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**Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad praises volunteers for their selfless efforts
to serve humanity**

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On 27 April 2019, the *World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa*, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, addressed the Annual Symposium of the European chapter of the *International Association of Ahmadi Architects and Engineers (IAAAE)*. The symposium took place at the Baitul Futuh Mosque in south-west London.



During his address, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad praised the work of IAAAE and its volunteers and reminded them about the importance of developing a bond with God Almighty and increasing their commitment to serving humanity.

His Holiness expressed his pleasure that IAAAE had expanded its work in the recent years and was taking on bigger and more complex projects in some of the most underdeveloped parts of the world.

His Holiness mentioned that aside from its humanitarian projects, which include installing new and rehabilitated water pumps, harnessing solar energy and developing model villages, the IAAAE was also playing a significant role in designing and constructing Mosques and other buildings of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.



Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“With the Grace of Allah, wherever in the world the IAAAE is serving, its members are working in an exemplary fashion and with a spirit of true service and dedication. In this regard, I pray that may Allah the Almighty enable you to continually increase the scope of your work and expertise.”

Amongst the recent completed projects of IAAAE, His Holiness cited large Mosque complexes recently completed in Tanzania and Mali.

His Holiness also commended the IAAAE for having completed the development of 20 *model villages* in some of the remotest parts of the world.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“The members of the IAAAE are working with great diligence, care and with a sincere desire to serve the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and to alleviate the suffering of people who are living impoverished and desperately tough lives. In fact, some of the volunteers do not even claim for expenses and so, apart from sacrificing their time and providing their professional expertise free of charge, they are even bearing the costs of travel personally.”



Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued:

“Unquestionably, such devoted people are working with the spirit of a true Waqf (life devotee) of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. I greatly appreciate their sincere efforts and I pray that may Allah the Almighty reward them immensely for this service and bless their efforts manifold.”

His Holiness reminded the volunteers about the need to constantly improve their standards of worship of Allah the Almighty.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“I wish to remind all of you that it is of the utmost importance that you pay special attention to establishing a true and lasting connection with Allah the Almighty and remain ever grateful to Him and continually strive to improve the standards of your worship.”



Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued:

“Your sole focus should not be the material work you are doing but rather building your personal relationship with Allah the Almighty should always remain your paramount objective. If you sincerely aspire to attain the

nearness of Allah the Almighty you will see how He blesses your efforts and you will come to see the most beautiful fruits of your labour.”



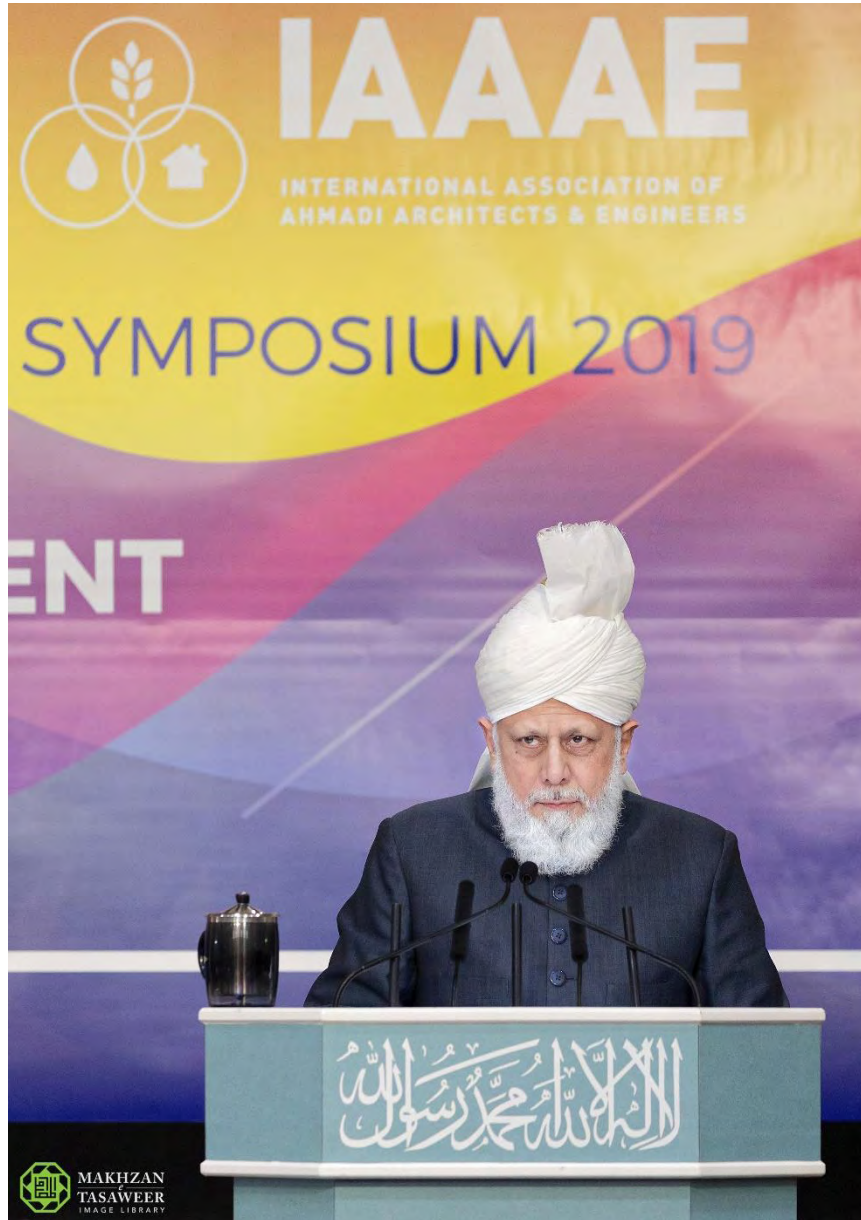
His Holiness concluded his address by praying for the continued progress of IAAAE and that future generations are able to serve with even greater passion.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“May you all prove to be great assets for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and may the younger generations step forward in great numbers to follow in the footsteps of the older members who have offered years of service. May they learn from the positive examples of their elders and serve with even greater passion, energy and skill than their predecessors so that the work of the IAAAE continues to go from strength to strength.”

Earlier, a report was presented by Mr Muhammad Akram Ahmedi, the *Chairman of the IAAAE (European Chapter)*, in which he outlined the main activities and projects of the IAAAE during the past year. He informed that the theme of the symposium was ‘*Education for sustainable development*’ and lectures were

delivered on the importance of sustainability, including the impact of smartphone production and use on the environment.



He also informed that in the past year the IAAAE had worked on model village projects in Benin, Mali and The Gambia, providing various facilities, including sanitation, agriculture, electricity and clean drinking water in remote African villages.

Various other projects were also being run simultaneously including *Water for Life* where 167 water pumps were established.



The event concluded with a silent prayer led by Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad.

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