

## MEMON COMMUNITY IN THE U.A.E.

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To all Members of Memon Community in the U.A.E.

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

We, members of the Memon Community residing in the U.A.E. salute the UAE soldiers who laid down their life serving the nation in Yemen and offer heartfelt condolences to their respective families.

إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ Allah Subhanahu declares in Quraan “And do not utter regarding those who are slain in Allah's cause as “dead”; in fact they are alive, but it is you who are unaware. (2:154)”. May Allah grant martyrs the highest rank in Jannatul Firdous Aameen! The Community stands united with the President His Highness Shaikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice President and Prime Minister His Highness Shaikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, His Highness Shaikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAAE Armed Forces, His Highnesses Rulers and Deputy Rulers of the emirates and citizens of the UAE.

Alhamdu lillah the 17<sup>th</sup> annual event held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015 was a success thanks to your support and participation.



Memon Community in the UAE held its mega event to celebrate Eid al Fitr family get together combined with 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Prize Distribution Function for the Community children who excelled in their final examination in the academic year 2014/2015. This annual event has been consistently held for the past 16 years without break. It was organized at the premises of His Highness Shaikh Rashid al Maktoum Pakistan School, Al Ghusais Dubai. Around 1,000 Community members their families and children attended and enjoyed the event.

His Excellency Javed Jalil Khattak, the Consul General of Pakistan to the U.A.E. and Dr. Akhtar Waqqas the recently appointed new Principal of Pakistan School were the guests of honour. H. E. Asif Durrani the Ambassador of Pakistan to the UAE could not join due to his son's wedding in Quetta Pakistan. Several senior and leading members of the community were present at the event. The visiting WMO guests and their families from Europe and Africa accepting our invitation also joined. Those included Haroon Karim Bha, Chairman Board of Trustees, Nawasad Gani Bha Deputy President, Mehmood Shaikhani Bha Deputy Secretary General, Sikander Bha Vice President Europe Chapter and other delegates from Europe and South Africa Yusuf Kamdar Bha, Nazir Okhai Bha and Dr. Haroon Bha.

Muhammad Iqbal Dawood, a member of Organising Committee compeered the proceedings that commenced with recitation of the blessed verses from Quraan by Muhammed Saleh Umer while translation in Urdu was read by Aiman Iqbal. That was followed by Na'at-e-Rasool (Sall Allaahu `alayhi wa sallam) presented by Abdul Rehman.

UAE National Anthem was played and all attendees stood up in its respect.

Organising Committee members presented Memento to both honourable guests. His Excellency the Consul General sought excuse as he had another engagement.

This year we did not get any report of a child for completing Hifzul Quraan though one child had advised to have completed certain chapters.

Table below (Collated and compiled by Muhammad Sadiq Haroon Bha) shows Grade wise 195 students, Girls 128 and Boys 67 who received prize and merit certificate. 224 results were received by email, facsimile transmission and hand delivery to Organising Committee members; 29 results did not meet the criteria.

Iqbal Shviani Bha called the names of each child to come on stage and collect the prize. Akhtar Waqqas Sahib, Haroon Karim Bha, Nawasad Gani Bha and Sikander Bha in rotation distributed the prize to successful children who were delighted and happy.

S/NO	GRADE	SUCCESFULL		Total SUCCESFULL
		GIRLS	BOYS	
1	HAFIZ - E - QURAN	0	0	0
2	GRADE 1	17	12	29
3	GRADE 2	17	7	24
4	GRADE 3	6	8	14
5	GRADE 4	8	9	17
6	GRADE 5	18	9	27
7	GRADE 6	9	4	13
8	GRADE 7	10	2	12
9	GRADE 8	10	2	12
10	GRADE 9	5	2	7
11	GRADE 10	6	3	9
12	GRADE 11	2	0	2
13	GRADE 12	0	1	1
14	O LEVEL & ABOVE	20	8	28
<b>TOTAL SUCCESFULL STUDENTS</b>		<b>128 GIRLS</b>	<b>67 BOYS</b>	<b>195 TOTAL</b>
15	<b>REJECTED</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>TOTAL RESULTS RECIEVED</b>		<b>139 GIRLS</b>	<b>85 BOYS</b>	<b>224 TOTAL</b>

Mr. Javed Jalil Khattak the Pakistan Consul General to the UAE in his brief address expressed his pleasure to be at the event again. He recollected that in the year 2013 before taking over official charge he had attended as Chief Guest the similar event held that year. He extended Eid greetings for Eid al Fitr and greetings in advance for the next Eid Al Adha to fall soon. He congratulated the community children and their parents and extended best wishes to them. He narrated several measures taken by the consulate to provide better and quick service to facilitate the members of Pakistan Community in obtaining ID Cards, renewal of Passports and attestation of documents required for various visa and other business needs. He acknowledged and appreciated the remittances sent home by the community members. He regretted that commencement of event proceedings were delayed and advised the attendees to be more disciplined and respect the time to reach venue early. Later, while talking to TV channel he commended the well-organized event that has been arranged by the community every year.

Introducing himself the recently appointed new Principal of Pakistan School Mr. Akhtar Waqqas also extended Eid greetings and congratulated the community children for their success in the final examination. He gave details of several measures that the governing body of school and its management has taken to improve both standard of education and status of the School. Renovation of school premises has been carried out that now presents a better look. User friendly and adequate IT system is being introduced. Required equipment has been acquired to facilitate and improve the teaching and monitoring processes.

Nawsad Gani Bha Deputy President World Memon Organisation also addressed the gathering. He acknowledged that UAE has been the main source of contributing Zakat money for the needy families of the community. He paid tributes to Late Aboobaker Cassim and Late Haji Abdul Razzak Yaqoob for their

unforgettable services they had rendered for the Memon community and their vision for establishment of WMO that was proposed on the platform of Memon Community in the UAE in the year 2000/2001.

Earlier Abdul Ghaffar Fancy General Secretary extended welcome to the guests of honour, visiting guests and members of the community. Explaining 2 main objectives of holding the mega annual event he said that the first is to provide community members a platform to get together, have interaction, meet and know each other exchange greetings and share news and views of their happy events and share each other's difficulties if any. Second objective is to recognise and felicitate the efforts of those community children who with their hard work and dedication achieved the excellence in their final examination in academic year. Such events motivate other children to concentrate on their studies and put in more efforts to achieve better marks/grades in future examination. Although these days advanced technology allows community members to communicate thru e-mail, skype, WhatsApp, cell and telephone, meeting in person, greeting each other and exchanging views and news is always more pleasant, joyful and useful for all and it is also considered meaningful for enhancing spirit of unity and brotherhood.

Describing the community he explained that memons are generally nonpolitical. Its members mainly remain engaged in business, commerce and industry. Community believes that its members should respect and follow the laws and regulations of the country they reside and play as important role as possible in the economic and social welfare development of that country. Community has spread to several countries of the globe. Here in the U.A.E. several hundred families of the community hold Residence Permit issued by the UAE Government. Memon Community members have built masjid, schools, hospitals and clinics in several countries. Community always comes forward to extend financial, material and moral help for the victims of natural calamities like Tsunami, Floods, Earthquakes etc.

Addressing the gathering in Memon language Abdul Ghaffar reiterated his earlier requests asking members to forward the reports on or before the last date specified, delayed receipt causes inconvenience in checking & collating the results, selecting prizes classwise and for girls and boys and other related arrangements. Members receiving the communication should inform those members who might not have knowledge of the event. He stated that this annual event has been held consistently for the past 16 years without any break. Hence if any member does not receive the communication he/she may call any organising committee member or send an email to enquire when and where the event is scheduled to be held. Organizing committee does not wish any child gets disappointed for being deprived of her/his deserving prize.

Thanks were extended to the donors and volunteers, for their support in making the event successful.

Special thanks were expressed to the Pakistan Consulate officials and Pakistan School management for their continued support and granting permission to use the school ground and premises for the event.

Thanks were also extended to representatives of electronic and news media. A separate letter of thanks has been mailed to all for their continued support, help, co-operation and encouragement.

Members of the Organizing Committee continue their voluntary hard work and put in efforts to have this annual event properly organized.

Mr. Umar Abdullah Maklai the Treasurer in his vote of thanks congratulated the children and parents. He also expressed his appreciation to the guests of honour for accepting the invitation and made it convenient to be present at the event. He appreciated support and encouragement exhibited by the members attending in large number. .

Proceedings were concluded with Dua'a. Guests were invited for the dinner that was served.

The guests of honour. Visiting guests and members present at the event expressed their joy and commended that it was very pleasing and successful event and that it largely achieved the 2 objectives.

During and after the dinner Members of the community were heard expressing their pleasure and appreciation for organizing the event that provided them yet again another opportunity for interaction, extending each other greetings and exchanging views and news. Children who received the prize and merit certificate were found to be pleased and happy.

The venue gave an impressive and festive look.

Catering services were provided by Charcoal Delight Restaurant located at Afnan Block, The Square, Near Movenpick Hotel and Spinneys, Al Mamzar - Dubai **Phone:04 269 4001**. It is owned by a memon family and they have offered a 20% discount on charges for Memon Community Members who visit the restaurant for meals there, lunch or dinner.

Organising Committee members reiterate their earlier requests that they welcome and will appreciate receiving comment, suggestion or thought any member has that could improve the proceedings and other arrangements to make this mega annual event better organized and useful. Young members who have passion to serve the community voluntarily are welcome.

**NOTE:**

**For those who could not make it convenient to attend the event for any reason are requested to please contact Umar Abdullah Maklai Bha on 050-644 8902 or Sadik Haroon Bha on 050- 452 6547 (currently he is out of UAE and expected to return on 17th September) to collect prize and merit certificate of their children.**

**Members of Organising Committee:**

**Abdul Ghaffar Fancy,**

**Umar Abdullah Maklai,**

**Muhammad Iqbal Dawood,**

**Muhammed Iqbal Shivani,**

**Muhammed Sadiq Haroon; and**

**Mohammed Ali Mangroli**

# *Event in Pictures*









