





MEDIA RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS AT PRAIRIE WINDS PARK

Thousands of Calgarians to Celebrate Community Spirit, Loyalty to the Country and Raise Funds to Support Flood Relief Efforts

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On July 1, 2013 several thousands of Calgarians along with members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at will celebrate Canada Day and at Prairie Winds Park in NE Calgary.

Each year, Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at hosts Canada Day celebrations across the nation to affirm the loyalty to Canada; their homeland in fulfillment of the Commandment of the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{sa} who reminded us that 'Loyalty to the Homeland is Part of the Faith'

Over the years, Canada Day Celebrations at Prairie winds Park have become one of city's premier events attended by thousands of Calgarians representing diverse communities. In addition community leaders and representatives of all three levels of government attend the event. Volunteers serve complementary BBQ to more than 6000 participants every year. The children get the opportunity to participate in fun activities.

Calgary has witnessed an amazing community spirit and volunteerism during recent floods; this Canada Day will celebrate and further reinforce this generosity by supporting flood relief efforts through Humanity First.

Program Details

Date: July 01, 2013 Time: 11:00 AM

Flag Hoisting Ceremony and Messages by Special Guests: 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM

Complimentary BBQ and Socializing: 11:45 AM onward Venue: Prairie Winds Park 223 Castleridge Blvd. N.E Calgary

Some other highlights of the event include Displays, Educational/ Fun Activities by various City departments including Police Service, EMS & Fire Services, Calgary Public Library, Face Painting and Games for Kids, Stalls by various Communities and Non Profit organizations and Guided Tours of Baitun Nur, one of the largest Mosques in Canada

The AMJ is a nonprofit organization. We appreciate every support from the media for promoting the events organized by it. Therefore, we look forward to help in promoting the event

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Notes for the editor:

Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at (Community) is a global religious organization founded in 1889. It has tens of millions of followers in more than 200 countries. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at categorically rejects all forms of extremism. The founder of the community Hadhrat Mirza Ghulām Ahmad as, the Promised Messiah and the Mahdi, declared that extremism and an aggressive "Jihad with the sword" has no place in Islam. The best way to defend Islam is through an intellectual "Jihad with the pen". The motto of the community is "LOVE FOR ALL - HATRED FOR NONE". The community is known for its unique approach to interfaith dialogue and active engagement in charitable work at home and abroad; such as Run for Vaughan, Run for Calgary, Feed the Hungry program in the GTA and establishing schools and hospitals in the developing countries. It advocates universal human rights and protections for religious and other minorities. It champions the empowerment and education of women. Its members are among the most lawabiding, educated, and engaged Muslims in the world. The world renowned Nobel Laureate, Professor Abdus Salam who did the ground breaking work in discovery of Higgs boson particle also belonged to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at. On July 5, 2008, Prime Minister Stephen Harper while speaking at the inauguration ceremony on Baitun Nur Mosque referred to Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at as "the true and benevolent face of Islam" and it's Khalīfa as the "champion of peace".