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## Majlis Ansarullah Netherlands

## Peace Conference, 9th November 2019

Alhamdulillah's with the blessing and mercy of Allah (swt) Majlis Ansarullah Nederland successfully concluded its 4th annual Peace Conference on 9th of November 2019, at Masjid Mubarak- The Hague.

The conference high lightening the Theme of "The Critical Need for Peace" and with objectives of promoting Peace, Harmony, Understanding and Dialogue among the various segments of society of Nederland this Peace Conference was a small contributions to the hard path of promoting Peace in the word which is undertaken by Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V (atba).

Presence were an audience of more than 130 people, including non-Ahmadi guests comprising members of NGO's, members from the synagogue, church, Hindu temple, Buddhist temple, and various other dignitaries and guests. The theme of this year's Peace Conference was "The Critical Need for Peace".

The Conference was Chaired by Hibatun Noer Verhagen sahib, Amir Sahib Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Nederland and was represented speakers from the various segments of Nederland Society, started with the recitation of Holy Quran with the Dutch and English translation.

Zubair Akmal sahib, Secretary Tabligh, Majlis Ansarullah moderated the Conference, introducing the purpose of Majlis Ansarullah for organizing this conference. He said that today's conference is another small step on our long journey towards that goal of peace, love and humanity.

In his opening words for the 4<sup>th</sup> Peace Conference, Mirza Fakhar Ahmad Sahib, Sadr Majlis Ansarullah Nederland highlighted the efforts of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at international's efforts for implementing the Love for All motto. Sadr Majlis introduced the history of the Community and the advent of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace). The role and purpose of creation of Majlis Ansarullah Nederland was also presented to the audience. He further elobrated on the efforts which are undertaken by the Head of Ahmadiyya Muslim community, Hadhart Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V (atba) to promote peace and harmony among the different faiths, creeds and races of people of the world.

The first speaker of the Conference was Mr. Bert van Alphen, Wethouder (Alderman) from The Hauge town council, he highlighted the step those are taken by the town council and the steps which are in future plan of the town council to improve the situation of harmony in the city. He quoted The Hague city one of the most Peaceful city in the world and how the council is assisting people to integrate in the society.

The second speaker for the event was Miss. Mariska Burgstede Manager of Major donation Department in UNICEF Nederland, she presented the efforts done by Unicef in bringing people together and specially highlighted the efforts which are done for caring about the children worldwide.

At this point a short documentary video documentary was also shown to all participants highlighting the world wide tours of Huzur Aqdas (may Allah strengthen his hand,) in order to extend the message of peace, this documentary video was keenly viewed by all.

Harry van Bommel (the ex-member of Nederland Parliament was the next speaker for the day, he highlighted his efforts from international perspective to help bring harmony and peace to the world, especially in the politically disbalance areas.

Fourth speaker for this conference was Miss. Patricia Halveman, chairman of an NGO, she explains her relationship with Jama'at Ahmadiyya and particularly with Majlis Ansarullah Nederland, she appreciated the hard work and resources which Majlis put behind organizing events like Peace Conference and Charity Walk, she also explain the work she and her NGO is busy with, in order to bring together peace loving people together.

The last invited speaker was Mr Robin Ton Hoopen, a PHD candidate and lecturer of theology in the Vrij University of Amsterdam. He emphasis on the importance of harmony and an peaceful society, he further added that the life of all prophets is full of making peace in their communities

Amir Sahib (National President) Jama'at Ahmadiyya Netherlands concluded the event. Amir sahib valued the keen interest shown by all and offered his thanks to all the guests, and to the organizing team, all the speakers were presented with a bouquet of flowers and a gift as the symbol of gratitude by Amir Sahib on behalf of Majlis Ansarullah Netherlands.

The conference proceedings ends at this point with silent Dua'a which was lead by missionary in charge Mr. Naeem Ahmad Warraich, after which disbursement of donations collected during the Charity Walk on 14th September 2019 to the 8 nominated charities of Nederland, shield were also presented to the highest collectors of donations. The cheques and shields were presented to the benefiting charities and the winners of the donation collection by the Amir sahib (National President) of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Nederland. The charities included in this year's beneficiaries were Humanity First, Childs Right, Defense for Children, Diabetes Fonds, Terre Des Home, Mundo Younido, The Future Gambia and Unicef.

Tweets and Linkedin messages related to pre and post event were witnessed by more than 10,000 viewers, this gives an opportunity to Majlis Ansarullah Nederland to spread the message of the peaceful teaching of Islam and practices of Jama'at Ahmadiyya, Alhamdolillah.

Majlis Ansarullah has been invited to several other events across the country as a result of this experience.





