

Muslim Business Council

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The Muslim Business Council of India inaugurated its Kolkata branch during an interactive session with more than 160 people, at the American Center, in June. Consul General Beth Payne highlighted President Barack Obama's commitment to forge stronger ties with Muslim communities, underscoring messages delivered in the president's June 4 speech in Cairo, Egypt. General secretary of the council, Mohammed Ariff, explained the

benefits of Islamic banking for the economic growth of not only Muslims in India, but also for the entire country.

The business council's Web site (<http://www.mbcoid.com/>), which is expected to link more than 500 Muslim-owned businesses across India, was unveiled at the event. A special edition of the e-book *Muslim Educational Uplift: How to Achieve This Goal?* by M.K.A. Siddiqui was also released during the program.

Kolkata Public Affairs Officer Douglas Kelly unveils an e-book at the inauguration of the Muslim Business Council branch.

