

## **Convention Report covering inauguration session day 1 and opening session day 2.**

Fourth Semi-Annual Convention Becomes a Milestone for the MQM United States. Washington Unit Showed Its Organizational Strength by Holding the Event in 5 Days. MQM USA's Emergency Relief Efforts Now Enters into the Rehabilitation Phase. Units Reporting, Open Discussion Forum, Award Ceremony and Much More Achieved. Dr. Amir Liaquat Hussain Coming Over to Attend MQM USA's series of Public Events.

MQM North America's caretaker Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui inaugurated the fourth semi-annual convention on the eve of December 2, 2005 at Ramada Inn in Quantico, Virginia. Session was attended by the representatives of the various units arrived from all four corners of the United States. Dr. Siddiqui congratulated the units for responding to the urgent call and for attending the convention on such a short notice of five days. He says this is what MQM is all about, responding to the call in timely fashion.

In the opening session MQM USA's Central Organizer Ajaz Siddiqi welcomes all delegates and congratulated MQM Washington DC unit for arranging the convention on a five day notice only.

Next morning, on December 3, 2005 the first session started with the Talawat by Moeed bhai, member central organizing committee, followed by the welcoming remarks by the host unit Washington DC. Central Organizer Ajaz Siddiqi presented a brief overview on the reasons for calling an urgent and early semi-annual convention due to commencing of rehabilitation work. He immediately asked all units to start presenting their organizational and relief effort reports.

All MQM USA units presented their reports including the details of the funds collected and spent for earth quake relief work. These reports were followed by the reports from the central organizing committee as well as by the incharges of Sports & Recreation Wing, News & Media wing, Gahwara-e-Adab, Khidmat-e-Khalq Committee and the Computer wing. This session ends at the tea break.

Next session started with an open forum conducted by Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui bhai in order to formulate a strategy for rehabilitation phase for the earth quake victims. It has been decided that Dr. Amir Liaquat Hussain will be called to come to United States to attend MQM USA's fund raising and other public events. According to Dr. Siddiqui, this phase of rehabilitation will require each of us to be rock solid and patient to continue our efforts in the next several months.

Session ended with an open discussion to enhance organizational productivity and to better spreading the message of Quaid-e-Tehreek Altaf Hussain bhai in USA. Final session was consist of a public gathering, dinner and a presentation by the relief coordinator at the Holiday in Springfield, Virginia.