



Activities of our beloved Mowlana Hazar Imam during His 77th Year

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Governor General Of Canada states:

*“...(His Highness The Aga Khan is) a man who is perhaps
the only person in the world to whom everyone listens...”*

(Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson - 25th Nov 13)

His Highness Public Activities - 77th Year

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Let us explore the 77th Year of our
beloved Hazar Imam,
by
recollecting all the major activities
performed by Him in the **Year 2013**

“...I don't think there is a measuring stick long enough that would encompass the global impact of the work of the Aga Khan...”

(Diarmuid Nash - Past President of RAIC, Canada –27 Nov 13)

List of Countries Visited in 2013

Developing Countries

1. Bangladesh (Dhaka)
2. India (Delhi, Mumbai)

Developed Countries

1. France (Paris, Chantilly)
2. China (Hangzhou)
3. Canada (Toronto, Ottawa)
4. Switzerland (Geneva)
5. Portugal (Lisbon)
6. U.S.A. (Washington DC)

“...To be sure, few persons bridge so many divides—between the spiritual and the material; East and West; Muslim and Christian—as gracefully as he does.”

(James Reginato – Interviewer Vanity Fair USA – Feb 13)



List of World Wide Activities

First Quarter (13 Dec 2012 – 12 Mar 2013)

- **Meeting in Paris** with President of Tanzania Jakaya Kikwete (Jan, 22)
- **Interview** published by Vanity Fair USA taken by James Reginato (Feb)

Second Quarter (13 Mar 2013 – 12 Jun 2013)

- **Announced Engagement** of Prince Rahim with Ms Kendra Spears at Paris (Apr, 26)
- **Keynote Address** at the International Conference on Culture by UNESCO at China (May, 15)
- Attended 2nd Annual Pluralism **Lecture** by Kofi Anan at Global Centre For Pluralism (May, 23)

Third Quarter (13 Jun 2013 – 12 Sep 2013)

- **Interview** given to CNN about The Living Museum of the Horse project at Chantilly (June, 14)
- Ribbon Cutting at the **Inauguration Ceremony** of The Museum of The Horse (June, 15)
- **Wedding Ceremony** of Prince Rahim with Princess Salwa (Ms. Kendra Spears) at Geneva (Aug 31)
- Attended the **Presentation Ceremony** of the 12th Cycle of Aga Khan Award for Architecture in Lisbon (Sep 06)
- **Signing ceremony** of the renewed MoU b/w Catholic University of Portugal & AKU (Sep 06)

Fourth Quarter (13 Sep 2013 – 12 Dec 2013 - Part 1/2)

- **Paid tribute** to freedom fighters at the National Memorial for Martyrs in Savar and visited the Bangabadhu Memorial Museum, the former residence of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Dhaka (Sep 16)
- **Meetings** with different Bangladesh's Government Leaders at Dhaka (Sep 16)
 - Honorable Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina at her office
 - Honorable President of Bangladesh ,Abdul Hamid
 - Foreign Minister of Bangladesh ,Dr Dipu Moni
 - Finance Minister of Bangladesh, Abul Maal Abdul Muhith
- Signed a protocol **agreement** between the Govt. of Bangladesh and AKDN at Dhaka (Sep 16)
- Met with the **Jamat of Bangladesh** at the Ismaili Jamat Khana & Centre, Dhaka (Sep 17)
- **Private Tour** of Sundar Nursery in New Delhi with the AKTC officials (Sep 17)
- Attended **Inauguration Ceremony** of restored Humayun's Tomb at New Delhi (Sep 18)
- **Meetings** with different Indian Government Leaders at New Delhi (Sep 18)
 - Honourable Vice President of India, Mohammad Hamid Ansari
 - Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh
 - External Affairs Minister of India Salman Khurshid
 - Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha (upper house) of India Arun Jaitley
- Attended the **Banquet** hosted by the Vice President at Hyderabad House, New Delhi (Sep 18)

Fourth Quarter (...Contd Part 2/2)

- **Meetings** with different Indian Government Leaders at New Delhi (Sep 19)
 - President of India Pranab Mukherjee at Rashtrapati Bhavan
 - India's Minister of Urban Development Shri Kamal Nath and India's Minister of Culture Shrimati Chandresh Kumari Katoch
 - Chairperson, United Progressive Alliance, Shrimati Sonia Gandhi
- **Inauguration Ceremony** of The Aga Khan Academy, Hyderabad India (Sep 20)
- **Meetings** with different Indian Government Leaders
 - Governor of Andhra Pradesh at Raj Bhavan, Andhra Pradesh (Sep 21)
 - Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Shri Nallari Kiran Kumar Reddy (Sep 21)
 - Governor of Maharashtra K Sankaranarayanan at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai (Sep 23)
 - Chief Minister of Maharashtra Shri Prithviraj Chavan at Mumbai (Sep 27)
- Attended **Jamati Institutional Leaders Dinner** & departure from India (Sep 28)
- **Interview** to Ranjan Roy of Times of India (Published on Sep 29)
- **Interview** to Shekhar Gupta of Indian Express NDTV Walk The Talk program (Aired on Oct 05)
- **Interview** to Sandeep Unnithan of India Today (published on Oct 13)
- **Meeting** with USA Secretary John Kerry at Dept of State USA (Nov 19)
- **Awarded** with Doctor of Sacred Letters by Trinity College University of Toronto (Nov 25)
- **Awarded** with RAIC Gold Medal 2013 at Ottawa by Royal Architecture Institute of Canada (Nov 27)
- **Meeting** with Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni at France, Paris (Dec 06)

“Though he has no political territory, the Aga Khan is virtually a one-man state and is often received like a head of state when he travels...His projects, however, benefit people of all faiths.”

(James Reginato – Interviewer Vanity Fair USA – Feb 13)

First Quarter

(13th Dec 12 – 12th Mar 13)

“... The Aga Khan remains an outstanding bulwark against ignorance, partisanship, and selfishness...”

(Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson – Citation Remarks - 25th Nov 13)

The Aga Khan's Earthly Kingdom

Interview Highlights – James Reginato Vanity Fair USA – Feb 2013

- “It was a shock (when I was declared as Imam), but I don’t think anyone in my situation would have been prepared.”
- “When Daddy was killed, the three of us found ourselves with this family tradition none of us knew the first thing about... I never had any interest in it. Harvard is a great institution, but it doesn’t teach about Thoroughbred breeding. So it was a total surprise”
- “I’ve come to love it, It’s so exciting, a constant challenge. Every time you sit down and breed you are playing a game of chess with nature.”
- “...You cannot take one set of issues from one country and apply it to another. They are all different, in terms of history, and the religious compositions of the populations involved.”

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- “My duties are wider than those of the Pope...The Pope is only concerned with the spiritual welfare of his flock.”
- “It has always been the tradition of our family that each imam chooses his successor at his absolute and unfettered discretion from amongst any of his descendants whether they be sons or other male issue,”
- “An imam is...expected to protect his community and contribute to their quality of life...The imamate does not divide world and faith. That’s very little understood outside Islam.”
- “We have no notion of the accumulation of wealth being evil, it’s how you use it. The Islamic ethic is that if God has given you the capacity or good fortune to be a privileged individual in society, you have a moral responsibility to society.”

Meeting with Tanzania President Jakaya Kikwete at the legendary Maurice Hotel, Paris



22nd Jan 2013

“He has a very fine mind for investing—and he does a good job balancing the task of increasing his capital with that of advancing the needs of his followers. At the end of the day, he is looking for human profits.” (Former World Bank President James Wolfensohn – Quoted in Vanity Fair USA – Feb 13)

Second Quarter

(13th Mar 13 – 12th Jun 13)

“Karim has a great deal of charm,” says an old friend, “but underneath he’s made of steel. He does exactly what he wants, when he wants.”

(Published in Vanity Fair USA – Feb 13)

**Mowlana Hazar Imam announced the
Engagement of Prince Rahim with
Ms Kendra Spears at Aiglemont, France**

26th Apr 2013





Delivered Keynote Address “The Role of Culture in Development” at the conference by United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organizations

Culture and Development, How?

Speech Highlights – UNESCO International Conference in China – 15th May 13

- The closer linking of culture with development grew initially, I believe, out of an increasing respect for the pluralism of developing societies. We came to recognize, as UNESCO has emphasized, that “one size simply does not fit all”. And cultural diversity has thus become part of the development equation
- I noted that UNESCO...suggested that – and I quote – “one of the identified gaps in the Millennium Development Goals was their focus on outputs rather than on processes, what has been described as a concern for 'what' at the expense of 'how'”. My purpose, quite simply, is to talk to you about the “how”.
- Clearly, some projects will be too small to be worthwhile, but it is possible for projects to get too big, to become unmanageable or to collapse under their own weight. What is always needed is a keen sense of proper scale.

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- Our approach from the outset was that each reconstruction project should include a broad plan for social development. We call the approach Multi-Input Area Development.
- For all of these journeys, the development process has been long and complex, but filled with stimulating lessons. Let me briefly summarize five of them.
 1. Cultural projects depend upon an ethic of partnership.
 2. While cultural development often begins with physical legacies, planning must focus well beyond the cultural goals.
 3. Engagement of the local community from the earliest stages is imperative for success.
 4. We can never be sure just what we will encounter as the work of rediscovery moves along...we must be ready for surprises
 5. Planning for such projects must anticipate how they will operate on a continuing basis after they are completed.
- The case is proven in my mind that cultural development can contribute, in unique and distinctive ways, to the human aspiration for a better quality of life.



Introduced Kofi Annan, the speaker of the 2nd Annual Pluralism Lecture at GCP



23rd May 2013







Introductory Remarks for Kofi Anan

2nd Annual Pluralism Lecture – Global Center for Pluralism – 23rd May 2013

- In welcoming Kofi Annan this evening, I want to emphasize what his personal example has meant to all of us. He has truly been an inspiration, demonstrating the power of
 - Patience and Persistence
 - Willingness always to listen and
 - Refusal to give up hope.
- ...The central challenge of our time – learning to live peacefully and constructively in a highly diversified and rapidly shrinking world.

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- As Kofi Annan has taught us, pluralism requires
 - Constant dialogue,
 - A readiness to compromise, and
 - An understanding that pluralism is not an end in itself, but a continuous process.
- We want the Centre to be a place where we can all learn from one another about the challenges of diversity – and where we can share the lessons of successful pluralism
- ...Realize the Centre's potential as a destination for dialogue, a place where we can exchange ideas with true champions of global pluralism, like Kofi Annan.

“The selection...recognizes the extraordinary achievements of His Highness in using architecture as an instrument to further peaceful and sustainable community development around the world.”

(Paul E. Frank, President of the RAIC Board of Directors – Citation Remarks – 27 Nov 13)

Third Quarter

(13th Jun 13 – 12th Sep 13)

“There is such a strong relationship between His Highness and excellence in architecture; they are in a way synonymous.”

(Diarmuid Nash - Past President of RAIC, Canada –27 Dec 13)



Inaugurated the Restoration of The Living Museum of the Horse in Chantilly, France along with the Mayor of Chantilly Eric Woerth & Chancellor of the Institut de France Gabriel de Broglie



14th Jun 2013



Interview given to CNN Francesca Cumani at Chantilly (restoration of opulent 'Live Horse Museum')



Restoration of Live Horse Museum

[CNN Interview Highlights – Published on 16th Jun 13](#)

- “I had done this sort of work in the developing world, restoring historic sites, but never here”
- “It will be one of the few museums in the world totally dedicated to the horse, in all aspects of life”
- “The mayor came to me and said, 'Would you join us in financing the saving of Chantilly's race course?' And I said, 'But I'm not interested in only saving the race course. I'd like to widen the spectrum to the whole of Chantilly’”
- "The horse has always been a strong, independent animal -- a friend of man, not a slave of man. And I think that's part of the reason why it still captures our imaginations today."



Mawlana Hazar Imam, Prince Rahim, Princess Salwa (Ms Kendra Spears) and members of the Imam's family pose for a photograph with the members of the Ismaili Leaders' International Forum after the Nikah Ceremony



31st Aug 2013



04th Sep 2013



Received in Lisbon by Minister Pedro Mota Soares & Ismaili Council President Amiralali Bhanji



Meeting with Minister of Foreign Affairs



Welcomes Cardinal Patriarch of Lisbon





Welcomes Charles Correa to a luncheon, hosted at Ismaili Center Lisbon, ahead of AKA



Mowlana Hazar Imam & Portugese President Cavaco Silva arrived at Castle of Sao Jorge in Lisbon for 12th Presentation Ceremony of Aga Khan Award for Architecture

06th Sep 2013





Hosted the Presentation Ceremony of the 12th Cycle of the Aga Khan Award for Architecture





Steering Committee for the 12th Cycle of the Aga Khan Award for Architecture

Spirit of “World-Awareness”

Speech Highlights – 12th Cycle of AKAA at Lisbon, Portugal – 06th Sep 13

- This is the twelfth time over 36 years that we have presented the Aga Khan Award for Architecture.
- Our ceremony tonight is only the second one we have held in predominantly Christian countries.
- ...an essential dimension of the Award: While its roots lie deep in our concern for the state of Islamic architecture, the Award is also committed to a spirit of pluralism and a respect for diversity...
- It was on the Iberian Peninsula, of course, that one of history's great pluralistic societies flourished for several centuries, a home for Christian and Jewish peoples that was also part of an Islamic empire
- It was in that same spirit of “world awareness” that this Award was founded, and it is in that spirit that it is presented tonight
- I remember the sense of overpowering beauty I felt when I first walked through the streets of Manaus in Brazil

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- As I think back to the origins of this Award almost four decades ago, I recall my own growing realisation at that time that the proud architectural heritage of the Islamic world was endangered.
- The result was that, for huge segments of the world's population, cultural memory was fading, & an enormous cultural disaster seemed to be looming.
- Much of the Islamic architectural practice seemed to be consumed by a growing passion to be truly “modern”, or by a rudderless quest to be fashionably “global”.
- The Award was designed, from the start, not only to honour exceptional achievement, but also to pose fundamental questions. For Example,
 - How could Islamic architecture embrace more fully the values of cultural continuity, while also addressing the needs and aspirations of rapidly changing societies?
 - How could we mirror more responsively the diversity of human experience and the differences in local environments?
 - How could we honour inherited traditions while also engaging with new social perplexities and new technological possibilities?

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- We believed that our Quranic heritage gave us the responsibility, as good stewards of the Divine creation, to shape and reshape our earthly environment in the service of humankind.
- I would note that the world will soon reach a tipping point, where a majority of the world's population for the first time will live in urban rather than rural environments.
- Parks and other open spaces, new and restored, can revive something of the balance between human construction and natural space. And they are astonishingly popular, with people of all economic backgrounds, and with people of all ages.
- it is amazing, and deeply humbling to see what a difference the built environment can make, in enhancing the everyday moments of everyday life.
- The future will bring an ever-demanding set of new challenges, such as global urbanisation. My hope is that the Award will always be responsive to the challenge of change.



In conversation with the Rector of the CUP, following the signing of the renewed MoU between the Catholic University of Portugal & the Aga Khan University



06th Sep 2013

“We are fortunate to count him as a great friend of Indian heritage and I have no doubt that we will be able to continue this rich partnership into the future.” (Prime Minister of India – Inauguration Ceremony – 18 Sep 13)

Fourth Quarter

(13th Sep 13 – 12th Dec 13)

“We are honouring a man (His Highness Aga Khan) who as a leader of the Ismaili community, and a globally accepted statesman we all happen to respect immensely.” (Chancellor Graham – Trinity College – 25 Nov 13)

16th Sep 2013



Mawlana Hazar Imam greeted in Bangladesh by the Ambassador from the PM's Office, Mohd Ziauddin along with the Foreign Minister, Dr Dipu Moni. Also, Ismaili Council President, Rai Sulaiman Ajanee & President Banoo welcomed Hazar Imam





**Mawlana Hazar Imam
paid tribute to freedom
fighters at the National
Memorial for Martyrs in
Savar and the
Bangabadhu Memorial
Museum, the former
residence of
Bangladesh's founding
leader Sheikh Mujibur
Rahman**





**Meeting held with
Honorable Prime Minister of Bangladesh
Sheikh Hasina at her office**

**Meeting held with Honorable
President of Bangladesh Abdul Malik**

16th Sep 2013

16th Sep 2013



Signed protocol agreement b/w AKDN & Govt. of Bangladesh to boost AKDN works





Meeting with Foreign Minister of Bangladesh, Dr. Dipu Moni



Meeting with Finance Minister of Bangladesh, Abul Maal Abdul Muhith



President Ismail Council for Bangladesh, Ajanee presents a gift to Mawlana Hazar Imam at the Ismaili Jamatkhana & Centre, Dhaka before his departure to India



Mowlana Hazar Imam received in New Delhi by Jamati & AKDN Leaders



17th Sep 2013



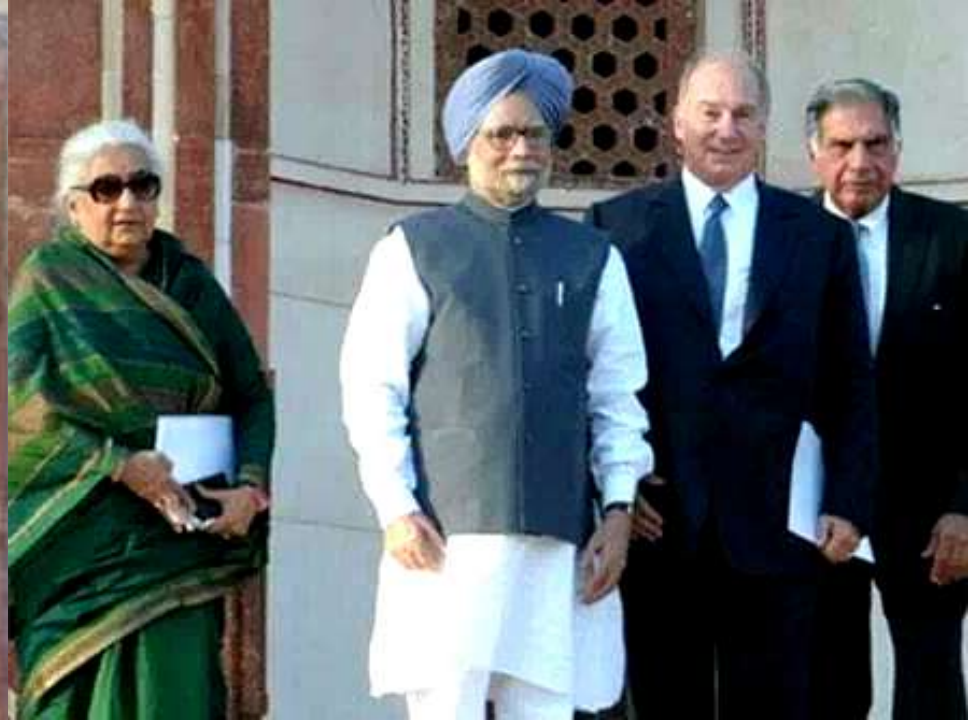
Mowlana Hazar Imam, accompanied by Prince Hussain, receives private tour of Sundar Nursery & Sundar Burj with officials from the Aga Khan Trust for Culture

18th Sep 2013



Inauguration Ceremony of the Restoration of the Humayun's Tomb in Delhi, India

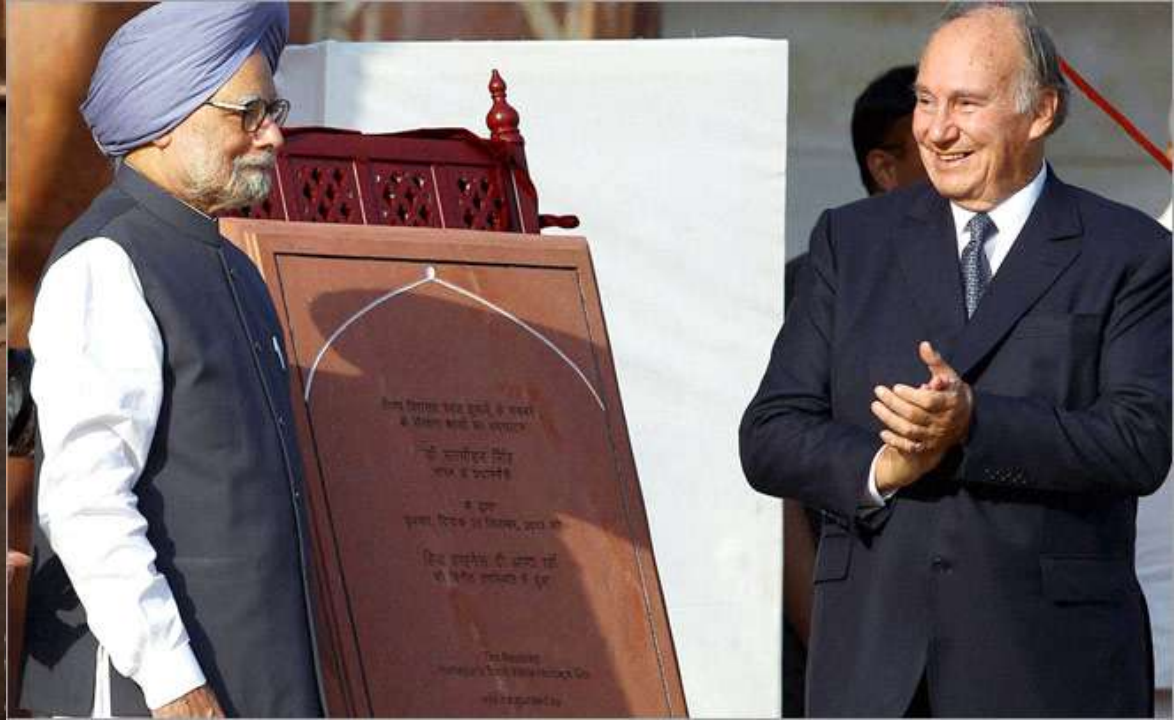




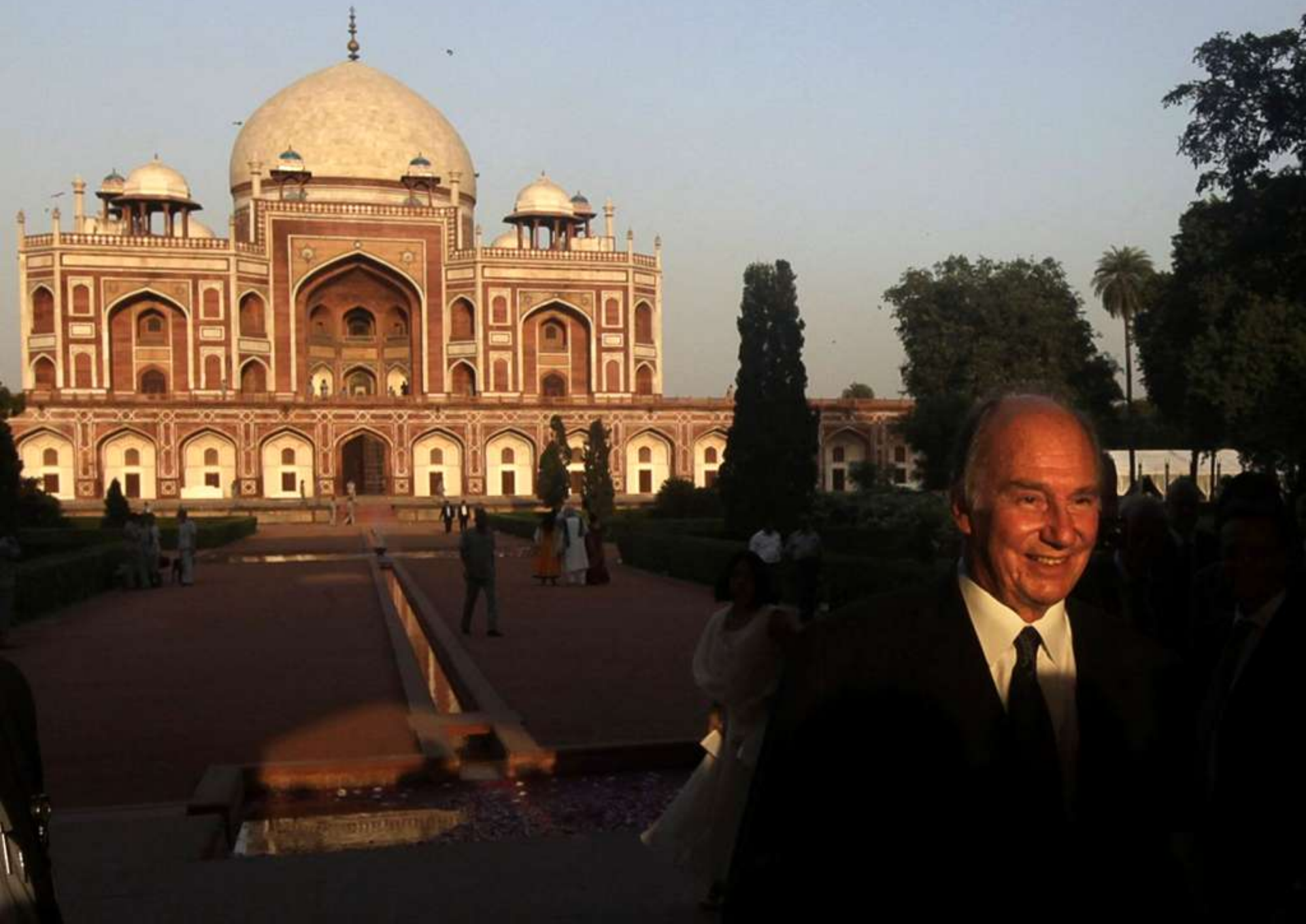
















Public-Private Partnership Projects

Speech Highlights – Inauguration of the Restoration of Humayun's Tomb – 18th Sep 13

- This inauguration ceremony marks the accomplishment of a great goal; ... and we can be confident that the Complex will be able to welcome, on a sustainable basis, a larger number of additional annual visitors in the years ahead.
- The combined sites will create a heritage zone of unmatched scale, value and visibility – a proud symbol of Indian history – featuring one of the world's largest concentrations of medieval Islamic buildings.
- A central premise of our work is that cultural enrichment and historic restoration can also be effective springboards for economic and social progress.
- The impact of such projects can begin by diversifying local economies, expanding employment & teaching new skills.

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- An intimate part of our program is what we call a “quality of life assessment” concerning the surrounding community -- a measuring process that begins when a project is launched, and continues long beyond its completion.
- What we honor, above all else, is the spirit of partnership in which this work has unfolded.
- An Ethic of Partnership means that traditional separations between public and private domains must be set aside, so that public-private partnerships can thrive as an essential keystone for effective development.
- The role of governments – including municipalities – is essential, of course, in providing “an enabling environment” for development. But the public sector cannot do this work alone.
- This Humayun Tomb project was the first Public-Private Partnership for cultural heritage in Indian history.
- Public-private collaboration will be essential.

Meetings with Indian Government Leaders



With Prime Minister Manmohan Singh

With Minister of External Affairs Salman Khurshid



18th Sep 2013



With Vice President Mohd Hamid Ansari

18th Sep 2013



Attended the Banquet hosted by the Vice President at Hyderabad House, New Delhi



19th Sep 2013



Meeting with President of India Pranab Mukherjee at Rashtrapati Bhavan

19th Sep 2013



With Minister for Culture Shrimati Katoch With Leader of the Opposition Arun Jaitley



With Chairperson of the United Progressive Alliance Sonia Gandhi



27th Sep 2013



With Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Prithviraj Chavan

Charity, is not our notion of Development

Interview Highlights – Sandeep Unithan India Today – Sep 2013

- The development exercise whether in culture or industry or agriculture projects have a time-frame which is between ten and twenty years.
- It was the Prime Minister who in a speech in AKTC forum talked about public-private partnerships — we haven't heard that before on cultural activities, we've heard it before on economic activities but not on cultural activities.
- Often the local community have a tradition and a knowledge and experience of the asset and they are sensitive and in this case, Ratish (Ratish Nanda, the AKTC's project director in India) were able to get buy-in.
- Essentially what we are talking about is converting dormant assets into productive assets for a local economy or a national economy.
- Baseline study would tell us how many people we would hope to impact — in what time, in what ways — so it will give us what I would call “targets in quality of life”, numbers of people.

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- One of the threats of this program is what they call gentrification. That is, you change the nature of the environment, you bring new value to the assets, people tend to monetise those assets, so they tend to sell, to rent, move to other areas and very often, they don't manage their added wealth very well.
- Think what drives our network is to enable people to manage their destinies. Once they manage their destinies, you will see, generally speaking, a take-off situation.
- ...Charity, is not our notion of development. Our notion of development is to assist people to go from a notion of an unsatisfactory position of development to an autonomous position. That to us is what is important. Once they are autonomous, our role is finished. They can manage their destiny.
- There is a natural instinct in people to try to improve their living environment.
- The rejection of people who don't want to live in plural societies and this, to me, is one of the great threats of our times and I think that the IT communications has added to this, because it has projected the individual out of his society

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- ...It's a history. It's important that they respect it. It's important that they understand that these previous societies were powerful, they were pluralist and if you look, most of the successful civilisations have been pluralist, they have drawn talent from every community
- Rebuilding civil society is absolutely critical. The problem there is that there is not one civil society, there are many civil societies, because we are talking about different ethnic groups, because different ethnic groups have their own dynamic.
- Let it be what it is, don't force change. Once it works with you, it is a wonderful resource. You have to do it this way, you have to do it that way, by imposing priorities on the rehabilitation. I think in our rural support programmes if we've learnt anything, it is to listen.
- The Ismaili community is a very international community in terms of its history, its background, languages. Just our religious education is in seven languages

20th Sep 2013



20th Sep 2013



Inaugurated The Aga Khan Academy in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India

20th Sep 2013



20th Sep 2013













Interconnected, International Experience

Speech Highlights – Inauguration of Aqa Khan Academy, Hyderabad, India – 20th Sep 13

- Now, seven years later, we come back to this same, special place to mark a moment of important progress on our journey.
- Site selection & availability is critical to our whole concept of creating an international network of academies in Asia Africa.
- We felt that parents would recognise the immense benefits of having their children live together in a multi-national environment, offering rigorous academic values, along with a rich array of non-academic, extra-curricular activities.
- An equally important issue has been the criteria for what we actually build on each site.
- This site has been developing beautifully...
- Our foundation stone ceremony seven years ago focused on the word “Beginning”. Today, we are proud and grateful that we can talk about “Continuing”.

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- One central thought I would like to have you take away from this day, it is the interconnected, international dimension of our envisioned academy experience.
- Our planning is that there eventually will be 18 Academies, situated in 14 countries.
- When the programme is complete, our students will have the opportunity to speak and learn in Hindi, Urdu, Arabic, Dari, Kyrgyz, Bengali, Swahili, Russian, French, English and Portuguese.
- In sum, we should think of this developing Academies Network, as a single, coherent institution, geographically dispersed but highly coordinated.
- This systematic sharing, we are confident, will transform and elevate the quality of teaching and learning for everyone.

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- ...learning there to think creatively about complex social and economic challenges, while also being steeped in a powerful ethic of service.
- Such restoration projects, we are convinced, can also provide splendid opportunities for education for the students of our Academies.
- It has become commonplace to talk of an inter-connected planet, with global communities of trade and finance, science and medicine, governance and diplomacy, education and culture. It is our intention that our Academy graduates will eventually become accomplished leaders in all of these fields.
- We believe that our Academies network will foster a lively sense of world awareness among all its students.
- The ongoing objective in all of this work is to provide an outstanding education for outstanding students – to prepare men & women of exceptional ability to meet extraordinary challenges.
- Our engagement in education has been a long, continuing story. It is a hopeful and exciting story, a story of expanding impact all around the world.

September 2013



WALK THE TALK WITH THE AGA KHAN



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Mawlana Hazar Imam gave Interview to NDTV Shekhar Gupta at The Aga Khan Academy, Hyderabad, India



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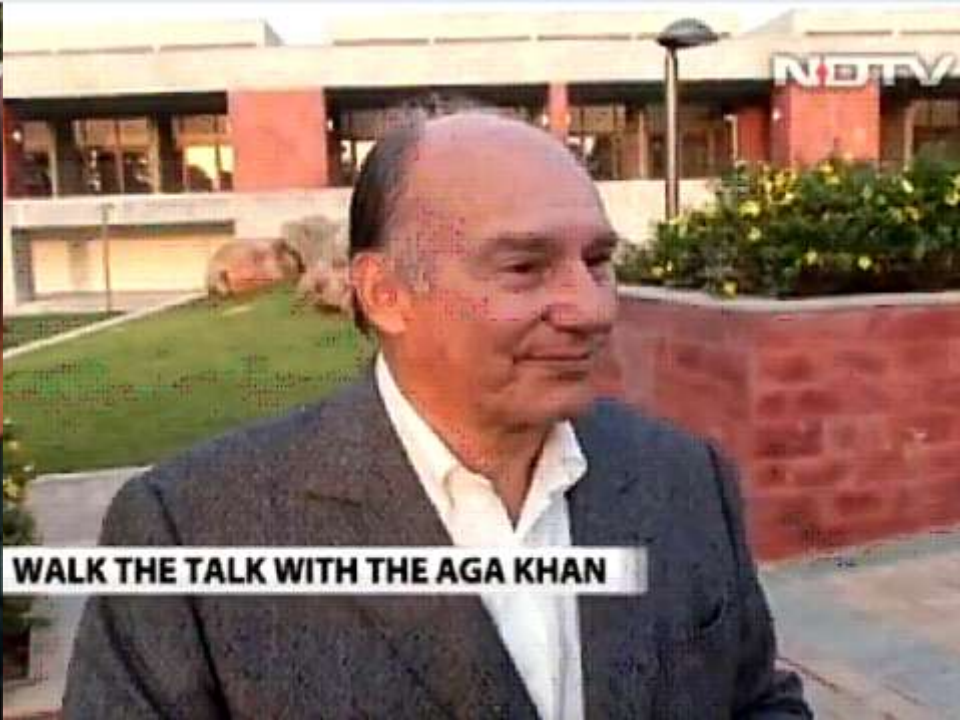


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Aga Khan Development Network



WALK THE TALK WITH THE AGA KHAN

What is the definition of an Educated person?

[Interview Highlights - Shekhar Gupta NDTV 'Walk The Talk' – Sep 13](#)

- I think my grandfather and I have always felt that education an essential part of a community's life, of a country's life, of an individual's life.
- We decided that instead of trying to respond on a country by country basis, we would try to make a network of institutions to move intelligent children from one society to another, from one language to another so that we would try and build global capacity
- Merit and indeed it goes further than that because it is means blind so the moment a child is qualified its our responsibility to find the ability to fund that.
- In Islam its very clear, charity is desirable, necessary, but the best form of charity is to enable an individual to manage their own destiny, to improve his condition of life — or her condition of life — so that they become autonomous. They make their own decisions.
- Imams are responsible for the security of their community, for the quality of life of their community — they must engage, but they have to engage ethically.

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- We are trying to understand the polarisations that are occurring in our world, in the industrialised world. We're seeing that the industrialised world is no longer the industrialised world as it was 10 years ago, 15 years ago.
- In 2013 what is the definition of an educated person? What is the knowledge that that person should have and how is that person going to use it? And the knowledge that that person requires, in my view, is more and more understanding the world not understanding little parts of it. And I think that understanding the world is a massively complex goal but I think that we've got to admit that that's what's necessary. It's unavoidable. **We're more of one world than ever before.**
- I think there are certain, certain areas of the Muslim world which are more, let's say, questioned than others but I don't think that's universal, really not. And that's happened in other faiths — let's be quite clear.
- I tend to think — and this is a personal view — that what we're beginning to see in the Ummah, in these unstable situations, is the manifestation of civil society.

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- Any country, my view is that people have the right to practise their faith. Whatever it is. So that is, to me, a human right.
- Look you are Muslims. And so long as you are Muslims abide by the basic identification of what makes a Muslim — which is the Shahada — well that's where it stops.
- I think there is anger that is in many, many Muslim countries today because I think the Ummah feels targeted — and targeted essentially for 911 — and the Ummah as a body of millions and millions of people around the world had nothing to do with that.
- I would say many of the conflicts we see today have got nothing to do with faith. They are the children of political mismanagement or worse.
- We can't do our work if we don't carry risk. But what we try to avoid is that the risk becomes so severe that we jeopardise the future of an institution.
- It's very difficult to build something which is solid with a magic wand. It takes time. You have to be consistent. You'll have your ups and downs, but if you wander, you don't get there.
- Well, I think that if people are happy, that's part of my role.

20th Sep 2013





21st Sep 2013



23rd Sep 2013



Meeting with Maharashtra Governor K Sankaranarayanan at Raj Bhawan in Mumbai







28th Sep 2013



Mawlana Hazar Imam inspects Ismaili Bulbuls and Cubs at Hasanabad in Mazagaon, India — the burial place of Hazrat Imam Aga Hasan Ali Shah, Aga Khan I

28th Sep 2013



Mawlana Hazar Imam attended the Jamati Institutional Leaders Dinner



28th Sep 2013



Ethics – An Integral Part of Curriculams

[Interview Highlights – Ranjan Roy, The Times of India – 29th Sep 13](#)

- When you are teaching ethics as a subject, you teach it as a continuum of all subjects
- If you have a society which is regulated for 50 years where the individual is taught by the government about what is right and wrong, he can't be creative and think for himself.
- Civil society has to be driven first by competence. Secondly, it has to be driven by ethical behaviour because otherwise it would leave itself vulnerable to attacks.
- Freedom has been taken to a point where unethical behaviour has become acceptable...That kind of freedom enables the individual to behave in ways that are unhelpful to society, to its institutions.
- We could hopefully create young children who could go to any national or foreign university.
- ...start thinking about the future of society, you can't go on indefinitely looking at profits and giving yourself dividends.
- We are looking to see whether we can create a financial vehicle which is located somewhere between what I would call social philanthropy and capitalist financial institutions.

28th Sep 2013



Vice-President of the Ismaili Council for India, and other Jamati leaders, bid farewell to Mawlana Hazar Imam as he prepares to depart after His 11 day visit to India

25th Nov 2013



Received Honorary Degree of
Doctor of Sacred Letters
From University of Toronto's Trinity College



25th Nov 2013





Received highest honour of
Royal Architecture Institute of Canada
The RAIC Gold Medal
At Delegation Building of Ismaili Imamat

27th Nov 2013



“Architecture Matters” – Canadian Architecture

[Speech Highlights – Acceptance Address RAIC Gold Medal – 27th Nov 13](#)

- That honour made me feel even more closely a part of the Canadian family even as this honour today makes me feel more closely a member of Canada’s architectural family.
- My definition of architecture goes beyond a concern for buildings designed by architects. I see architecture as embracing practically all aspects, all aspects of our entire built environment.
- In Islam, the role of an Imam is not limited to the domain of faith. It also includes a deep engagement in the world, in all of the wide and complex issues that affect our quality of life.
- Is it not true that the quality of our lives is fundamentally shaped by the spaces in which we live, spaces that provide physical security, and spaces where we seek spiritual enrichment?
- Few other forces, in my view, have such transformational potential.
- There was unanimity that wherever we would settle we would never become a de-motivated, marginalized minority and that we would, instead, demonstrate the will and the capacity to rebuild our future.

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- These new buildings, which we decided to call Ismaili Centres, had to reflect our aspirations for the future, rather than the tragedy of our recent past. We saw them as structures where we could receive other communities and institutions in a dignified manner, and where we could demystify our faith — which was sometimes badly misunderstood. They would be symbols of new hope, replacing past pain.
- This combined embrace of both the particular and the universal has made Canada one of the most respected pluralist societies in today's heavily fractured world.
- ...making Canada the only country in the foreseeable future with two Ismaili Centres, one in the West and another in the East.
- Our faith constantly reminds us to observe and be thankful for the beauty of the world and the universe around us, and our responsibility and obligation, as good stewards of God's creation, to leave the world in a better condition than we found it.
- Bringing such beautiful spaces to Canada is one of our intended contributions to Canadian landscape.

- The future will present us with ever-evolving architectural challenges: urbanisation, water management, air pollution, protection from man-made and natural hazards and the efficient use of limited resources.
- Let me conclude by emphasizing again the potential of architecture to communicate across the boundaries that may otherwise divide us.
- Architecture provides us with ways to express that, which is distinctive in our own experiences, even as it responds to what is universally human
- The language of architecture speaks in different idioms, but it also provides powerful connections, resonating in landscapes both urban and rural, global and local, monumental and humble, secular and spiritual.
- An “Architecture of Pluralism” is one that will encourage all of us to listen to one another and to learn from one another, with a deep sense of humility and a realization that diversity itself is a gift of the Divine.
- The work that you do at the RAIC is more than simply mattering. You are shaping forces that influence the essence of human life.

Meeting with Uganda President Yoweri Museveni at Mandarin Oriental Paris Hotel



06th Dec 2013

Summary – 2013

(Also review Mowlana Hazar Imam's activities in [2011](#), [2010](#), [2009](#))

Achievements	Details
Total Visits	1. At least 16+ trips , to around 8 countries , for participation in at least 35 public events
Honors	1. Doctor of Sacred Letters by Trinity College University of Toronto (Nov 25) 2. RAIC Gold Medal 2013 at Ottawa by Royal Architecture Institute of Canada (Nov 27)
Inaugurations	1. The Living Museum of The Horse at Chantilly, France (June, 15) 2. Restored Humayun's Tomb at New Delhi, India (Sep 18) 3. The Aga Khan Academy, Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh, India (Sep 20)
AKDN Activities	1. Attended 2nd Annual Pluralism Lecture by Kofi Anan at Global Centre For Pluralism , Ottawa Canada (May, 23) 2. Attended the 12th Cycle of Aga Khan Award for Architecture in Lisbon (Sep 06) 3. Private tour of Sundar Nursery in New Delhi with the AKTC officials (Sep 17)
<u>Interviews</u>	1. To James Reginato published by Vanity Fair USA (Feb) 2. To Francesca Cumani of CNN at The Living Museum of the Horse in Chantilly (June 14) 3. To Ranjan Roy of Times of India (Published on Sep 29) 4. To Shekhar Gupta of Indian Express NDTV Walk The Talk program (Aired on Oct 05) 5. To Sandeep Unnithan of India Today (published on Oct 13)
<u>Speeches</u>	1. Keynote Address at the International Conference on Culture by UNESCO at China (May, 15) 2. Introductory Remarks for Kofi Anan at 2 nd Annual Pluralism Lecture (May, 23) 3. Speech at the 12 th Cycle of Aga Khan Award for Architecture in Lisbon (Sep 06) 4. Speech at Inauguration of Restored Humayun's Tomb at New Delhi (Sep 18) 5. Speech at Inauguration of The Aga Khan Academy, Hyderabad India (Sep 20)
Jamati Activities	1. Met with the Jamat of Bangladesh at the Ismaili Jamat Khana & Centre, Dhaka (Sep 17) 2. Met Jamats of Western India (WI) region i.e. Mumbai, Pune, Goa, etc. at Hyderabad , Andhra Pradesh & Hasnabad Jamat Khana, Mumbai (Sep 27) 3. Attended Jamati Institutional Leaders Dinner at Mumbai , India (Sep 28)

Agreements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Signing ceremony of the renewed MoU b/w Catholic University of Portugal & AKU (Sep 06) 2. Signed a protocol agreement between the Govt. of Bangladesh and AKDN at Dhaka (Sep 16)
Meetings with Govt. Officials	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. With President of Tanzania Jakaya Kikwete in Paris (Jan, 22) 2. With Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina at her office at Dhaka (Sep 16) 3. With President of Bangladesh Abdul Hamid at Dhaka (Sep 16) 4. With Foreign Minister of Bangladesh Dr Dipu Moni at Dhaka (Sep 16) 5. With Finance Minister of Bangladesh Abul Maal Abdul Muhith at Dhaka (Sep 16) 6. With Honourable Vice President of India, Mohammad Hamid Ansari at New Delhi (Sep 18) 7. With Prime Minister of India Dr Manmohan Singh at New Delhi (Sep 18) 8. With External Affairs Minister of India Salman Khurshid at New Delhi (Sep 18) 9. With Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha (upper house) of India Arun Jaitley at New Delhi (Sep 18) 10. Attended the Banquet hosted by the Vice President at Hyderabad House, New Delhi (Sep 18) 11. With President of India Pranab Mukherjee at Rashtrapati Bhavan at New Delhi (Sep 19) 12. With India's Minister of Urban Development Shri Kamal Nath and India's Minister of Culture Shrimati Chandresh Kumari Katoch at New Delhi (Sep 19) 13. With Chairperson, United Progressive Alliance, Shrimati Sonia Gandhi at New Delhi (Sep 19) 14. With Governor of Andhra Pradesh at Raj Bhavan, Andhra Pradesh (Sep 21) 15. With Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Shri Nallari Kiran Kumar Reddy (Sep 21) 16. With Governor of Maharashtra K Sankaranarayanan at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai (Sep 23) 17. With Chief Minister of Maharashtra Shri Prithviraj Chavan at Mumbai (Sep 27) 18. With USA Secretary John Kerry at Dept of State USA (Nov 19) 19. With Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni at France, Paris (Dec 06)
Others	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paid tribute to freedom fighters at the National Memorial for Martyrs in Savar and visited the Bangabadhu Memorial Museum, at Dhaka (Sep 16)
Family Events	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engagement of Prince Rahim with Ms Kendra Spears at Paris (Apr, 26) 2. Nikkah Ceremony of Prince Rahim with Princess Salwa (Ms. Kendra) at Geneva (Aug 31)



77th SALGIRAH MUBARAK 2013

...In his own being, His Highness encompasses the world...

(Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson - Citation Remarks for Doctor of Sacred Letters - 25th Nov 13)

28th Sep 2013



“He (His Highness The Aga Khan) manifests the creative relationship of spiritual values and material concern which is unique in the world today”

(Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson - 25th Nov 13)

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