

Press Release:

World's First Muslim Spelling Bee Competition Launches 2013 Competition

- ***Successfully conducted Muslim Spelling Bee 2012 in Nine regional locations***
- ***Sole objective is to increase Muslim Students participation in local, national and international educational competitions.***
- ***New locations added- Maryland, Missouri and Sacramento***
- ***Connecting Communities across North America, U.K, Dubai, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand and Asia***

November, 2012, Chicago, United States of America : After successful conducting the Muslim Spelling Bee 2012 edition through the support of nine regional Islamic School - American Youth Academy, Tampa, Florida; Al-Ihsan Academy, South Ozone Park, New York; Darul Arqam, South River, New Jersey; Al-Hadi School of Accelerative, Houston, Texas; MCC Fulltime Islamic School, Morton Grove, Illinois; Mohammed Schools of Atlanta, Atlanta-Decatur, Georgia; Orange Crescent School, Garden Grove, California; Islamic School of Irving, Dallas/Forth/Worth, Texas and Precious Sprouts Of Ann Arbor, Detroit, Michigan.

This year Muslim Spelling Bee added three locations- Muslim Community of Folsom, Folsom/Sacramento, California; Muslim Community School/ Alim Academy, Potomac, Maryland and Al-Salam Day School, St. Louis, Missouri so students from other parts of the country can participate in the competition.

Chicago based entrepreneur Tausif Malik perceived a need for a platform of competition in which children could engage from around the world. "Muslims are not aware of spelling bees because they are focused on getting their children into engineering or medicine," says Tausif. Hence, choosing a talent that is universal to the age group helped us select 'spelling'. TMA Worldwide, the Group organising the inter-school, inter-state, inter-region competition would also launch other educational competitions such as *Muslim Science Bee, Muslim Math Bee, Muslim Geography Bee and Muslim Science Projects*.

This year the competition has added a new group for students who are very young especially from the kindergarten. The competition is scheduled to begin in February 2013 and conclude in May 2012 at the historic Des Plaines Theatre, Des Plaines (suburb of Chicago), Illinois.

Tausif explains that there will be a cash prize, scholarships, college sponsorships, companies giving holiday gifts as benefits for the families of children participating in Muslim Spelling Bee Competition.

University Islamic Financial (UIF) is this year's platinum sponsor for the event. "University Islamic Financial (UIF) is proud and honored to support 2013 Muslim Spelling Bee competition. As a premier Islamic Financing company in the US we support Businesses that add value to our community. TMA worldwide, organizers of Muslim Spelling Bee is one such company that we feel comfortable working with and supporting. Our mutual goal of community empowerment and education is achieved by these type of ventures. UIF is proud to be a Platinum Sponsor this year and hopefully for many more years to come." – Aijaz Hussain, Vice President National Sales, UIF Corp.

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The event will be broadcasted on TV ONE GLOBAL and other ethnic channels.

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