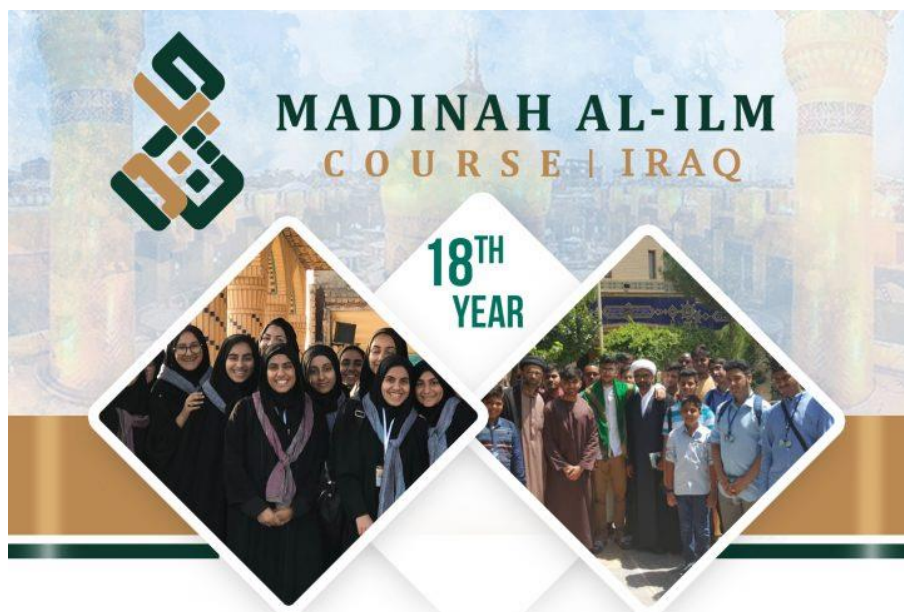
## MADINAH AL-ILM COURSE IN IRAQ

The World Federation of KSIMC in partnership with Africa Federation (AFED), the Council of European Jamaats (CoEJ), the North American Shia Ithna-asheri Muslim Communities (NASIMCO), Federation of Australasian Communities (FAC), India Federation, Pakistan Federation and Dubai Jamaat are providing an exceptional opportunity for youths to receive spiritual guidance and undergo an experience that will change their lives.

If you are a young adult aged 18 – 25 years and want to have an extraordinary spiritual experience in the Holy Cities of Najaf and Karbala, then our Madinah Al-Ilm short course is just for you.

This course, which has been running **successfully for 18 years** offers insightful lectures, visits to Maraje, Ziyarat tours and cultural activities. Participants on the course will achieve a balance of intellectual and emotional upliftment, which is essential to lead an Islamic life.

The course runs from **18th December 2022 – Sunday 1st January 2023** in Iraq. Apply before the deadline date **10th October 2022** to avoid disappointment



“ I came here with a lot of questions for which I was seeking answers, in return, I got such amazing answers that I fell in love with my deen ” - 2019 Participant

### AGE-GROUP

**18 TO 25 YRS**

Separate Courses for Ladies and Gents

### DATE

**18<sup>TH</sup> DEC '22 TO 1<sup>ST</sup> JAN '23**

Expected Arrival to Najaf by 17<sup>th</sup> Dec '22 and Departure from Najaf on 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan '23

### COST

Please visit our website for more details

The deadline for submitting the applications is **10<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

A course for achieving a balance of **Intellectual and Spiritual Upliftment**, which is essential to lead an Islamic life.

### The Package includes:

- Ground Package and Flight Costs
- Ziyarats in Najaf, Karbala, Kadhmain and Samarra
- Special Guests of the Haram of Imam Husayn (a) in Karbala
- Exciting Classes with Reputable Teachers
- Meeting with Maraje

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