

Salaam Alaikum,

The weekend of September 28-29th and October 5th 2019, a Teachers Skills Program (TSP) was held in Montreal for teachers, assistants, resource team and parents of the SHIA Madrasah. The intensive 3-day training event was delivered to 22 participants, by the head of the Madrasah Centre of Excellence TSP Program, Sayyid Aliraza Naqvi from Birmingham, UK.

The objective of the Teaching Skills Program, which includes the Micro Teach Sessions, is to equip teachers with different methods of teaching to enhance student understanding, increase the skills of the teachers in understanding different personalities and to shift their attitudes and behaviors so that they are able to support the learning of the students. The long-term plan is to provide every teacher who has gone through the program with the opportunity to experience five sessions of Micro-teaching. Upon completion of the course, TSP-trained teachers will be presented with a University accredited certificate.

Feedback from some of the participants:

"It is our duty and responsibility to ensure that the best Islamic learning is given to ALL children, so that it may inspire generations."

"This training should be called Human being Skills Programme, and not Teacher Skills Programme"

"This is definitely much needed for all Madaris to help shift everyone's mindset to a more nurturing environment in Madrasah."

"An excellent, passionate, inspiring and sincere facilitator, teacher and guide. We cried, we laughed, we learned... It will be etched in my memory forever"

There will be further programs that will be organized in order to ensure continuous professional development for the Madrasah Teachers, Insha`Allah. We extend our gratitude to NASIMCO and the Madrasah Centre of Excellence for their support and to Sayyid Aliraza Naqvi for his time and effort in developing the Madrasah Teachers.

And finally, we sincerely thank and extend our appreciation to the Madrasah Teachers and their family members for their utmost dedication, support and sacrifice accorded towards this noble cause.

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