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TORONTO ZOO OPENS A MULTI-FAITH PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL SPACE (MUSALA YAMEEN)

Muslims and other Communities to enjoy a space of worship at the zoo now

(Toronto, October 29 2020): After months of efforts and dialogues between the Toronto Zoo management and a members of Zero Mortgage, a MULTI-FAITH PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL SPACE (MUSALA YAMEEN) opened this week.

The space is located in the Discovery Zone beside the Conservation Clubhouse at the Toronto Zoo. There is a large room that has a private bathroom and an open sink to allow people to perform ablution. The building and bathroom are handicap accessible. Zero Mortgage had the privilege to furnish this place and provide 20 prayer mats at Musalla Yameen. The prayer place is located on the right side of the park when entering; therefore, Zero Mortgage has named it, 'Yameen' (Arabic for Right Hand).

In a meeting with the Toronto Zoo team, **Sh Habeeb Alli** expressed, *"Our Muslim community appreciates Toronto Zoo opening this place this week. I and various other members have been working closely with Toronto Zoo to open this Multi-Faith Prayer and Spiritual Space. We understand October is a Islamic History Month as declared by the Federal Government and many cities across Canada. We wanted to make the announcement for its opening this month. I appreciate the furnishing of the space by Zero Mortgage as a Sadiqa Jariya dedication to Sh Dr Nizam Yacouby and commemoration to the Late Sh Dr Abdul Sattar Abu Ghuddah. Our team continues to work with the Toronto Zoo in meeting more of our community needs including more Halal food options and welcome more of the community, Islamic Schools to visit the park and become members."*

"We are very pleased to be able to collaborate with our diverse community and provide a Multi-Faith Prayer and Spiritual Space at their Toronto Zoo. This is a room which will be shared for prayer, reflection, meditation and quiet time to fulfill the needs of our guests and staff." **Dolf DeJong CEO, Toronto Zoo** (Oct 29 2020)

"So happy we were able to get this space opened. Thank you again for all that you did to make it happen." **Adam Huston, Director, Guest Experience** (Oct 29 2020)

Toronto Zoo is the largest zoo in Canada. It has one of the most diverse collections of animals on display of any zoo; it is currently a home to over 5,000 animals representing over 500 species. The zoo is a corporation owned by the municipal government of Toronto. The Toronto Zoo has updated its website this week and more information can be found on: <https://www.torontozoo.com/tz/multi-faith>

Virtual Opening

A virtual opening with a closing Prayer (Dua) will take place on a Zoom Webinar on November 8, 2020 at 2 pm EST hosted by Sh Habeeb Alli. Many Community leaders, dignitaries and officials of the Toronto Zoo have been invited. Please visit www.ZeroGlobal.biz for more information and to register for this webinar. Please share this information and if any community media wishes to report about this we can connect you with the Toronto Zoo.

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