



UMA Annual Conference 2010

Media Release

Alhamdulillah the 2010 UMA Annual Conference was held last Saturday the 10th of April in the suburban hub of Bankstown. "The turnout to both our day and evening programs was an overwhelming success" one organiser said, with over 1000 families attending the day activities and over 900 people taking part in the evening event. It was a great motivational and an entertaining night for all involved.

The day event, held at Paul Keating Park, had over 30 stalls with different varieties of food, clothing, book, toys, Islamic art and much more. There were also a lot of activities for kids such as amusements rides, jumping castles, slides, face painting and our special kids guest Zaky from 1 Islam Productions.

The day was full of fun for the entire family. One of the primary aims of the UMA is to bring families together in such community events and raise greater awareness of current issues that affect the Islamic community.

The setting of the sun marked the beginning of the UMA Annual Conference for 2010. The evening program began with the welcoming of all special guests, speakers and the audience who attended the conference. There was a turnout of over 900 people at the conference with this unique event also being streamed live to over 200 people from around the world via our website (www.uma.org.au).

The theme of this year's conference was "Its Time to Change!! Now or Never". The program featured prominent local speakers that included Sheikh Aref Chaker, Sheikh Bilal Dannoun, Sheikh Tawfique Chowdhury, Sheikh Omar El Banna and Sheikh Shady Al Suleiman as well as well known international scholar Sheikh Alaa El Sayed from Canada and focused on changing the individual, family and community to the way of Allah (swt) and His Messenger (pbuh). All speakers addressed and revolved their speech around the well-known verse of the Quran "Allah does not change the condition of people until they change themselves" (13;11).

The night was full of inspiration, motivation and awareness. The conference ended with a beautiful Duaa (supplication) by Sheikh Yasser Ismail.

The UMA would like to take this opportunity to thank all brothers and sisters who worked tirelessly on the night, the event sponsors, the VIP guests and Bankstown Council.

Due to the overwhelming response and success to this year's conference, the UMA is pleased to announce it will be holding its next conference in the year 2011.

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