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Amir message

MESSAGE DE EID DE LA SIM

Le mois du Ramadan tire à sa fin. Ce mois est un mois de rapprochement avec le Créateur, de dévotion, de bénédiction, de sacrifice et de solidarité. Nous faisons des *duas* pour qu'Allah *subhanhu wa taala* accepte nos actions et nos efforts et nous gratifie du résultat tant escompté d'augmenter notre piété, notre crainte révérencielle de Lui.

Eid est la culmination de ce mois. EID MUBARAK à tous nos frères et sœurs de la communauté.

Eid est un jour de réjouissance, mais nous ressentons tous un sentiment mitigé quand nous constatons la souffrance, l'injustice, le chaos qui prévalent dans le monde actuel. Nos cœurs sont avec ceux qui souffrent.

Nous profitons de ce message pour vous rappeler que la Société Islamique de Maurice, SIM, œuvre pour le bien de la communauté depuis 50 ans déjà.

Les défis de l'époque ont évolué en augmentant pour devenir de plus en plus « challenging », ce qui a amené SIM à changer son fusil d'épaule au fil des ans. C'est une des raisons pour lesquelles ses membres se sont donnés pour mission de dénoncer les fléaux qui rongent notre société dite « moderne », autant que les comportements injustes, quels qu'ils soient, ici à l'ile Maurice, mais aussi à travers le monde.

« Charité bien ordonnée commençant par soi », SIM a souvent alerté l'opinion du public mauricien quant aux dangers et méfaits de la drogue, de l'alcool et autres jeux du hasard, en organisant des causeries dans les villes et les villages, ou toutes les communautés confondues étaient conviées.

Mais notre action ne se limite pas seulement ici à Maurice. Nous essayons aussi d'aider nos voisins, Comoriens et Malgaches, quand ils sont en détresse et vivent des catastrophes naturelles grâce aux relations établies avec des organisations locales.

SIM est aussi concerné par ce qui se passe au niveau international, surtout là où l'indifférence et la désinformation priment. Nous avons organisé plusieurs campagnes pour dénoncer les injustices et l'oppression que subissent Musulmans et non-Musulmans en Palestine et ailleurs.

Nous comptons sur vous pour continuer à faire des duas et agir.

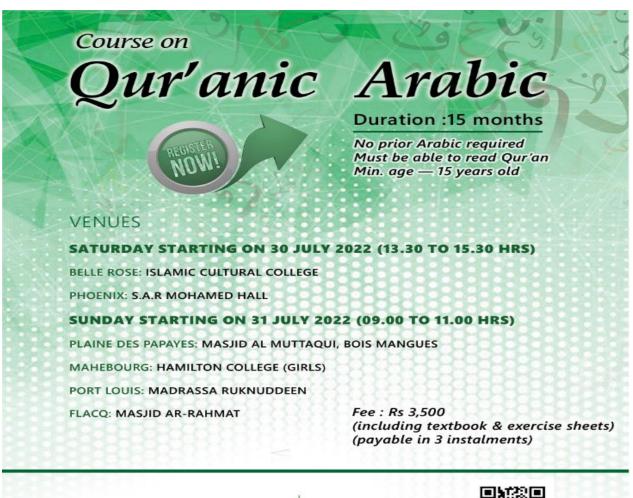
Merci.

Quranic Arabic - Batch 2020-2021

Alhamdulillah, the Quranic Arabic programme is going very well. We started level one with some 169 students at the following Venues: Sir Abdul Razack Mohamed Centre (Phoenix), Islamic College (Belle Rose), Madrassa Ruknuddeen (Port Louis), Masjid Brisee Verdiere, Madrass Tyack, Triolet Islamic Centre. For Level 2, We started with some 76 students at Sir Abdul Razack Mohamed Centre (Phoenix), Islamic College (Belle Rose), Port Louis Masjid Rabita, Masjid Rahmat Flacq.

The Award Ceremonies were held at the IIET over two weeks ends because of Covid 19 restrictions. The participants expressed their gratitude to all teachers and many of them gave us positive feedbacks and testimonies.

Alhamdulillah, the campaign for the next batch which is due to start on 30th and 31st July has started. This year we will organise our level 1 in six locations- (see attached poster). We invite you to join the 2000 students who have benefited from this course and can now understand some 50-60% of Quranic Ayaat.





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The award ceremonies for the last Quranic Arabic course (2021-2022) were held at the Reception Hall of the Islamic Institute of Education and Training (IIET) at Moka on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th of May 2022 and Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th of June 2022. In the previous years, a single award ceremony used to be organised but due to restrictions on public gatherings, several ones had to be held.

After recitation of some verses from the Quraan and a welcome address from a SIM official, all the students received an Attendance Certificate. 101 students were awarded certificates for Level 1 and 73 for Level 2 respectively. Those who have successfully completed Level 1 would be able to move to Level 2 while those who have completed Level 2 were invited to join Student Study Circles. The commitment of the teachers and support teachers (former Level 2 students who help Level 1 students- a new program!) was highlighted and a special word of thanks went to the responsible of the venues too. By the grace of Allah, all went well and the students brought and shared food in a spirit of goodwill and brotherhood.

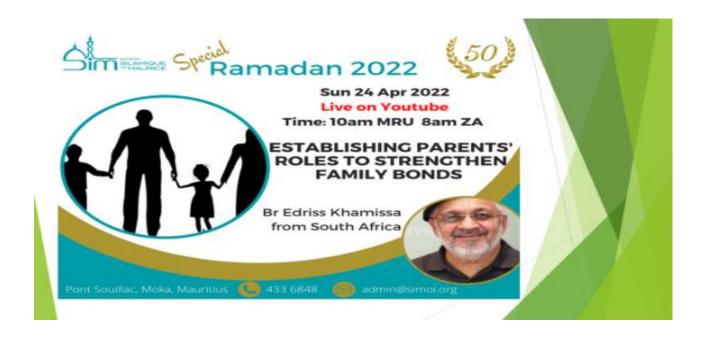
The next batch (2022-2023) is due to start in shaa Allah on Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st July 2022 in the following venues: Plaine des Papayes, Port Louis, Phoenix, Belle Rose and Mahébourg for Level 1 and Port Louis, Phoenix and Brisée Verdière for Level 2 respectively. The cost would be Rs3,500 per participant including textbook and exercises. In case there are more than one participant from same family, then it would be at the reduced cost of Rs 3,000 per participant. You are welcome to register on the following link: https://forms.gle/DWLzewBqatZeu72P7



Parenting Course

Alhamdulillah, after the successful completion of our first parenting course in October 2021, the Education & Training department organise four online presentations during Ramadan, These programmes are now available on You Tube. The programme received the full support of the e SIM and Media & Communication department, The M & C department also produced seven clips of 4-6 minutes during Ramadan. The next major programme that the M & C department will be a series of clips on Parenting as well as a series on Seerah in the coming months insha Allah.

Dimanche 10 avril	Les Défis de notre temps	Dr Yaasir Ozeer-Moderateur Samioullah Lauthan-Activiste Social Mushira KhodabuxPsychologue
Dimanche 17 avril	Accompagner nos adolescents et jeunes	Zaheer Hissoob-Moderateur Arshad Abdool-Leadership & Life Coach Abtaheeb Sullemanjeeajee-Activiste Social
Dimanche 24 avril	Rôle des parents et relations conjugales	Imraan Pondor-Moderateur Edriss Khamissa-Consultant en Education et Development humain(Afrique du Sud)
Dimanche 1 Mai	Nos enfants, Notre Amanah	Dr Farida Oodally-Moderatrice Nashreen Hissoob-Educatirce Zeenat Muthy-Educatrice



Media & Communication Department

Alhamdulillah, a new department has been launched to develop online programmes and to be present in the Social Media. One week before the month of Ramadan, SIM inaugurated its new studio. The studio will spearhead the production of clips, videos, online training materials and digital

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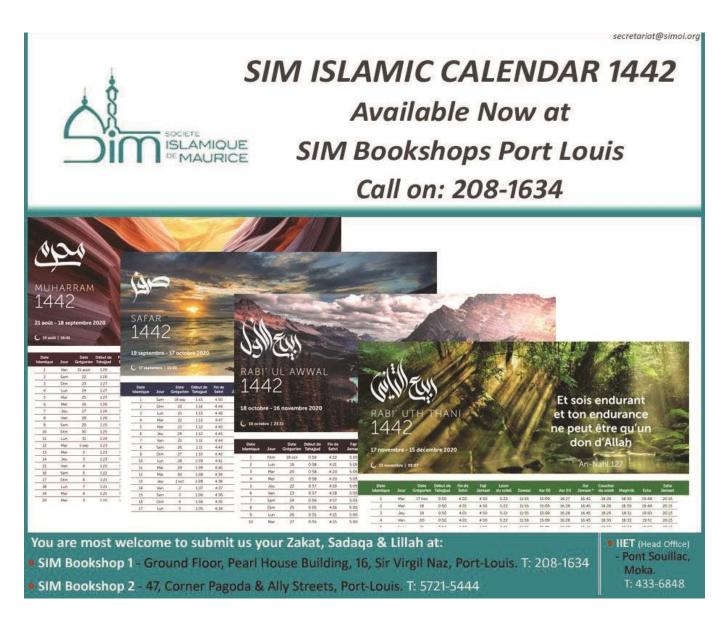
To be a leader in the effective use of modern media tools for Da'wah, Education, Training and Entertainment

Mission

- To maintain a presence in social media by presenting the Islamic viewpoint on current issues
- To organize online training courses, workshops and seminars
- To harness the potential of social media to advertise and market SIM activities

The Media & Communication department will be at the service of all departments which need this support. It will recruit necessary expertise in the field of Media and Communication. Some of the staff will need to be paid for technical services.

SIM invites you to join in this noble task. We wish to train young people in video and audio production. Those who are interested should contact the secretariat.



SIM is ever-grateful to the team who has been working on the SIM Islamic calendar for the last several years. These persons are behind the scene but are performing a very important ongoing task for SIM. We also thank the sponsors for the calendar.

May Allah bless them and their families. Ameen.

e-SIM Department

The e-SIM department has been actively providing IT support facilities to the other SIM departments and in addition to that, the team is also working on different projects which will hopefully be value-added services. The three primary projects currently under way are as follows:

1) Revamping the SIM Website

This project is under fine tuning stage. We seize this opportunity to thank the different SIM departments for their inputs in order to provide the necessary content for the website.

2) SIM Online Library

The SIM Online Library is still a work in progress. We have met quite a few challenges and we are tackling them with the available resources. More information will be provided as soon as we have updates.

3) SIM e-Filing System

This is a new project aimed at providing a secure and hopefully simple way for document filing and sharing.

In addition to the above, the e-SIM team has been the linchpin to facilitating the online streaming of the different talks and conferences organized by SIM, especially during Ramadan. These talks are available on the SIM YouTube channel as well as on the SIM Facebook page.

Should you wish to provide suggestions or helping hand, do not hesitate to get in touch with us: esim@simoi.org

Report from Daawah Committee

As you were informed in the previous Simnews, we carried out a survey. The survey was conducted using Google Forms. Received 39 filled in forms. A summary of the survey, listing the major points: It reinforces the direction SIM took in its Daawah committee - Daawah to Muslims & non-Muslims (a reminder for the former; a call to worshipping Allah alone for the latter) & to combat social ills in the society at large. In terms of modality for Daawah work, both technological and face to face approach are welcomed. Using technological means, most people prefer YouTube, WhatsApp, Zoom and Facebook for Daawah work. YouTube seems to be the favourite means suggested by the responders and currently being used by them for acquiring knowledge. When asked specifically about Daawah in Covid situation, Zoom & social media (mainly recorded videos) are the two preferred means. Lectures, talks & videos are the modalities to disseminate knowledge as per responders. Note that only 3 persons felt that books are still a good way to disseminate knowledge. In terms of videos, the topic, the speaker and the duration are the main items which motivate them to watch videos. Topics such as Quran stories, Islamic lifestyles, and Seerah Hadith were the main ones which are of interest to people.

22 respondents were interested in dedicating some time for Daawah.41% are of opinion that Daawah is not being done the right way in Mauritius7 respondents are willing to join SIM for Daawah work

Ramadan Programs

Short clips 'Ramadan Nasihah' was circulated:

- 1. Le Concept de la Vie.
- 2. La Pudeur et la Sexualité.
- 3. Gare à l'argent Facile.
- 4. La Solidarité et l'Unité.
- 5. Mieux Comprendre le Waqf.
- 6. Changement Climatique et Equilibre.
- 7. Equilibre, Ecologie et Ethique.

Talks were delivered in Masjids at different localities during Ramadan:

Camp Levieux, Quinze Cantons, Qur'an House Rose Hill, Brisée Verdiere, Bon Accueil, Flacq, La Tour Koenig, Rivière des Anguilles, Chemin Grenier, Plaisance, Triolet, IDA Phoenix, Sunni Rose Hill, Petit Verger, Al Khaleel Guibies, Union Park, Batimarais, Terre Rouge, Qurtuba Port Louis, Bois Pignolet, Grand Sable.

Daawah towards non-Muslims:

SIM (represented by Br Reshad Jeetoo – sometimes accompanied by other SIM brothers and sisters) in collaboration with CII and at times with CDD, La Voie du Juste Milieu, Appel à la Verité has been organising gatherings and meetings in different localities, namely Côte D'Or, Rose Belle, Rivière Noire, Rose Hill, Tamarin, Camp Caval, Port Louis, CII Office, Reduit Masjid and IIET. Around

15 persons have pronounced the Shahadah.

Debriefing Session on Ramadan Activities

Summary of important points in the debriefing session on Ramadan activities held: By Daawah committee, with e-SIM and multimedia representatives

- 1. Overall programmes conducted were interesting and nicely presented (Zakaat virtual live Talks, parenting virtual live sessions, Daawah video clips, MBC programmes, WIM Zoom live talks, talks in masaajids)
- 2. There was a renewed interest from muttawallis of masaajids in our talks in the targeted masaajids; some have offered us to give more talks after Ramadan
- 3. Positive feedback from people towards SIM effort to broadcast several programmes in Ramadan
- 4. Difficulties /challenges:
- (a) Logistics of multimedia to be improved; Shura to vet a sum of money to upgrade existing system.
- (b) May need reconsider the approach to the zakaat virtual talks since audience was poor.
- (c) circulation of SIM events on Simnews whatsApp groups was inadequate.
- (d) Some resource persons as speakers lack public speaking skills in delivering online talks. Training to be organised.
- (e) A serious/reliable Multimedia technical person as support for the various tasks to give the necessary commitment is required.
- (f) The videos done lack graphics and effects. Planning and preparation needed.
- (g) Many of the virtual talks received few views.
- 5. Actions proposed:
- (a) SIMSED plan to do regular 5mins videos on a specific theme with the support of multimedia dept; Recording sessions on drug addiction.
- (b) Talks in masaajids to be planned, especially where we have received invitation to deliver talks.
- (c) People within and around SIM who can deliver talks should be shortlisted and requested to give SIM the required support.
- (d) A training on public speaking has to be organized.
- (e) planning for next year Ramadan events has to be done very early on, especially WQD and Al Quds Day since these two events were not done.
- (f) a summarized form of a video to be prepared and posted which will display important sections of the whole parenting sessions; same can be done with Khutba Reduit Masjid (people don't have to listen to the whole talks).

- (g) Talks to be done in masaajids have to be recorded every time and a summarized form displayed on our website /YouTube channel.
- (h) Events done virtually and physically should be complementary.
- (i) A Seerah series by Br Fouad and his team could be recorded.
- (j) To have more visual & Damp; sound effects in our videos including displaying of relevant photos & Damp; verses of Quran and Hadith.
- (k) Training of our youth is essential.
- (I) We need to be better equipped when doing talks in masaajids projector, slide show etc.
- (m) An updated leaflet/booklet on SIM to be distributed at gatherings.
- (n) A Simnews bulletin for public (at least 2 pages).
- (o) Marketing strategy is important; a budget has to be earmarked.
- (p) A survey of SIM members to see their expectations.

Iftaar With Non-Muslims

On 23rd April, Masjid Reduit was able to renew its friendship with non Muslims in the neighborhood via its yearly iftaar gathering. This was long awaited since such an event could not be held for the past 2 years due to COVID-19 sanitary restrictions. A soothing recitation of the Quran in the beautiful voice of our little sister Huda Ozeer opened the ceremony. Next on the list was Sr. Maryam Jeetoo who elaborated on the six pillars of faith followed by Sr. Neisha Goolamhossen's expose on the month of Ramadan. Around 40 persons were able to attend the function and were given the opportunity to voice out their queries on Islam. As always,Br. Fouad Assotally courteously responded to their queries. Also, we had displayed the Holy Quran in different languages for the purpose of bringing awareness about the message found therein. At some point in time, Br. Mohsen Jeetoo lighted the atmosphere through a small quiz game. Gifts were then handed to those who answered correctly. For iftaar time, Muslims and non muslims sat on the floor shoulder to shoulder to enjoy the blessed moment and our guests had the occasion to witness maghrib swalaat. Afterwards, there was a collation and the program ended with the unavoidable briani as take-away.

Tarbiya

During the past 2 years, with the Covid-19 pandemic and government restrictions, the tarbiyyah committee decided to move online and carry the tarbiyyah sessions via the zoom platform.

Alhamdulillah, the online sessions were quite successful with some sessions nearing 100 participants. With themes ranging from "Married Life", "Honesty, Integrity and Good Governance", "Le Musulman face aux épreuves to "Welcoming Ramadan", we were able to keep going despite the challenges faced with spreading the message digitally.

On Saturday 11th June 2022, we were able to move our tarbiyyah session back to physical sessions with approximately 25 participants alhamdulillah. Due to restrictions we are still forced to restrict the total number of participants to 50 and registration is on a first come first served basis. Our next tarbiyyah session will be held on 09th July 2022 Insha allah at IIET.

Young Muslimah

The Yma resumed its activities on the 26th of March with a one day workshop organised at IIET from 9.00 to 15.00.

The girls had an insight into 'choosing the right role model', followed by several activities like treasure hunt and drama among others.

Alhamdulilah, the number of participants was around 17 and we received positive feedbacks.

WIM

This year WIM has delivered physical talks in three places, namely, Bon Acceuil, Camp Chapelon and Tyack.

Theses talk were carried out by Sister Nazeera and Sister Sameera.

Moreover, for the first time WIM held an online event. It was a Ramadan Program on Zoom organized by Sister Mushurda, Sister Sameera, Sister Yasmine Jeetoo and Sister Farah.

Alhamdulila we received positive feedback. The talks are accessible on SIM's YouTube channel.

To celebrate Eid, WIM had a lunch at IIET on the 14/6 for compliant members and some YMa sisters.

SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT DEPARTMENT (Simsed)

Ongoing project since first confinement

- Distribution of frozen fish on a weekly basis to different organisations, needy families, needy students of two colleges in Port Louis, and empowering a few families to start a food business like Samoussa. Pain Vindaye and Catless in Pailles, Triolet and Vallee Pitot.
- An approximate of 500Kgs frozen fish is distributed on a weekly basis.





Ramadaan Activities

- 166 packs of 2- 3 lbs each of fresh meat distributed to needy families on the eve of Eid so that they can have fresh meat for their Eid lunch.
- Several food packs were distributed to needy families in Vallee Pitot, Pailles, Vallee des Pretres, Camp Chapelon, Plaine Lauzun and cite Martial respectively.





Committee Member(s)

Me and Myself

I make a strong appeal to SIM members to please join in the committee to give a helping hand. Jazaak Allah Khairaan for any contribution and support.

Regards Zaheer Hissoob 57500881

SIM Kids Club

With the Covid-19 pandemic, the SIM Kids Club which catered for 49 kids of Grade 1-6, had to adapt itself in order to maintain connection with its cuties. In that context, a brief monthly online session was conducted via zoom platform where the topic was mainly story telling on prophets highlighting various Islamic values.

Moreover, the virtual sessions were thereafter extended to more kids as a special edition from January 2022 to March 2022.

With the Covid-19 pandemic situation abating, Kids Club is again going physical at IIET Moka as from 18th June 2022 till December 2022.

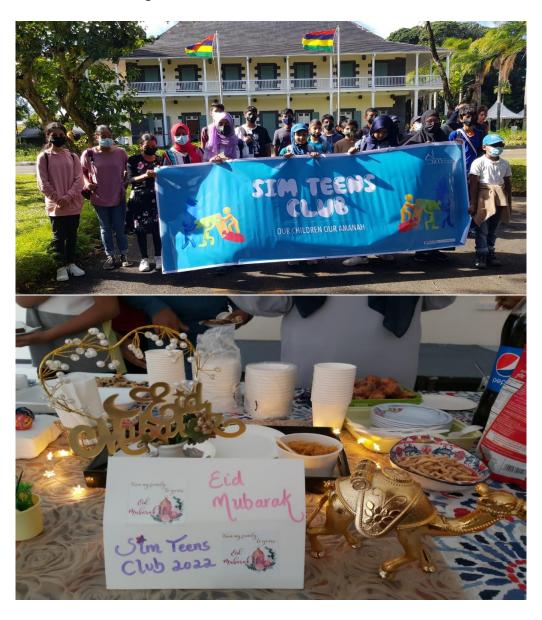
SIM Teens Club

The SIM Teens club resumed its activities on the 5th March 2022. We had the pleasure to do the award ceremony for the previous cohort who had their exams in October 2021. On the same occasion, we launched our registration for new participants who wanted to embark for the program and also for our ancient participants who wanted to continue the journey with us.

Our new team who volunteered to help the Teens Club had worked on a new calendar for this year.

we had organised an Eid party with the participants to share the essence of Eid and reflect over the blessings of the past month of Ramadan.

This month we brought the participants to the Pamplemousse Botanical Garden to raise their awareness of the beauty of Allah's creation and allow them to appreciate all the benefits that nature can offer. We also worked on some team building activities there.



Naissance

New Born - Khadija Raja

Father - Raja Aadil

Mother - Zaynab Dusoruth

Date Of Birth-05 June 2022.

Alhamdulillah both mother and baby are fine.

Décès

Ahmad Dussoye, Bsc Mechanical Engineering and MSc Aeronautical Engineer.

As a Student in 70's he has to work and pay for his tuition and other expenses. While he was studying his Mechanic Engineering, he became an active member of Muslim Cultural Society and was a volunteer in the Weekend's Madrassa. He modernised the Islamic teaching syllabus and encouraged those who completed their Islamic studies to be a volunteer's teacher. The system works very well and many Engineers, IT Specialist, Pharmacist and other Professional were also Madrassa teachers which Ahmad has Established. During a Conference of FOSIS, Br. Mosadeq Shahebdin met with Ahmad Dusoye and a Collaboration was established and Ahmad founded Muslim Students Islamic Association (UK) with Saad Diljore, the Kathrada twin brothers, and others. The MSIA became the partner of SIM in UK and they participated in many SIM projects by donating money for an Islamic Press. They also welcome new Mauritian Students or anyone recommended by SIM. After Ahmad Dusoye completed his Degree, he could have chosen the Airlines Industry, however he decided the Education Field, by joining Edexcel to form future Engineers and later he became the Project Manager with his MBA in Project Management with Peasons Education when they bought Edexcel.

As an active Daee, Ahmad brought his Project Management skills to Islamic work and Projects. He was very much an avant-garde in his perception and methods of work. As a Project Manager he was in charge of Projects that cost millions and it was his responsibility to deliver and his responsibility to explain any failure to deliver, however, he told me that in Islamic Organisation, we spend millions in Projects and when we fail we are not answerable to anyone.

He was a very active member of ISB Luton and with the help of Brother Jaffar have successfully established Radio Ramadan. He gave a number of Islamic talk and Training and also was delegated by IIFSO, for training facilitator. He was at the forefront of Islamic Organisation helping Islamic Cause in Mauritius, it was him and myself that secure a full scholarship from MIHE for Mauritian Students. He also acted for a short period as a Consultant for IIIT, USA and had been instrumental in the launching of Human Welfare League in 2016.

Ahmad Dusoye is survived by his wife Afeeza, Rizwan his son and Samera