



Group of

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ZAHIRA COLLEGE COLOMBO

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The Birth of the Group

In early may 2004, a group of past Zahirians, met at a social gathering, and in the course of their conversation, a very familiar question cropped up:

“What can we do for Zahira?”

The answer to this was the formation of the Group. I would say it was long overdue. ‘Alhamdu Lillah!’ This initial group comprised of Zahirians who were successful businessmen and those who have excelled in academics as well as sports. The group’s objective was to promote and develop all activities at Zahira. An informal Dinner meeting was held in June to bring as many Zahirians as possible and to draw up a constitution, and the election of the committee.

This small but dedicated group, made their intentions clear, when they contributed and built a set of toilets/wash rooms for the staff of Zahira. I would like to mention at this point that there was no formal grouping. This was the stepping stone for greater things to come, and the birth of the Group.

The Inauguration

The Inaugural meeting of the Group was held on September 18, 2004 at the Holiday Inn Hotel Colombo. The Office bearers elected were:

- President - M. S. Macan Markar.
- Vice President - M. Fuard Jain.
- Gen. Secretary - M. Romy Hassen.
- Treasurer - M. T. A. Irshard.
- Committee - Tony Amith.
 - M. H. M. Mashoor.
 - Salahudeen Cader.
 - A. S. M. Muzzamil.
 - M. Y. M. Faiz.
 - M. R. M. Aly.
 - M. S. Mazeer.
 - M. M. Saheer.
 - Nafaiz Hamdoon.
 - Hazmie Yusuf.
 - Ashroff ghany.

Inaugural Dinner

The election was followed by a dinner. A distinguished gathering of past Zahirians, Friends and invitees graced the occasion. Our Chief Guest was Mr. Saleem Marsoof PC, himself a distinguished Zahirian. The Chairman Board of Governors Zahira College, Mr. M. M. Zuhair PC as Guest of Honour. We also had the privilege of listening to a witty and inspiring after dinner speech by Mr. Haleem Ghouse, Our Guest speaker.

The speeches by both Chief Guest & guest of Honor centered on the theme “Bring Zahira back to its past Glory.” They called upon everyone present to join hands for the betterment of the community.

The Dinner Committee headed by Ashroff Ghany and his team of Fuard Jain, Hazmie Yusuf, Mazeer and Aly. It was ‘full house’ and no doubt a tremendous success!

Ifthar

An Ifthar ceremony was held at the Miami Reception hall, Wellawatte, on October 27th, 2004. Here too a large participation was evident. The Ifthar sermon was conducted by Moulavi Hassen Fareed. His though provoking talk was centered around the unity of the Muslim community and there duty to rally round Zahira – the premier Muslim institution and assist this Group to fulfill their goal. The function concluded with all guests participating in Magrib prayers.

It was a well coordinated function, by the team headed by Mazeer along with Saheer, Irshard, Mashoor and Nafaiz. Well done!

Computer Lab

The Chairman Board of Governor requested the group of undertake renovating the computer laboratory in the primary section. In inspection same it was found to be unusable due to negligence and bad maintenance. Hence it was decided to provide a new computer laboratory with our member Mr. Branudeen Amith who is domiciled in Australia agreeing to undertake this task and used his Company m/s Archibuilt in the planning and setting up of the laboratory along with members of our group who also contributed to the success of the project.

Our sincere thanks goes out to

Mr. Branudeen Amith
Mr. S.M. Whab
Mr. M.F. Ammerdeen
Mr. Nafaiz Hamdoon
Mr. N. Lebbe
Mr. Confident Travel
Mr. Fuard Jain
Mr. Sam Macan Markar
Mr. M.S. Mazeer

For their generous contribution.

The completed lab, consisting of 8 terminals, was handed over to the student of the primary section on December 18, 2004. It was declared open by none other than Mrs. Ruweena Aliph, the daughter of late Dr. T.B. Jayah. We thank her for gracing the occasion.

Project Chairman, Tony Amith and his team of Mazeer, Muzzammil, Romy Hassen and Saheer, worked round the clock, to ensure the first phase of the project was completed on time. Continue with the good work.

Felicitations Dinner

We are felicitating our member justice Saleem Marsoof, on his appointment as a judge of the Supreme Court. The event will take place on March 25, 2005 at the Holiday Inn. We look forward seeing all members, their families and friends at this gathering, to make it a success. Tickets are available with the Chairman – Dinner Committee, Salahudeen Cader. Please refer additional information in the Flyer sent along.

Future event – Family outing for members. Date to be notified in due course.

Editor's request

All indications are that this group will lead the re-building of Zahira. Thus it is time for us to focus on OUR VISION for Zahira and coin a simple phrase, which can be the header in all our communiqués. Suggestions welcome. Thank you.

Hazmie Yusuf
Editor