

Activities during the 75th Year of our beloved Mowlana Hazar Imam

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World Bank's former President states:

"(His Highness The Aga Khan is) an ICON of not only THOUGHT & PHILOSOPHY but of ACTION"

(James Wolfensohn - 26th Jan 05)

His Highness Public Activities - 75th Year

- List of Countries visited in 2011
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- Photographs of all Important Events

Aga Khan in the eyes of World Leaders...

- A leader with the **mission** ... and (has) **brilliant leadership**
- The most prominent & influential spiritual leader in the world
- A model spiritual leader
- (He is) an inspiration
- (He) works tirelessly
- Seeks to fulfill his Vision
- (He has) given us all so much
- We salute your efforts
- He is being fantastic
- Thoughtful & effective leader

- An advocate of standards of excellence
- · Does good work & moves quickly
- Committed to the Well-Being of human beings
- A man who bridge the east & the west
- The force of understanding between Muslim & Western worlds
- An unparalleled leader in development, cultural preservation and philanthropy
- A horse breeder, a newspaper proprietor, a yachtsman, a developer, a financier, and a philanthropist of almost unparalleled scope
- The **most successful Imam** of the Shia Imami Muslims

So, let us explore the 75th Year of our beloved Hazar Imam, by recollecting all the major activities performed by Him in the Year 2011

"Today is an important day to recognize all His Highness has done as one of the **most prominent** and **influential spiritual leaders** in the world."

(Bob Rae - Liberal Leader, Canada –13 Dec 11)

List of Countries Visited in 2011

Developing Countries

- 1. Mozambique (Maputo)
- 2. Uganda (Kampala)
- 3. Tanzania (Dar-es-Salam, Arusha)
- 4. Kenya (Nairobi)
- 5. Sudan (Juba)
- India (Delhi)
- 7. Afghanistan (Kabul)
- 8. Tajikistan (Dushanbe)
- Kyrgyzstan (Bishkek)

Developed Countries

- 1. U.S.A. (California, Los Angeles, Chicago)
- 2. England (London)
- 3. France (Paris)
- 4. Canada (Toronto, Ottawa)
- 5. Ireland
- 6. Monaco
- 7. Italy (Olbia)

(He is) a man who bridges the East & the West

(UCSF Video Remarks – 26 Apr 11)

TRAVELING CALENDAR

Maputo, Mozambique (Dec 10)



California, U.S (Apr 11)



London, U.K. (Apr 11)



Paris, France (May 11)



Ireland, Europe (May 11)



Paris, France (May 11)



Juba, Sudan (July 11)



London, U.K. (July 11)



Dar es Salam, Tanzania (July 11)



Monaco, Germany (July 11)



Toronto, Canada (Jun 11)



London, U.K (Jun 11)



Kampala, Uganda (July 11)



Nairobi, Kenya (July 11)



Arusha, Tanzania (July 11)



Nairobi, Kenya (Aug 11)



Paris, France (Sep 11)



Toronto, Canada (Sep 11)



Ottawa, Canada (Nov 11)



Dushanbe, Tajikistan (Oct 11)



Kabul, Afghanistan (Oct 11)



Delhi, India (Oct 11)



Los Angeles, U.S. (Oct 11)



Olbia, Italy (Sep 11)



Chicago, U.S (Nov 11)



Bishkek, Kirgyzstan (De 11)



Paris, France (Dec 11)



Bonn, Germany (Dec 11)



SALGIRAH MUBARAK 13 Dec 2011 2011

List of Activities – Dec 10 to Jun 11

December 2010 (After 74th Salgirah)

- Attended the **Inauguration** of the Polana Serena Hotel at <u>Maputo</u>, <u>Africa</u> (Dec 16)
- Visited Professional Development Center to review AKDN work at Maputo, Africa (Dec 16)
- Visited Moztex Garment Factory to review AKFED work at Maputo, Africa (Dec 16)

April 2011

- Received UCSF **Medal** 2011 from University of <u>California</u>, <u>San Francisco</u> (Apr 28)
- Attended the wedding of Prince William & Kate Middleton at London, U.K (Apr 29)

May 2011

- Hosted a **Dinner** for Prime Minister of Pakistan at <u>Aiglemont, Paris</u>, with Minister of Water & Power, State Minister of Foreign Affairs & Advisor to PM on Minorities Affairs (May 4)
- Hosted a private Lunch with His family in honor of the Queen Elizabeth II at <u>Ireland</u>, <u>Europe</u> (May 19)
- **Attended** launching of A Global Partnership for Girls' & Women's Education at UNESCO Headquarters in <u>Paris</u>, <u>France</u> (May 26)

June 2011

- BBC Radio 5 Interview by Mick Fitzgerald in <u>London</u> on 'The Shergar Story' (published on Jun 01)
- Tour the construction of Aga Khan Museum & Ismaili Center at Toronto, Canada (Jun 23)

"Some says our world is getting flatter, some say hotter, but here is the proof that it is getting better... It (the AKDN Institutions) is a body of work that make any nation proud but it spans 30 nations and its a legacy of one man the Aga Khan." (UCSF Medal 2011–Video Remarks–26 Apr 11)

December 2010 (After 74th Salgirah)

"I consider that it was important that I should have the capacity to contribute to the **improvement of Quality of Life** of people around the world"

(Aga Khan - UCSF Medal 2011 Video Remarks—26 Apr 11)

Inauguration of Polana Serana Hotel, Mozambique

The architectural landmark underwent a muti-year programme of improvements, upgrades & enhancements that consciously sought to restore the hotel to its former splendour











<u>Visit To Professional Development Center, Mozambique</u>

The Aga Khan Academy's PDC outreach its efforts through professional development programmes for educators at Government Schools





Visit To Moztex Garment Factory, Mozambique

The Factory had been acquired by AKFED when it was a dilapidated textile factory but which after acquisition now consider as pioneer in Ready to Wear garments manufacturing industry

"Because of his tremendous credibility in both living Muslim world & the Western World, He is the force of understanding between these two worlds." (Former US Ambassador - UCSF Medal 2011 Video Remarks – 26 Apr 11)

April 2011

"It was a great example of how the Aga Khan does **good work** & **moves quickly.**" (Former US Ambassador - UCSF Medal 2011 Video Remarks – 26 Apr 11)

UCSF Medal 2011 - University of California, San Francisco

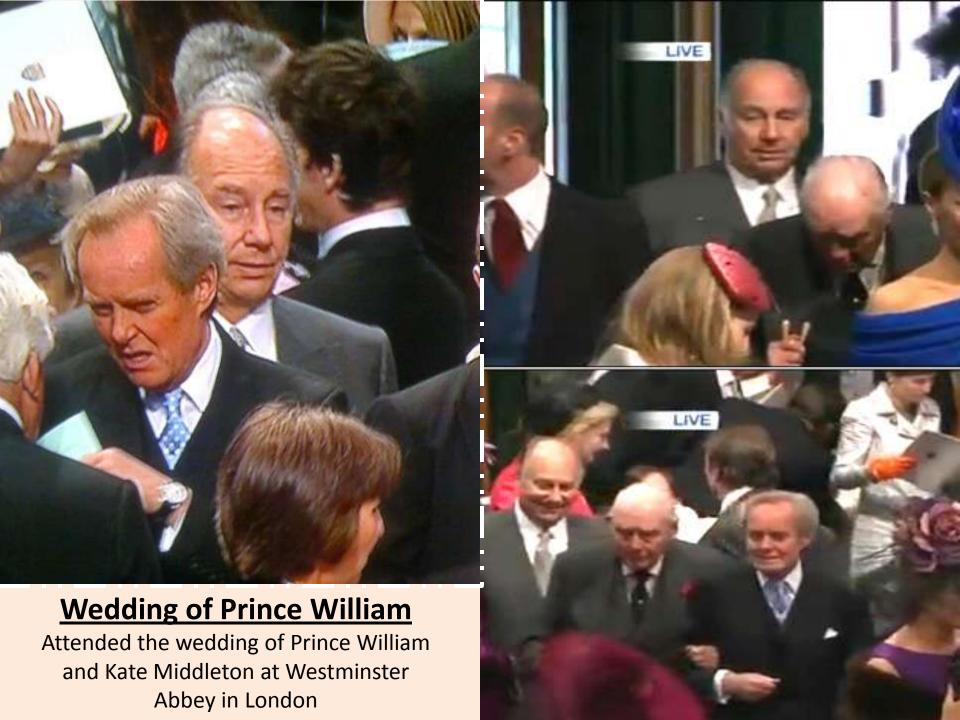
Awarded annually, the UCSF Medal replaces the granting of honorary degrees & is bestowed on individuals who have attained preeminence in an area that is in support of UCSF's mission











"The **Highest Excellence**...The fruit of His work go beyond just improving the human conditions." (Dr Haile Debas - UCSF's Global Health Advisor - 26 Apr 11)

May 2011

"He is also all about **service**, serving others in doing something that is much greater than ourselves....So I m **inspired** of that, **He is being**Fantastic."

(Arnold Schwarzenegger - Former Governor of California - 26 Apr 11)



Hosted Dinner in Paris for Govt. Officials & Prime Minister of Pakistan

"I commend Your Highness for your personal initiatives to better the lives of our people. We salute your efforts." (H.E. Hon. Mwai Kibaki - C.G.H., M.P. President and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces of the Republic of Kenya - 25 Jul 11)

June 2011

"An unparalleled leader in development, cultural preservation and philanthropy...An individual whose career demonstrates a commitment to the highest standards of responsible development."

(Urban Land Institute (ULI) - 28 Oct 11)



Toured the new Aga Khan Museum & Ismaili Centre - Toronto, Canada



List of Activities – Jul 11 to Sep 11

July 2011

- Attended wedding of Prince Albert II & Princess Charlene at Monaco, Germany (Jul 02)
- Arrived at <u>Dar es Salam, Tanzania</u> for a 4-days of **religious ceremonies** (Jul 04)
- **Dinner** with Leaders of Ismaili Jamat in <u>Tanzania</u> (Jul 07)
- Signed AKDN agreement to build Cultural & Education Centre at King's Cross Central, London (Jul 08)
- Attended the **ceremony of signing** of the New Constitution of Southern Sudan (Jul 09)
- Arrived at Kampala, Uganda for a two-days **private visit** (Jul 12)
- Meeting with President Yoweri Museveni at the State House in Entebbe, Uganda (Jul 13)
- Arrived at Nairobi, Kenya airport & welcomed by Vice President & senior govt. officials (Jul 14)
- Meeting with President of Kenya at his Harambee House in Nairobi, Kenya (Jul 22)
- Visit to Aga Khan Academy Mombasa in Nairobi, Kenya (Jul 22)
- Inaugurated the AKU's Heart & Cancer Center at Nairobi, Kenya (Jul 25)
- Founded the AKU Graduate School of Media & Communications at Nairobi, Kenya (Jul 27)
- Meeting with East African Community Secretary General at <u>EAC Secretariat</u>, Arusha (Jul 28)

August 2011

• The East African **Interview** by Peter Mwaura on 'How East Africans can build one common destiny for and by themselves, step by intelligent step' in <u>Nairobi, Kenya</u> (Aug 14)

September 2011

- Meeting with Canada's Foreign Affairs Minister in Paris (Sep 02)
- Private visit to Museum's Construction Site at Toronto, Canada (Sep 20)
- **Signed** an agreement in person with the Governor of Sardinia Region Ugo Cappellacci at Olbia-Italy, which some calls "Historic" between the region and AKFED (Sep 20)

"The Aga Khan has been an advocate of **standards of excellence** ... The efforts of the Aga Khan have **strengthened** both communities and **societies at large.**" (James DeFrancia - Chair of the 2011 Nichols Prize Jury - 28 Oct 11)

July 2011

"The **knowledge** we gain from the **outstanding example** set by the Aga Khan's work will greatly help Urban Land Institute broaden its approach to community building." (Patrick Phillips - ULI Chief Executive Officer - 30 Oct 11)





Arrival in Dar-es-Salam, Tanzania for Religious Ceremonies

Jamati Deedar held from 5th to 8th July 2011 whereas the Grand Darbar held on 8th July 2011











Dinner with Jamati & Institutional Leaders of Tanzania - 8th July 2011



Arrival in Kampala, Uganda for Religious & AKDN Ceremonies







Dinner with Jamati & Institutional Leaders of Uganda - 12th July 2011

Toured the Bujagali Hydroelectric Power Dam Project

Inspected the construction of Bujagali Power Dam project which proceeds into its final phase



Arrival in Nairobi, Kenya for Religious & AKDN Ceremonies

Jamati Deedar on 14th to 16th, 21st & 23rd July & foundations and inaugurations of AKDN projects









Dinner with Jamati & Institutional Leaders of Kenya - 16th July 2011









Meeting with President Kibaki at Harambee House in Nairobi, Kenya

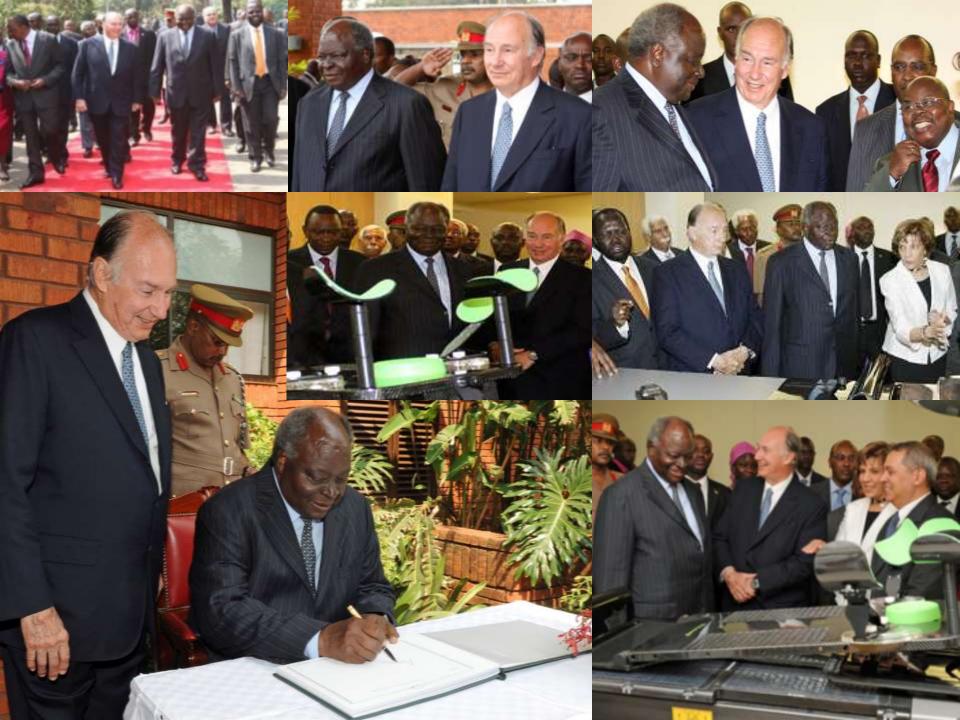




Inaugration of AKU's Heart & Cancer Centre

Heart & cancer patient can now access quality treatment at reduced cost at state-of-the-art centre









Foundation of The AKU Graduate School of Media & Communication

The school will provide quality journalism training & promote media research & entrepreneurship







Meeting with the Secretary General of East African Community

To brief the Secretary General on the progress of various AKDN projects in East Africa



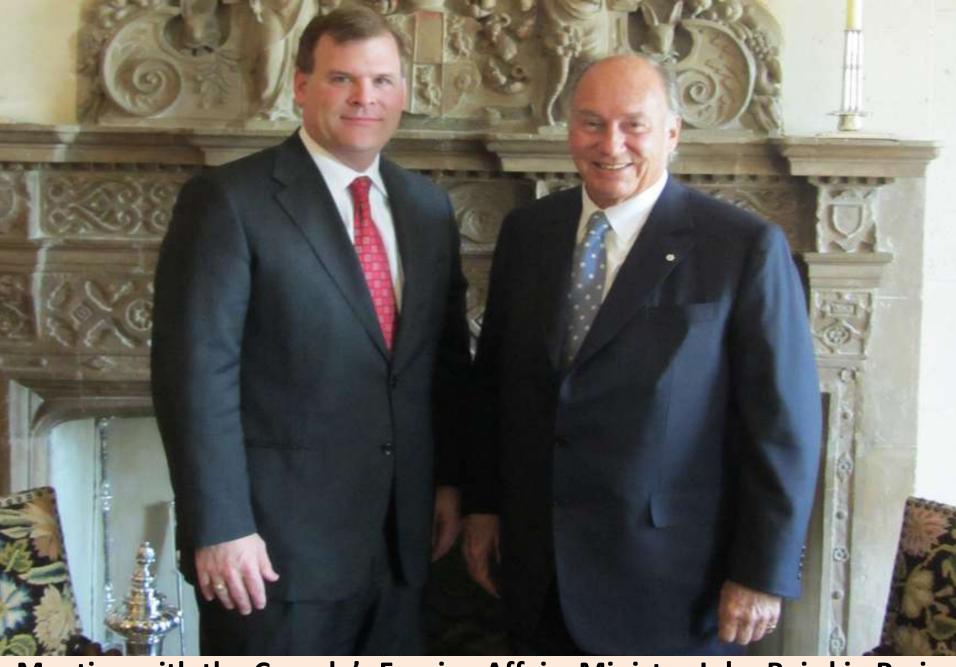




"We hoped the award to this **thoughtful & effective leader** might be a **bridge** to broadened exchange of ideas & community building practices between Western & Islamic cultures." (Neal Peirce - Member, Prize Jury - 28 Oct 11)

September 2011

"In this year of the Arab Spring, at a moment of perilous transitions in the relations between Western and Muslim communities, **the time was ideal to honor the Aga Khan.**" (Neal Peirce - Member, Prize Jury - 28 Oct 11)



Meeting with the Canada's Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird in Paris

To discuss the issue of combating religious intolerance & about the Office of Religious Freedom



An "Historic" Agreement Signed by AKFED with Sardinia Region

A real Public-Private collaboration for development of tourism & air transport. The Region's finance company will now have access to 15% of the shares of the Meridian fly company with an increase capital by up to 20%





List of Activities – Oct 11 to Dec 11

October 2011

- Received 2011 ULI J.C. Nichols Prize for Visionaries in Urban Dev. at Los Angeles (Oct 27)
- Visited Humayun's Tomb in <u>Delhi India</u> to review progress of its restoration work (Oct 29)
- Meeting with President Hamid Karzai in <u>Kabul Afghanistan</u> to discuss AKDN work (Oct 30)
- Arrived in Tajikistan for a two-day visit (Oct 30)
- Attended, with President of Tajikistan, the **groundbreaking** ceremony for construction of a new Tajik-Afghan bridge over the Panj River in <u>Shouroobod district of Tajikistan</u> (Oct 31)

November 2011

- Inaugurated the new <u>Dushanbe</u> Serena Hotel (Nov 01)
- Arrived in <u>Ottawa, Canada</u> with Princess Zahra for a two-day visit (Nov 02)
- Foreign Affairs Minister greeted His Highness the Aga Khan in a **meeting** at the Headquarters of Foreign Affairs & International Trade Canada in Ottawa (Nov 04)
- Signed an Agreement of Cooperation with <u>Illinois</u> State Governor (Nov 04)

December 2011

- Attended the **inauguration** ceremony of President-elect of the Kyrgyz Republic (Dec 01)
- Meetings with President, Former President & the Speaker of the Kyrgyz Republic (Dec 01)
- Gave honor to welcome the ICOMOS memberships at the <u>Domaine de Chantilly, France</u> (Dec 02)
- Attended 10th Annual International Afghanistan conference in Bonn, Germany (Dec 05)
- Arte TV Interview by Veronika Hofer in <u>France</u>, <u>Germany</u> (published in Dec 11)

"He is a horse breeder, a newspaper proprietor, a yachtsman, a developer, a financier, & a philanthropist of almost unparalleled scope."

(Urban Land Institute Website – About the Nichols Prize 2011 Winner - Oct 11)

October 2011

"Most importantly, he is widely considered the most successful Imam of the Shia Imami Muslims and is deeply committed to improving living conditions & opportunities in the developing world." (ULI Website)



Visit to the Humayun's Tomb & the Sunder Nursery in Delhi, India

To review progress on these restoration projects which aims to preserve & rehabilitate landmark buildings in Nizamuddin Basti, while improving the quality of life for inhabitants of the area.



Meeting with President Hamid Karzai in Kabul, Afghanistan to review AKDN Projects





Ground Breaking Ceremony of Tajik-Afghan Shurobod Bridge

The bridge is the fifth to be built over Panj River in partnership with the AKDN, & will connect the Shurobod District of Khatlon Region in Tajikistan with the Khohon Province of Afghanistan to enhance cross-border humanitarian assistance delivery, infrastructure development, socioeconomic exchange, tourism and trade between the two countries







Meeting with His Excellency Emomali Rahmon, President of Tajikistan

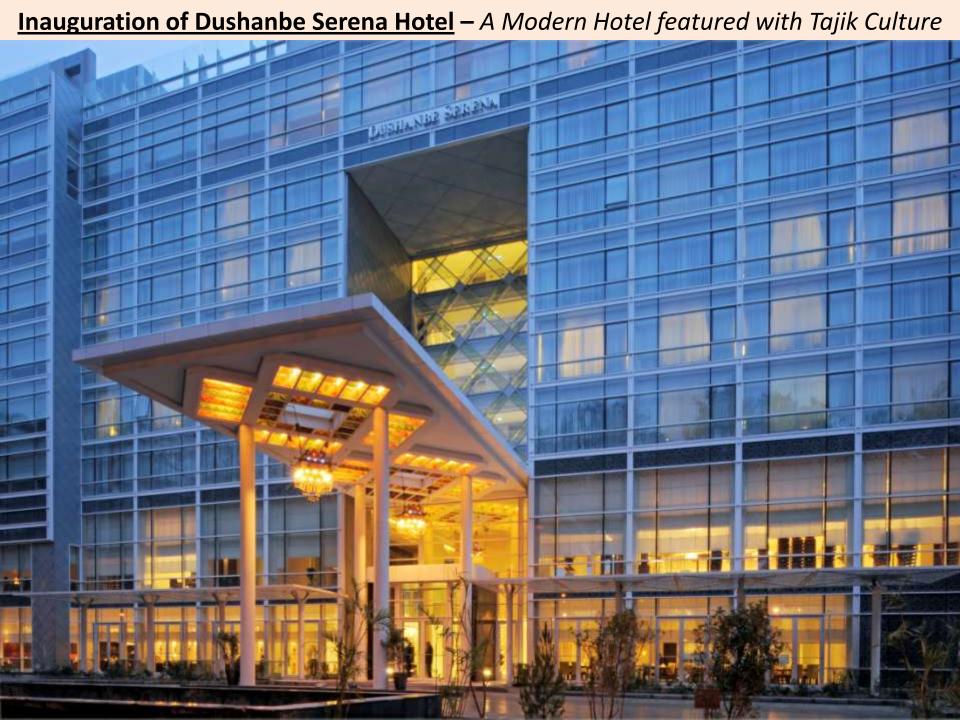
"Prince Karim has been an **inspiration** to Ismaili Muslims and others around the world. He has **worked tirelessly** to promote both religious & racial tolerance."

(Hon. Jim Karygiannis, M.P. – Liberal Party, Canada – 13 Dec 11)

November 2011

"In a world with so many faiths and cultures, his Highness is a **model spiritual leader** whose work extends beyond his own community, endeavoring to **eliminate global poverty**, as well as to promote the advancement of women, Islamic culture, & pluralistic values in society."

(Bob Rae – Liberal Leader – 13 Dec 11)







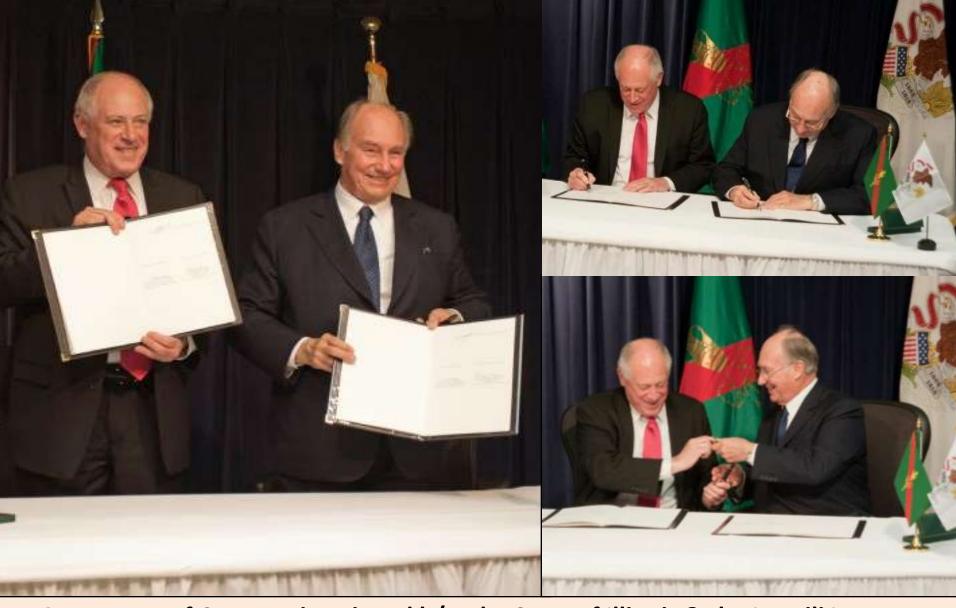








Meeting with Foreign Affairs Minister of Canada, John Baird in Ottawa

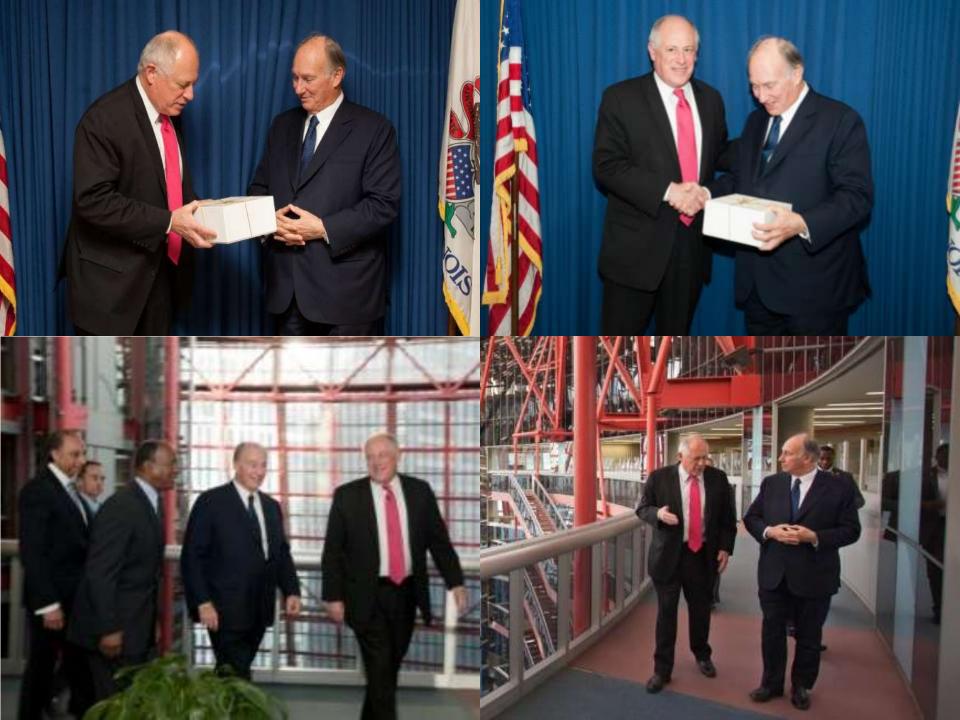


Agreement of Cooperation signed b/w the State of Illinois & the Ismaili Imamat

The agreement establishes a basis for long term collaborative programmes in the fields of education, environmental stewardship and management, health sciences, library and information sciences, infrastructure development, agricultural sustainability, and culture









Illinois Secretary of State, Jesse White, presents
Personalised Illinois License Plate



Meeting with representatives of the State of Illinois & the AKDN

Including Illinois Governor Pat Quinn, Deputy Governor Cristal Thomas, to discuss the areas of mutual interest, including early childhood education



"I have always been impressed by His commitment to the well-being of human beings irrespective of their religion, color or creed. He strives to uplift those who are affected by poverty, hunger & war, demonstrating His unwavering commitment to humanity."

(Kathleen O. Wynn, M.P.P., Canada – 13 Dec 11)

December 2011

"The **greatest gift** that we can offer His Highness Prince Karim Aga Khan is to **renew our commitment to building a pluralistic society**, one that is based on the values of justice, equality & tolerance."

(Mobina S.B. Jaffer, Q.C., Honorable Senator of Canada – 13 Dec 11)



Meeting with Former President of Kyrgyz Republic, Roza Otunbaeva



Meeting with Kyrgyz President Almazbek Atambaev in the Government building



<u>Speaks with Germany's special representative for Afghanistan & Pakistan, Michael</u>
<u>Steiner during 10th Annual International Afghanistan Conference in Bonn, Germany</u>



Few More Appreciations...

- His Highness seeks to fulfill His vision of a world where difference is not erased, but rather, is used as a powerful force for good
 (Bob Rae, Liberal Leader of Canada – 13 Dec 11)
- He emphasized the importance of educating girls, and he continues to ensure that young girls around the world are afforded the same opportunities as young boys.

(Mobina S.B. Jaffer, Q.C., Honourable Senator of Canada – 13 Dec 11)

 I believe that these human qualities of His Highness the Aga Khan and His devotion to always care for those who have less have earned him respect & admiration the world over.

(Kathleen O. Wynn, M.P.P. Canada – 13 Dec 11)

• The Aga Khan often described his vision of a world where difference is not seen as weakness but instead as powerful force for good. I want to live in that world. The Aga Khan has given us all so much. Let us continue to work to make His vision a reality.

(Mobina S.B. Jaffer, Q.C., Honourable Senator of Canada – 13 Dec 11)

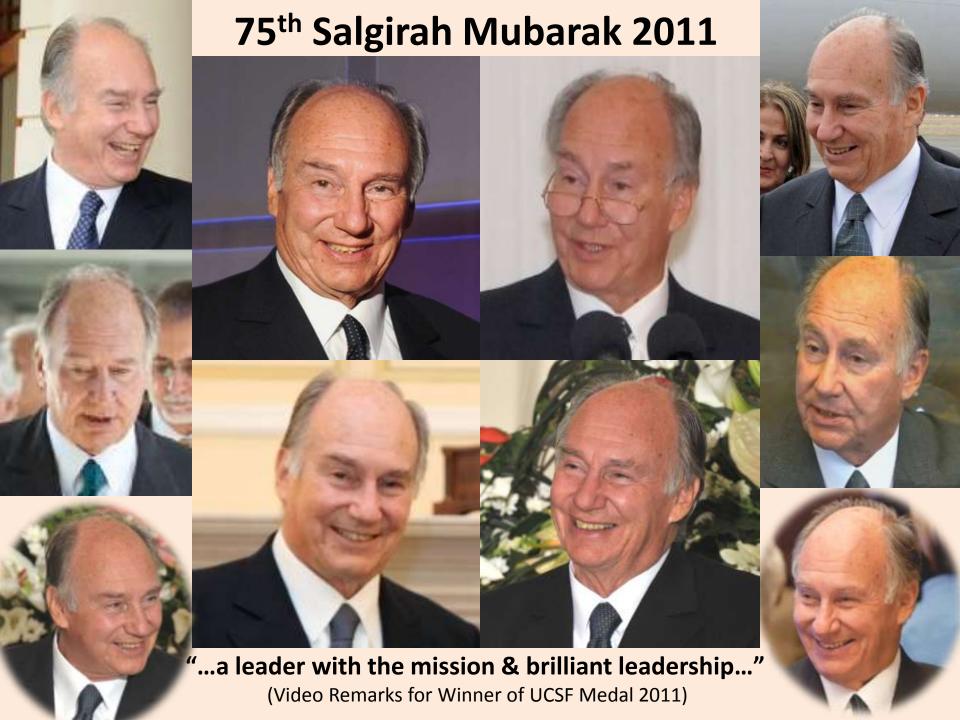
Summary – 2011

(Also review His Highness activities in 2010, 2009)

Achievements	Details	
Total Visits	28+ trips, to around 16 countries, for participation in at least 27 public events	
Agreements	Agreement between AKDN & owners of King's Cross Central to build a Cultural & Education Centre at King's Cross (Jul 08) Memorandum of Understanding (which some calls "Historic" agreement) between the Sardinia Region and Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development (AKFED) (Sep 20) Agreement of Cooperation between the State of Illinois and the Ismaili Imamat (Nov 04)	
Foundations	The AKU Graduate School of Media and Communications in Nairobi, Kenya (Jul 27) Tajik-Afghan Bridge over the Panj River in Shurobod district, Khatlon province (Oct 31)	
Inaugurations	Polana Serena Hotel in Maputo, Mozambique (Dec 16) The Aga Khan University Hospital's Heart & Cancer Centre in Nairobi, Kenya (Jul 25) Dushanbe Serena Hotel in Dushanbe, Tajikistan (Oct 30)	
Meetings with Govt. Officials	With President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda, Africa (Jul 13) With President Kibaki of Kenya, Africa (Jul 22) With Secretary General of East African Community Secretariat (Jul 28) With John Baird, the Foreign Affairs Minister of Canada (Sep 02, Nov 04) With President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan (Oct 30) With President Emomali Rahmon of the Tajikistan (Oct 31) With International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda & various other people (Nov 03) With Representatives of the State of Illinois & the AKDN (Nov 04) Separate meetings with new President of Kyrgz Republic Almazbek Atambaev, Forme President Roza Otunbaeva & Kyrgyz Speaker Ahmatbek (Dec 01)	r
Hosted the Receptions	Dinner for Prime Minister of Pakistan Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani in Paris (May 04) Lunch hosted with family in Ireland for the Queen of Ireland (May 19) Dinner for a dozen high profile guests including previous UN Secretary-General Kofi An & Ex Governor General of Canada, Adrienne Clarkson in Ottawa, Canada (Nov 03) Welcomed the ICOMOS members at the Domaine de Chantilly (Dec 02)	nan

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Honors	 UCSF Medal 2011, University of California, San Francisco (Apr 28) 2011 Urban Land Institute J.C. Nichols Prize for Visionaries in Urban Development (Oct 27)
Review of AKDN Projects	 The Aga Khan Academy Professional Development Centre in Maputo, Mozambique (Dec 16) The Moztex Garment Factory (AKFED acquired when it was dilapidated textile factory but now pioneer in ready to wear garment manufacturing industry) in Mozambique (Dec 16) The new Aga Khan Museum and the Ismaili Centre in Toronto, Canada (Jun 23, Sep 20) The Aga Khan Academy Mombasa, Kenya (Jul 22) The restoration of Humayun's Tomb & the work at Sunder Nursery in Delhi (Oct 29)
Jamati Deedar / Darbar / Institutional Dinner	 Jamati Deedar at Dar es Salam, Tanzania (From Jul 05 to 08) Dinner with Jamati & Institutional Leaders of Tanzania (Jul 07) Grand Darbar at Dar es Salam, Tanzania (Jul 08) Jamati Deedar at Kampala, Uganda (Jul 12 & 13) Jamati Deedar (in Jamat Khana for local Jamats) at Nairobi, Kenya (From Jul 14 to 16) Dinner with Jamati & Institutional Leaders of Kenya (Jul 16) Jamati Deedar (only for local Jamats) at Mombasa, Kenya (Jul 21) Grand Darbar at Nairobi, Kenya (Jul 23)
Interviews	 To Mick Fitzgerald of BBC Radio 5 Interview related to 'The Shergar Story' (Jun 01) East African Interview to Peter Mwaura related to "How East Africans can build one common destiny for and by themselves, step by intelligent step" (Aug 14) To Veronika Hofer of Arte TV related to frank discussion on the Aga Khan journey (Dec 11)
<u>Speeches</u>	 On the special word, "Welcome" w.r.t. African Hospitality Industry & about AKDN Projects in Africa based on Development Cooperation Agreement with Mozambique govt. (Dec 10) On the "benchmark" moment in the evolution of AKDN & AKU and on the importance of Africa based medical research related to Oncology & Cardiology (Jul 25) On the importance of ability to go on learning in a world of perpetual change & of the five features with which the new Graduate School will be truly distinctive (Jul 27) On the spirit of Hotel project with the importance of Tajik region in the ancient Silk Route as a key connecting point b/w people of many cultures, languages & ethnicities. (Nov 01)



You, the Most Perfect & Holy of the Human Race!

The glory of Knowledge and Wisdom,
Light upon light, the heavens weep,
When you rain light on the infinite kingdom,
Gnosis is your gift, your secret we keep,
Shine your face upon me, O Blessed One!
Let me prostrate with the stars below your august face!
There is so much light, O radiant sun!

You, the most perfect and holy of the human race!
Idriknyi, Ya Ali, Idrikni!
In your gentle hand is the key to all,
Before your dhu al-fiqar I bow my knee,
Before your beauty, the stars tremble and fall.
Imam of the Age, I look up and down and every which way,
And all I can see is you, hailing the dawn of the new day

Poem by Abd al-Hakeem Carney

"As a proud Ismaili Muslim, every morning I wake up knowing that I am a beneficiary of the Aga Khan's Infinite Knowledge, Wisdom & Guidance." (Mobina S.B. Jaffer, Q.C., Honorable Senator of Canada – 13 Dec 11)

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