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Al-Aqsa Mosque المسجد الأقصى The Farthest Mosque, is the third holiest site in Islam and is located in the Old City of Jerusalem. Muslims believe that Prophet Muhammed صلى الله عليه was transported from the Sacred Mosque in Mecca to al-Aqsa during the Night Journey of Isara and Mi'raaj. The Aqsa Mosque is known to be the First Qiblah (first Direction of Prayer), القبلة الأولى, and it was the First Qiblah until 17 months after the migration from Mecca to Medina when Allah Taa'la directed Prophet Muhammed صلى الله عليه to turn towards the Kaaba in Mecca. There is no doubt that Al-Aqsa Mosque المسجد الأقصى is one the greatest symbols and land marks of Allah Taa'la on planet earth and to observe the worship of Allah Taa'la in this mosque has a great reward. The Prophet (S.A.W.) encouraged his Ummah to travel to these sacred places. In the hadith The Prophet صلى الله عليه said:

"لا تشد الرحال إلا إلى ثلاثة مساجد: المسجد الحرام، ومسجد الرسول صلى الله عليه وسلم، ومسجد الأقصى."

"Do not undertake a long or difficult journey except to the Masjidul Haram, Masjid of the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه and Masjidul Aqsa"

So in context it will be understood that we are duty bond to give the Aqsa Mosque the highest regard, love and closest heart felt attachments, for indeed it is one the greatest land mark that Allah Taa'la has actually gifted us.

Allah says in the Quran regarding the precincts of the Aqsa Mosque in surah The Nights Journey, verse 1.

مُنِجَاتٍ إِلَيْهِ لَيْلَى وَيُنَادِي قِبْلَتَا مِنْ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَى الَّذِي بَارَكْنَا خَلْقَهُ لِيُبَيِّنَ بَيْنَ آيَاتِنَا إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ

"Glory to Him who journeyed His servant by night, from the Sacred Mosque, to the Farthest Mosque, whose precincts
"We have blessed, in order to show him of Our wonders. He is the Listener, the All-Seeing."

Allah says in the Quran in surah Al-Hajj verse 32.

"ذلك ومن يعظم شعائر الله فإنما من تقوى القلوب"

"So it is, whoever reveres the sacraments of Allah for indeed it's from the piety of the heart"

Alhumdulillah we are very fortunate that the Gold Coast Islamic Society with great difficulty and hard efforts were successful in obtaining a visa for the Esteem Resident Imam of the Al-Aqsa Mosque to visit Australia. It is solely and specially to get the Muslim Ummah together in helping to collect funds for the ongoing Dawah Project of the Gold Coast Mosque and also to welcome any contributions in assisting in the cost of the Esteem Resident Imam of the Al-Aqsa Mosque to visit Australia.

In the light of the above text of the Quran and Hadith the Council of Imams Queensland encourage all Muslim brothers and sisters to revere the resident Imam of Al-Aqsa Mosque IMAM SH. ALI OMAR AL ABBASI by attending the program set by Gold Coast Islamic Society. The resident Imam of Al-Aqsa Mosque IMAM SH. ALI OMAR AL ABBASI visit is considered to be a historical. "An opportunity never to be missed." We can place our attendance and help as veneration and reverence to the Al-Aqsa Mosque for indeed IMAM SH. ALI OMAR AL ABBASI is a resident imam of the Holy Mosque, Masjid-ul - Aqsa Jerusalem.

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