

AIM Hosts Harmony Centre Delegation

Monday, 27 August 2007

Punchbowl NSW



The Australian Islamic Mission hosted a Muslim delegation from the Harmony Centre in Singapore. The visit was organised by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade (DFAT) and the overall objective was to provide the delegation with a better understanding of Australian policies and activities designed to promote social tolerance, cohesion and harmony.

The delegation used the four day visit to Sydney and Melbourne as an opportunity to develop links with relevant government agencies, community leaders and religious organisations.

The one and a half hour visit with AIM on Monday 27th August 2007 at its Centre in Punchbowl was an informal discussion around a range of issues, eg:

- the experiences of Muslim communities (in Australia and Singapore),
- Islam and democracy,
- interfaith dialogue,
- building intercultural understanding and cohesion,
- the role of education in multicultural society,
- the experience of Islamic education (in Singapore and Australia).

The delegation was led by the Head of the Harmony Centre, Mohammad Haniff Bin Abdul



Razak, who was accompanied by Abdul Razak Bin Hassan Maricar, Secretary, Office of the President, Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (MUIS) and Zainul Abidin bin Ibrahim, Assistant Director, Community Relations, MUIS. The visit was coordinated by Steve Barnes from DFAT.

AIM Hosts:

- Dr Zachariah Matthews, president
- Br Bashar Aljamal, vice-president
- Br Siddiq Buckley, secretary
- Br Ahmed Hamodeh, Student Mentor program



LtoR: Bashar Aljamal, Zainul Abidin bin Ibrahim, Abdul Razak Bin Hassan Maricar, Dr Zachariah Matthews, Mohammad Haniff Bin Abdul Razak, Siddiq Buckley, Steve Barnes