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CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS PROJECT

Preparations for the launch of the International Ladies' Wing's 'Children with Special Needs Project' are going ahead full steam with great support from the regional Chapters. To be formally launched at the WMO AGM at London in June this year, the ILW has undertaken to use its extensive network of ladies and youth to collect funds and assist differently abled children.

Initially, the ILW plans to distribute money tills among Memon business organizations in all Chapter countries as well as among the community, and also to engage children by encouraging them to use the tills as a sadaqa piggy-bank. What's more, since kids will be kids, the best 'saver' among them will win a prize. With an estimated 500 tills to be distributed, the project aims to collect US\$50,000 within the first six months. Special thanks to WMO COO ShahidSangani for his help in co-ordinating the project.

LOGO COMPETITION

Kids below 16 years old

Design an eye-catching logo, tagline and design for the till and stand to win an exciting prize, with the winner announced at the AGM.

Please visit www.memonworld.com for rules and regulations.

MICRO FINANCE SCHEME

The Far East Chapter has launched a Micro Finance Scheme to support the SME sector within the Memon community.

Phase 1 will launch with a Capital of Rs. 10Mn, drawn from the WMO FC Funds available with the Chapter from the Trustee Fees. Fifty percent of the funds have been allocated to assist female entrepreneurs.

Maximum grants of Rs. 1Mn each will be awarded to applicants. Applicants must be members of the Memon Association of Sri Lanka and present a Sharia compliant business proposal to qualify.

Apart from capital, the project will co-ordinate additional support to ensure that grantees are successful in their ventures. Training programs in basic book-keeping, marketing and other necessary entrepreneurial skills will be conducted by qualified trainers.

FAR EAST CHAPTER LADIES WING LAUNCHED

A hearty welcome to yet another member to the WMO! The new Ladies' Wing has pledged to fully support the initiatives of the International Ladies' Wing, as well as initiate local projects in the near future.

Best wishes to the founder Chairperson Mrs. Qudrunnisa Nazeer, and Secretary Mrs. Shazia Sangani - you have the fullest support of the entire WMO.

MEMON CONNECTIONS

The Memon Connections matrimonial service is up and running. If you wish to include your name in the database or can contribute to our efforts, please contact:

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MEMON INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE Graduation Ceremony

Yet another successful and fulfilling year the MITI drew to a close with the graduation ceremony of the 7th batch of the Institute's Boys' Section.

Comprising 740 students, the 7th batch underwent training courses from October 2011 to January 2012. Given the Institute's success and increasing demand for instruction classes, MITI has commenced evening classes for nine additional courses, bringing the total number of evening courses to 14.

The top three students in the respective courses were awarded certificates by the Chairman Mr. H.M. Shahzad, which was followed by award presentations to staff members for their outstanding performance.

FUNDRAISING

The South Africa Ladies' Wing has had a successful fundraising quarter. Through a variety of initiatives, they were able to contribute R30,000 to the BaytulNur towards providing Quraans for the Malawi Project, as well as R150,000 to the Al Imdaad Foundation to be used for aid assistance in Somalia.

With winter approaching, the ladies as in past years once again took it upon themselves to initiate a collection drive to provide warm winter blankets for the underprivileged in rural areas of the country. The Winter Warm Blanket Project has, for a number of years, provided much needed warmth and comfort and helped protect our vulnerable brothers and sisters against South Africa's harsh winters.



Orientation Ceremony

This year the Memon Industrial and Technical Institute hosted their largest orientation programme ever on March 1 with 1700 boys and 2700 girls being admitted to the Institute's regular courses. The event was a poignant one, as several of the orienteers have never before attended any educational institution, and lack even basic schooling. In addition to the boys and girls attending the regular courses, around 1000 other students will also be attending short term courses.

The newest batch enjoyed a grand inauguration function at the Institute premises, presided by Mr. H.M Shahzad – Chairman and Mr. Shahab Hasan, COO of the Pakistan Chapter. They also had the good fortune to meet Mr. Imran Panawala, Assistant Secretary General, WMO-UK & Europe, who was visiting Pakistan at the time.



WMO Pakistan Chapter hosts dinner reception in honour of Mr. Shoaib Amin Kothawala, Deputy President WMO and Trustee – WMO Charitable Foundation. Mr. Kothawala was recently on a visit to Karachi from USA. Held at the Karachi Club Annex, Mr. Kothawala who was on a visit from USA was attended by the Members of the Board of Management of the Pakistan Chapter, and was briefed on its various activities, including the WMO Rehabilitation Scheme and Education for all Scheme.

OVER 300 LADIES BENEFIT FROM FREE MEDICAL CAMP

The free medical camp by the Pakistan Ladies' Wing was one of the highlights of this quarter. Held on February 11th in Hussainabad, Karachi in collaboration with the Zubaida Medical Centre, Dhoraji Colony at Kaka Bawany Centre, the ladies put in a massive effort to co-ordinate the project

The camp included a dental check-up counter by the Jinnah Dental Hospital, laboratory tests assisted by pharmaceutical company PharmEvo (Pvt) Ltd, and blood grouping, ECG, blood sugar, cholesterol tests, etc.

The day ended with a much enjoyed lunch being provided to the tired but fulfilled doctors, organizers and volunteers.

Sale of household items

A sale of household items including crockery, toys, garments, etc. was also conducted alongside the medical camp, which raised a total of Rs. 26,000 for the Ladies' Wing.

COMEDY PLAY

An evening of comedy plays was held on 20th April 2012 held at the Pak American Cultural Centre (PACC) in Pakistan as part of the regular socio-cultural events organized by the Pakistan Ladies' Wing.

The team at ZHRSSS Productions put on two thoroughly entertaining plays for the 150-strong audience. What's more – entrance and refreshments were offered free-of-charge. Our sincere appreciation to PACC and its President Mr. Rafiq Tabani for the gratis services.

AWARDS CEREMONY

In recognition of the dedication and perseverance of its most enthusiastic members, the WMO recently hosted an Awards Ceremony at the Clover Creek Hotel to recognize the humanitarian work carried out by the members of the WMO in their individual capacities.

Special Awards of Recognition:

- a) **Haji Abdul Razzak Yaqoob:** Life Time Achievement
- b) **Mr. Aboobaker Cassim:** Better Performance
- c) **Mr. Muhammad Rafique Noorani:** Better Performance
- d) **Mr. Ismail Abdul Karim Gadit:** Better Performance
- e) **Mr. Muhammad Haji Bacai Noon:** Better Performance
- f) **Mr. Farook Kassim:** Better Performance

MIDDLE EAST CHAPTER

The Middle East Chapter has continued to carry out various activities among its members in order to further social interaction among the community as well as raise funds for humanitarian aid among its members in the UAE.

Ladies Wing



A One Dish Party was organized at the Hassan Darvesh Villa, in April 2011, where a team of Doctors spoke on the benefits of bio-hormonal therapy from plants to be used in the form of creams.



Members were treated to a trendy fashion display including designer shalwar kurtas and jallabiya at a High Tea hosted at Ms. Shazia Mukathy's chichfashion outlet - 'Fashion Verandah'.



A farewell party for the Head of the Volunteer Team Ms. Ruhi Latif, Head of the WMO Dubai Ladies' Wing Volunteer Team in appreciation of her hard work and outstanding contribution to its successes.

WMO WORLD WIDE ACTIVITIES – 2011

The WMO has seen a very active 2011 in Pakistan and South Africa, and is happy to announce that with the Indian Chapter registration complete, it will begin work in 2012.

Among its aid activities worldwide, the WMO provided roughly US\$2 million to Pakistan for education and housing for over 7,000 students and 200 families respectively, as well as emergency flood relief assistance. South Africa received Rends350,000 for the Somalia Famine Fund while Sri Lanka received US\$200,000 for housing support.

The total collection of Zakaat for 2011 was approximately US\$ 1,65M from the following Chapters

- Middle East - US\$ 250,000.00
- UK - US\$ 150,000.00
- Pakistan - US\$ 550,000.00
- South Africa - US\$ 500,000
- Far East - US\$ 200,000.00



Presentation on "Islamic Economic and Commercial Principles" by Mr. Bilal Jakhuraatthe City Season Hotel on 07 June.



The First AGM of the Welfare Memon Organization was held at the KolsaMohallaHalaiMemonMemonJamatKhana in India on April 15th.

World Memon Organization

9th and 10th AGM
22nd to 24th June 2012
London, UK

AGENDA

Day 1 - 21st June (Thursday)

- 2.30 to 4.00PM – Meeting of the Board of Trustees of The WMO Charitable Foundation (WMO CF)
- 4.00PM to 6.00PM - AGM for the year ended on 31st Dec 2010 of the WMO CF

Day 2 - 22nd June (Friday)

- 9.30AM to 1.00PM - Meeting of the WMO Board of Management
- 2.30PM to 4.00PM – 9th AGM for the year ended on 31st Dec 2010 of the WMO
- 4.00PM to 6.00 pm – 10th AGM for the year ended on 31st Dec 2011 of the WMO

Dinner Hosted by Dr Esmail Harunani at his residence for the Delegates

Day 3 - 23rd June (Saturday)

- 9.30AM to 11.00AM – Meeting of the Board of Trustees of WMO CF
- 11.00AM to 12.00 Noon – AGM for the year ended on 31st Dec 2011 of the WMO CF
- 2.30PM to 6.00PM - The first Meeting of the newly elected Board of Management 2012-2012 of the WMO

Gala Dinner Hosted by the WMO EC for the delegates at Memon Centre

Day 4 - 24th June (Sunday)

Trip to Leicester for a meeting with the Memon Association of Leicester