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# Remo District holds Atfal Sports Camp

By Yusuf Hassan

**M**ajlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Remo District has held a sports camp for its Majlis Atfal between 30th November and 2nd December, 2018 at Ahmadiyya Mosque, Ilisan-Remo.

Over 33 Atfal and 8 Nazimeen Atfal attended the event which featured some sports events.

The sports events include: Arm Wrestling, Scrabble, Table Tennis, Football, Athletics, Taekwondo and Concentration Race, among others.

Besides, Missionary Abumu addressed the children on the purpose of coming to sports camp and words of advice were given too.

The Circuit President gave wonderful address following the presentation of prizes to distinguished Atfal who performed brilliantly in the events.



# Apata District holds Waqar-e-Amal at Gbekuba- Ogbagba

By Taofeek Salaudeen

**M**ajlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Apata District has held its monthly Waqar-e-Amal at Gbekuba-Ogbagba Area on 22nd December, 2018.

The team of 16 Khuddam led by Dil'a Qaid, Bro Muftau Hussein, participated in the dignity of labour which lasted for 4 hours.

The members ensured that the bush and dirt located on the land acquired by the Amir, Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Nigeria, Dr Mashhud Adenrele Fashola, was completely cleared.

The District Qaid in his speech eulogised the Majlis members who were in attendance for their display of high spirit of service and steadfastness which are sine qua non of this blessed Jama'at.



## Jalsa Salana: 12 Etsako District members perform Clinic roles by Abu Issa



No fewer than 12 members of Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Etsako District performed its roles during the annual Jalsa Salana held at Ahmadiyya Jalsa Ground, Ilaro-Ogun State between 14th and 16th December, 2018.

The roles given to the Majlis was to provide manpower for the clinic throughout the period of the programme.

Besides, the members were responsible for coordinating clinic traffic, card insurance and providing security for the clinic, among other duties.

The members on duty at the clinic were discharged after the closing prayer in the early hours of 16th December, 2018.

## Ekiti State takes Welfare to Iluomoba Chief Imam, elders By Abdul Azeez Abdul Lateef



The Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Ekiti State has taken its welfare visitation to the Chief Imam of Iluomoba-Ekiti Town, Alhaji Suleiman Muhammad Soliu on 8th December, 2018.

The team also also paid a courtesy visit to elders in the Jama'at at Iluomoba Town.

The Chief Imam, while receiving the welfare team led by Ekiti State Qaid, Bro AbdulAzeez AbduLateef, was delighted and

advised the Majlis to keep up its acts of welfare, saying that it is an essential part of the Islamic faith. He then prayed that Allah would uplift the youths for their good deeds with the prayer.

Meanwhile, issues of performing Islamic activities at community schools in the town were raised and the Imam promised to present the issue at the meeting of League of Imaams and Alfas in the town.

# Apata Atfal participate in Monthly Waqf-e-Nau Dars

By Taofeek Salaudeen

**M**ajlis Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya, Apata has participated in the last edition of the 2018 Waqf-e-Nau Dars at Baitul Raheem on 30th December, 2018.

No fewer than 8 Waqf-e-Nau children participated in the Dars while other kids were also present including some parents. The kids revised the previous lessons, memorized hadith, names of the Khulafa of the Promised Messiah (as), names of daily Solat, while they were also shown the pictures of the Promised Messiah and his successors.

Meanwhile, 16 letters in Waqfeen handwritings were also prepared and sent to his Holiness.

Apata Circuit President, Alh. Teslim Oniyide commended the efforts of Vice Circuit President, Bro Taofeek Hadi for handling the Waqf-e-Nau Dars effectively. The president also donated some amount of money which was used for the procurement of refreshments for the kids and sending of the letters.

Thereafter, Bro Hadi appreciated all Waqfeen Secretaries for their unshakable supports and commitments.



## Apata District pays Welfare Visitation to new convert

By Taofeek Salaudeen

**M**ajlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Apata District has paid a welfare visit to new converts in the Jama'at on 30th December, 2018.

No fewer than 5 Khuddam were led by the District Qaid, Bro Muftau Hussein to the house of Bro Olaitan Taofeek who just joined the Jama'at.

The Dil'a Qaid used the avenue to enlighten the Nau Mubain in the MKAN organizational structure and activities, while charging the brother to participate actively in all Jama'at activities as there are enormous blessings in doing so.



# Sagamu Locality holds Waqar-e-Amal, Tabligh Lecture, Get-Together

By Ma'ruf Gbadebo



**M**ajlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Sagamu Muqami has held its Waqar-e-Amal (Dignity of Labour) at Sabo Powerline Mosque on 30th December, 2018.

The Majlis who

participated in the community service engaged in cleaning of the mosque and clearing of the drainages.

Following the Waqar-e-Amal, the Muqami also held a Tabligh programme with the topic: Oneness of God in the Bible and the Qur'an, delivered by Missionary Abdussalam Oladipupo.

Questions were entertained after the lecture which he answered sufficiently.

Afterwards, the Locality, with 1 Ansarullah, 8 Khuddam, 1 Atfal, 1 Lajna and 4 Nasrat, also had its first get-together which was accompanied with a mouth watering refreshment at the end of the session.

## MIU Project: 24 Omi-Adio Khuddam volunteer for Waqar-e-Amal

By Mujeeb Apooyin

**N**ot less than 24 members of Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Omi-Adio District have volunteered in the farm work at Minaret International University, Ikirun between 7th and 9th December, 2018.

In a bid to sustaining the Agricultural Project currently ongoing at MIU, Amir (AMJN) Dr. M.A. Fashola, has requested for volunteer services of Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya members.

In respect to Amir's request, 24 Omi-Adio District members left for Ikirun to work on the farm on Friday 7th and return to their destination in 9th December, 2018.



# Excursion: Omi-Adio takes Atfal to Olumo Rock

By Ibrahim Adebisi



Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Omi-Adio District has taken the Atfal to an historic Olumo Rock for their excursion held on 24th November, 2018.

No fewer than 102 Atfal, 18 Khuddam and 1 Ansarullah participated in the excursion which lasted for more than seven 7 hours.

The Majlis Atfal visited the mountain located at the ancient city of Abeokuta, Ogun State.

The mountain, one of the most popular tourist destinations in Nigeria, sits in the heart of Abeokuta – a name which means “under the rock” in the Yoruba language. It has a height of 137 metres above the sea level. It was originally inhabited by the Egbas, whom the rock provided with sanctuary and gave a vantage point to monitor the enemy's advance, leading to eventual triumph in war.

With the help of two tour guides, who are versed in the history of the rock and culture of the people, every curl and turn at the rock were made to tell stories to members of Majlis Atfal and others in attendance.

They were able to view attractions like the natural tunnels, unusual trees, natural cantilevers, gardens on the rock, broken pathways, three escalators at the characteristic height of the rock as well as an aerial and atmospheric view of the antique city of Abeokuta, from the apex of the rock.

The panoramic view of other tourist locations in Abeokuta like First Church of Nigeria, the Central Mosque, the River Ogun as well as the Family House of late Moshood Abiola are all made feasible to the children.

## Gbekuba Ogbagba Locality holds maiden Family Get-together

By Akinwande Moshood

Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Gbekuba Ogbagba Muqami has held its first edition of family get together at Gbekuba Mosque on 22nd December, 2018.

The programme, which lasted for about 4 hours, had in attendance members of Majlis Ansarullah, Khuddam, Atfal and Nasrat.

Missionary Abdul Ganiyy Muhammed delivered a lecture on 'The Importance of Marriage' and this was followed by an interactive session where everyone gave their views on the discussed topic.

The Jama'at President, Alhaji Ogun appreciated the MKAN leadership at Muqami level for bringing up such a good programme especially nowadays when we have incessant marital issues.

The Jama'at president further advised that such programme should be organized regularly to eradicate marital issues in the Jama'at.



**MKAN  
IJTEMA  
2019**  
is coming.

**...Lagos**  
is calling!

## Facts About Bees for Kids

## CHILDREN'S CORNER



Honey bees must gather nectar from two million flowers to make one pound of honey.

One bee has to fly about 90,000 miles – three times around the globe – to make one pound of honey.

The average bee will make only 1/12th of a teaspoon of honey in its lifetime.

A honey bee visits 50 to 100 flowers during a collection trip.

A honey bee can fly for up to six miles, and as fast as 15 miles per hour.

The bee's brain is oval in shape and about the size of a sesame seed, yet it has a remarkable capacity to learn and remember things. For example, it is able to make complex calculations on distance travelled and foraging efficiency.

Honey bees communicate with one another by dancing.

A colony of bees consists of 20,000-60,000 honey bees and one queen. Worker honey bees are female, live for about 6 weeks and do all the work.

The queen bee can live up to 5 years and is the only bee that lays eggs. She is the busiest in the summer months, when the hive needs to be at its maximum strength, and lays up to 2500 eggs per day.

Larger than the worker bees, the male honey bees (also called drones), have no stinger and do no work. All they do is mate.

Honey has always been highly regarded as a medicine. It is thought to help with everything from sore throats

and digestive disorders to skin problems and hay fever.

Honey has antiseptic properties and was historically used as a dressing for wounds and a first aid treatment for burns and cuts.

The natural fruit sugars in honey – fructose and glucose – are quickly digested by the body. This is why sportsmen and athletes use honey to give them a natural energy boost.

Honey bees have been producing honey in the same way for 150 million years.

The honey bee is the only insect that produces food eaten by man.

Honey lasts an incredibly long time. An explorer who found a 2000 year old jar of honey in an Egyptian tomb said it tasted delicious!

The bees' buzz is the sound made by their wings which beat 11,400 times per minute.

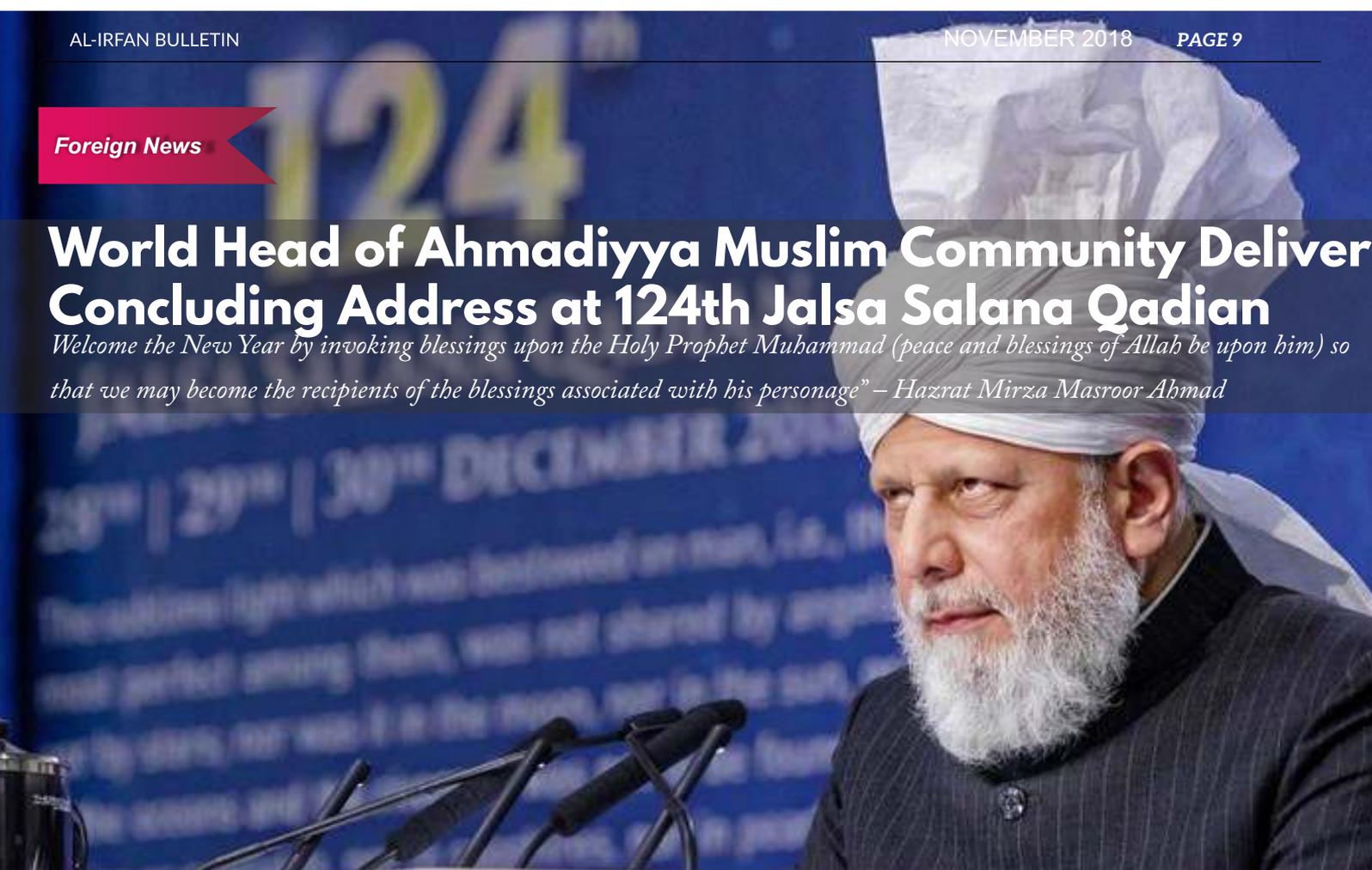
When a bee finds a good source of nectar it flies back to the hive and shows its friends where the nectar source is by doing a dance which positions the flower in relation to the sun and hive. This is known as the 'waggle dance.'

Honey's ability to attract and retain moisture means that it has long been used as a beauty treatment. It was part of Cleopatra's daily beauty ritual.

Honey is incredibly healthy and includes enzymes, vitamins, minerals. It's the only food that contains "pinocembrin", an antioxidant associated with improved brain functioning.

# World Head of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Deliver Concluding Address at 124th Jalsa Salana Qadian

*Welcome the New Year by invoking blessings upon the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) so that we may become the recipients of the blessings associated with his personage” – Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad*



The 124th Annual Convention (Jalsa Salana) of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Qadian, India, concluded on 30 December 2018 with a faith inspiring address by the World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph), His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad.

His Holiness addressed the final session via satellite link from the Baitul Futuh Mosque in London. Over 18,800 people attended the Convention in Qadian from 48 countries, while more than 5,000 gathered in London for the final session.

During his address, His Holiness outlined the grand status of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) as elucidated by the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him).

Throughout his address, His Holiness laid great emphasis on praying for the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and invoking blessings upon him.

Beginning his address, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad spoke

about the great services rendered by the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) in proving the pre-eminent status of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“By enlightening the world about the majesty and grand status of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) made the Muslims, whose faith at that time had been shaken due to criticisms and allegations levelled at Islam, more resolute in their faith. He silenced the critics of Islam and of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). In light of the rational arguments of logic and reason presented by the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), the opponents of Islam had no option but to put withdraw their critique.”

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad explained that the Promised Messiah's (peace be upon him) own great status was attained solely due to his complete devotion and incomparable love for the Holy Prophet



Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

His Holiness quoted several written excerpts of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) expounding the beauties of the character of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), including a famous couplet he wrote in Persian.

In the couplet, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) states:

“After God, I am intoxicated in the love of Muhammad sa,  
If this is 'disbelief', then by God! I am a staunch disbeliever”

His Holiness explained that at the time of the advent of the Prophet of Islam (peace and blessings be upon him) all faiths had moved away from their true teachings and idolatry was rampant across the globe.

The Arabs of the time were consumed by all possible vices, such as alcoholism, gambling, violence, usurping the wealth of orphans and many other evils. It was amongst such people, and at such a time, that the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) brought about a spiritual

revolution unlike the world had ever seen before.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad concluded his address by referring to the fact that sun was about to set on 2018 and called the attention of Ahmadi Muslims towards increasing their prayers for the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) in the new year ahead.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“Fill these last days of the year by invoking blessings upon the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and thereafter welcome the New Year by invoking blessings and peace upon the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) so that we may become the recipients of the blessings associated with his personage.”

The Jalsa Salana concluded with a silent prayer led by His Holiness.

# RISING STAR

## Single AMSA members should avoid undefined relationships just because they want to feel among - Nurudeen, FUNAAB Doctorate Student.

*As a BSc holder in Plant Physiology and Crop Production and MSc in Plant Physiology at the Federal University of Agriculture Abeokuta, Nurudeen is currently a Physiology doctorate student at the same university. In this interview with Ismail Rotimi Lawal, Nurudeen explains and proffers solutions to the challenges affecting plant physiologists in Nigeria, while he also reveals his wish to make something right in the world if he's opportune.*

### May I know you?

My name is Nurudeen Adeyemi. I had my primary and secondary education in Ijebu Ode before proceeding to Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta to study Plant physiology and Crop Production for my first degree in 2008. Currently, I am a Plant Physiology doctorate student in this same university.

### Briefly explain what Plant Physiology is?

Plant physiology is a discipline of botany which deals with the functional and structural systems of plants including their life processes.

### Why is the study of plant physiology important?

Plant physiology is important because it helps to investigate, understand, describe and explain how both internal and external factors including changes in the plant environment modify plant responses.

It also helps farmers and growers improve crop yields or outputs and also enhance the growth and survival of



different plant species. Also the knowledge of plant physiology will help in forging several advances in agriculture, horticulture, forestry, plant pathology and other disciplines of botany. In fact, researches in plant physiology have been and are likely to contribute immensely to crop improvement particularly in Nigeria where we have food shortage. Increase in crop production should be based on exploiting maximal plant metabolic processes.

The production of new varieties and strains should be taken into account based on the physiological attributes of basic material or genotypes. The control of soil fertility and overcoming the presence of excessive salts in the

soil through the knowledge of plant physiology have helped to increase crop production in developed countries.

### Do you wish to share with me the challenges plant physiologists are facing in Nigeria and possible solutions?

First challenge plant physiologists are facing in fact is fund. Funds to carry out quality researches or experiments that may lead to practicable findings which can be explored by farmers or food industries to boost our crop productivity.

Second challenge is the non-functionality of research institutes in the country because of lack of equipment and facilities to carry out research.

Third challenge is that there is a gap between the researchers and the end users either the farmers or industries. Most of the experiments being done in this country are not solving what the farmers or industries need, even they are not practicable on the fields. Our experiments are not useful; they remain in journals, thesis, dissertation etc.

Fourth challenge is that our scientists are poorly trained; there is nothing they can offer except few. If we check our laboratories in the universities, we would cry and pray for this country. There are a lot of equipment that I have never seen not to talk of being used.

However, there are solutions to these challenges affecting plant physiologists.

First of all, the government should be more serious by funding quality researches in the country and also equipping our laboratories and research institutes with modern tools, not obsolete equipment

Second, they should send scientists out for more training.

Thirdly, industries and non-governmental organizations should also support by providing grants for researchers and students. This will encourage them to do more. No one is ready to use his or her salary to do that.

Finally, problems being faced by farmers or industries should be adopted by researchers for experimentation and to provide solution. This will close the gap between the researchers and the end users.

### In what capacity can Ahmadiyya Muslim Community benefits from your knowledge?

I can serve this Jama'at as a crop scientist. If the Jama'at can establish a farm, I am ready to contribute my little knowledge to maximize the yield from the field, Inshā Allah.

### What are your forms of motivations?

What motivates me in life is the beauty nature of Islam; in the sense that Islam teaches us to live a simple life right from my childhood. I never take worldly stuff to be so paramount or a must. Everything is being decreed by Allah, so I always live my life to achieve whatever I can before death. Therefore, I do try to maximize my time and opportunities in accordance with the teachings of Islam. Those who know me enough will say Nurudeen is not always serious, because I love a simple life and I do play a lot.

But in Education, permit me to say it's inbuilt by Allah, I love learning new things every day.

### Can you share with me a challenge you had in school and how you overcome it?

The challenge I had occurred during my admission

process. I love calculation so much; therefore, I applied for electrical electronic engineering. Let me say fortunately, I was given plant physiology. I don't like reading too much of notes, it became a challenge and there's a minimum CGP I must have if I have to change back to my preferred course. It took me time to adjust but Alhamdulillah I finished the first two semesters with GP of 4.64 & 4.68 respectively. At the end of 100 level, everyone was expecting me to collect change of course form back to engineering, my dream course of study including my parents, friends and even my Head of Department (HOD). It became another challenge, I kept praying. Sincerely, I lost interest in engineering and I had a strong passion for physiology. Then, I determined to explore the world of plant physiology in order to enhance food sustainable. I was born into a farming family, I never dreamt of it. In summary, academic challenge was not that easy, being a first class student right from my first semester in school, it's expected of me not to have a GP less than my previous. It's easy for someone with low GP to rise than someone with high GP to maintain.

What I used to do is to know my courses for the next semester and evaluate myself on what I can obtain in each course to calculate my GP. I will do it again in mid semester and also before exam if I can meet up. If I planned to get 70, I worked for 80. One funny thing is I hardly read for a long time; what did help me was that I was used to teaching a lot of people, that means I would have prepared myself several times before exam. Lastly on this, I don't know how to cram; sincerely it's a great challenge to a botanist like me, but Alhamdulillah.

**What do you know as the keys to academic success?**

Number one is prayer. Let me give an example. Before I

gained admission, I used to pray to be successful in my academic pursuits and graduate with first class. So be it, Allah answered my prayer even before I graduated. People used to ask me: 'Nurudeen, you didn't use to read, how are you doing it.' I used to say it's Allah. There was a particular test that I wrote. I knew vividly that I did rubbish which I couldn't correct before the time. Do you know that when the result was out I scored the highest. The script is still in my file up till now. Prayer, determination and perseverance are the keys.

**Who is your mentor?**

Sincerely, I don't have any particular person. I just want to achieve whatever I can. If I can't be the best, I want to be among the best as Huzur (atba) said when he came to Nigeria in 2004.

**What is favourite colour and food?**

Permit me to use this English, I don't know fashion. A local boy, I think I love all with little dislike for something reddish.

For the food aspect, no favourite too, but I love garri and eba. I'm confirmed Ijebu man. Though I am selective in eating some foods, I don't eat outside.

**What is your relationship status?**

Alhamdulillah, I am married.

**How is marriage life Sir?**

Alhamdulillah. It's interesting and also challenging.

### What advice do you have for unmarried AMSA men and women?

They should be focused, be prayerful and planned ahead. They should not go into a relationship that's not well defined just because they want to be fixed or feel among. It may disrupt their academic pursuits. But they should be planning to married early. I was a victim then. I was single up till 500 Level despite the advice from my closest friend, Alaran Azeez. Sincerely, when I finished my undergraduate, I found it difficult to approach a lady because there's no time, NYSC and also focus in life has changed. I want to cater for myself, including my postgraduate studies. I lost interest in ladies. It then turns to the life of introducing ladies upon ladies. But Alhamdulillah today, if not, I may still remain single. Make hay while the sun is still shinning and be prayerful. Don't play dating games with opposite sex. I hate it. What you won't eat, don't try to taste it.

### How is your relationship with Khalifa?

I think I have written to the khalifah twice or thrice but this is a form of reminder. I will improve on this weakness of mine. I also used to read the Huzur sermon. I pray Allah strengthen my relationship with the Khalifa and every one of us.

### How was your activeness in AMSA at school?

I tried my best to be active during my undergraduate. I was the welfare secretary of FUNAAB when I was in

200 Level. Later, I became the unit president between 300 and 500. My best moment in school then was always with Ahmadi students. I used to eat together particularly cassava flakes and groundnut with the likes of Hafiz Bello Hameed, Hafiz Hassan Adeleke, and Alaran Azeez, among others. When I came back for my Masters Degree, I joined the Association again, to the extent of going to the AHIC at both Ilorin and Ijebu Ode. During my PhD too, I attended the one at Ibadan. I missed last year due to my Nikah. I love AMSA and am still an AMSA member.

### If you are given a chance to make a change in the world, what change will you make?

I want everyone to live in peace, loving each other irrespective of tribes, religion or whatever differences.

### What advice do you have for AMSA members?

Let every AMSA member be more active in Jama'at activities and try his or her best to exhibit virtues of good Ahmadi Muslims. Sincerely, the rewards will definitely come wherever we may be. Many of the past AMSA members can give testimonies including me. May Allah grant every one of us success in all our endeavours.



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