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To: All Gurdwaras

President,

Gurdwara Sahib

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh

Sardar / Sardarni Jio,

Subject: <u>Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji's 550 Years Parkash Divas on</u> 12 November 2019

The Malaysian Gurdwaras Council (MGC) had informed all Gurdwaras and Sanggat vide letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 that the MGC would be organising grand celebrations to celebrate the 550 years Parkash Divas of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji which falls on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019. All Gurdwaras and many Sikhs Societies will be supporting this initiative.

The "Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji 550 years Parkash Divas celebration committee" had its first meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018 and decided amongst others on the following:

- (i) That all Gurdwaras celebrate as planned the coming 549 years Parkash Divas of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji which falls on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018. These celebrations to be their priority at the moment.
- (ii) That the celebrations of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji 550 years Parkash Divas will be launched on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 after completion of 549 years Parkash Divas celebrations.

- (iii) The 550 years Parkash Divas celebrations of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji will be launched simultaneously on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 in almost all the Gurdwaras nationwide.
- (iv) <u>Top Jathas</u> from India will begin Nationwide tours starting from 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018. They will be assisted by local Jathas. There will be many other programmes organised at Gurdwaras, Sate and National level. Announcements will be made in due course.

Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji is the Founder of Sikhism. Guru Ji from Parkash Divas day itself began removing the darkness of ignorance and brought about enlightenment, Guru Ji further liberated masses from rituals and superstitions and bond them to ONE Parmatma. Bhai Gurdas Ji describes in Banee beautifully:

## "ਸਤਿਗੁਰ ਨਾਨਕ ਪ੍ਰਗਟਿਆ, ਮਿਟੀ ਧੁੰਧੁ ਜਗ ਚਾਨਣੁ ਹੋਆ"

[Translation: When the True Guru Nanak came into the world, a Light of enlightenment came to shine over the dirt and the darkness of ignorance in the world]

Gurdwaras are kindly reminded to note the above.

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Jagir Singh

President

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