

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Shaikh Ramzan

Al-Haaj Dr. Shaikh Ramzan, M.A., M.Ed., Ph.D. (History) of Aurangabad, Maharashtra, India is a founder president of *Markaz-e-Khidmaat-e-Hujjaj* that provides training to Hajj pilgrims since 1991. This *Markaz* continues even today in the name of the Hajj Committee of Aurangabad and is the 2nd largest *Hajj & 'Umra* training centre in Maharashtra State. Thousands of Hajj pilgrims have acquired training at this centre and thousands of pilgrims leave every year for *Hajj* from this centre.

Apart from this Dr. Shaikh Ramzan had himself prepared a beautiful model in acrylic material of the *Haram Shareef & Kâ'bah* to aid in imparting *Hajj* and *'Umra* training. The distance between the *Safa'* and the *Marwa* of the model is approximately 11 feet – the entire model is quite huge. This model of the *Kâ'bah Shareef* is placed today at the Bombay Hajj House.

Further, Dr. Shaikh Ramzan has prepared another model which displays the schedule of the five days of Hajj having beautiful lights that can be turned on for the day of the schedule in review.

Dr. Shaikh Ramzan has also written a booklet under the Title, *Labbaik – Hajj & Umrah* in the Hindi & Urdu languages in an effort to assist the people to make the most out of their pilgrimage and it was and is still being distributed free of charge for the sake of Allah's pleasure.

During the period of *Hajj* training Dr. Shaikh Ramzan completed his research on the topic "*Science Behind Seven Rounds of Tawwaf.*" This research was published in Urdu & Hindi language in the year 2005. Now it is being published in English and is duly updated too. This subject also needs further research in the future.

May Allah accept my efforts and my exhortation to mankind to perform more and more *Tawwafs* and may Allah forgive me if I am wrong somewhere in my research!

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