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The Believe Achieve Inspire Leadership Program is a unique initiative of the Federation of Australian Muslim Students and Youth (FAMSY) and proudly supported by:

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Highlights:

- Lessons in Islamic Finance and Economics
- Leading Effective Teams
- FAMSY and BAILP co-host fundraiser Iftaar

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EID MUBARAAK FROM BAILP!

Believe Achieve Inspire wishes all its friends a very blessed and happy Eid-ul-Fitr, commemorating the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan in 2009.

Recession-buster: lessons in Islamic finance and economics

Participants of the Believe Achieve Inspire Leadership Program recently received pertinent lessons in Islamic financial systems from economics academic, Dr. Segu Zuhair and leading industry expert, Craig Dent. With irresponsible banking practices being held widely responsible for the global financial downturn, the \$700 billion Islamic finance sector represents a booming market as a sustainable alternative to conventional banking. Participants were addressed upon the ethical foundations underpinning Islamic finance, with analysis and discussion of the challenges facing the application of and access to Shariah compliant finance facilities. Attention was also paid to opportunities for the Islamic finance market in Australia, with institutions such as MCCA offering alternatives to profit-oriented commercial banking.

Leading effective teams and conflict management

As part of the Believe Achieve Inspire course stream co-delivered by Victoria University, participants of the world-first, tertiary accredited Muslim leadership program engaged in sessions aimed at furthering insight into effective team leadership and developing strategies for conflict management. The content was developed in collaboration with the Chair Academy of the USA and focused on key differentiation between work teams and work groups with modules on appreciation and understanding of diversity in work styles.

BAILP fundraiser Ramadan Iftaar a great success

In furtherance of the spirit of cohesion and benevolence espoused in the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, FAMSY and BAILP coordinated a joint Iftaar (breaking of the fast celebration) on 18 September 2009 at Rivoli Receptions, aimed at raising funds for the BAILP leadership program for 2010. The Iftaar celebration commenced prior to sunset, with over 150 guests attending to support the shared objectives and values of FAMSY and BAILP in developing the leadership capacity of the Australian Muslim community through initiatives such as the BAILP. Event Organizer and current BAILP participant, Sumaiya Muyeen undertook the fundraising initiative as part of a requisite

BAILP curricula on community project development. Speaking of the Iftaar's success in achieving its objectives, Sumaiya said community response to the BAILP program through the fundraiser Iftaar was immense with numerous community businesses and individuals offering generous support and involvement with the BAILP Ramadan initiative. "It is essential that BAILP is open and available for future community leaders as it provides the right guidance, skill, knowledge and insight that we need to lead and inspire our community forward", she said.

