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## **News and Events**

### **Developing ties with Howza affiliates in Syria**

The Islamic Institute for Postgraduate Studies (IIPS) has developed and maintained ties with major Howza affiliates in Syria. Recently, the Principal of Howza Al Khomaini, Sheikh Waheedi as well as the Tableegh committee of Ayatollah Khamanai's office visited the IIPS.

### **New Polyclinic opens in Lucknow**

On 14 June 2009, the Zainabiya Polyclinic opened in Lucknow, India where there was a need to have all medical services under one roof. Dr Abbas Zaidi, Maulana Safi Haider of Tanzeemul Makatib in consultation with Dr Munir M Dato, the Assistant Secretary General for Health, decided to extend the services provided by the current Zainabiya Health Centre into a polyclinic to provide better service to the local community.

### **Students 'M'egg a Difference' for ZCSS – London, UK**

In June 2008, the Shia Ithna Asheri Madressa (SIM) of Stanmore, London launched the 'M-egg a Difference' drive and raised £3,000 for the Zainabiya Child Sponsorship Scheme (ZCSS) to support a school in Gopalpur, Bihar in India providing free education for children from deprived families. The new school is currently under construction.

### **Meet the Helpers - Part 3**

The World Federation will now introduce the helpers that will be part of Madinah al-Ilm Summer Short Course. Sister Malika Chandoo Jaffer of Zurich, Switzerland is passionate about working with the youth and helping them to aim for the best in this world and the hereafter. She has been a Madrasah teacher and has helped to organise many camps and sporting activities including a 'Skiing and Spirituality' trip to Iran.

### **NASIMCO 29th Annual Conference**

The 29th annual NASIMCO conference was held on 20 June 2009 in Minnesota. The theme of the event "Meeting the Challenges of Recession" in addition to discussions on a constitution template for Jamaats with an emphasis on conflict prevention and the election of a new Executive Council. The new president, Gulamabbas Najafi, gave his inaugural address in which he presented his visions and plans for moving NASIMCO forward during the new term.

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