## ALLAMA IQBAL LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR

## (Eminent Visitors and their Remarks about Allama Iqbal Library)

| S. No. | Eminent Visitors                      | Status & Address  | Visiting Date | Remarks  |
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| 1.     | Stathis Lozos<br>Ambassador of Greece | Embassy of Greece<br>New Delhi                                    | 07/08/2002    | Congratulations for this Centre of Knowledge. I wish to all students to preserve   |
| 2.     | Mr. James J. Carrick                  | Canadian High<br>Commission, New Delhi                            | 20/08/2002    | I am very impressed with the Library + Computer Facilities.  |
| 3.     | H.H Tyabji                            | Chairman, JKPSC   | 19/09/2002    | It was a great pleasure to visit the Allama Iqbal<br>Library in its present avatar.  |
| 4.     | Tom Zefforberg                        | Minister<br>Embassy of Sweden                                     | 23/09/2002    | Congratulations to a very good Library and IT Facilities.  |
| 5.     | Brain Dicksoh                         | Deputy High Commissioner<br>Canadian High Commission<br>New Delhi | 23/09/2002    | Very Impressive Library and University. We will<br>wish to work together with you in the Future.   |
| ✓      | Professor Wasi Haider                 | Deptt. Of Physics AMU,<br>Aligarh, India                          | 24/06/2003    | This place makes you love books, God bless all<br>those who helped to create such a beautiful library.   |
| 7.     | Mr. Gopal Sharma                      | DGP, J&K  | 10/07/2003    | Had the pleasure and privilege of visiting the<br>library. It has indeed surpassed our expectations and<br>vision of an ideal library. May it grow big and<br>multi-dimensional. |

| 8.  | Prof. S.K Verma                | Director, Indian Law<br>Institute, New Delhi                       | 22/07/2003 | I am very much impressed by the State-of-the-art<br>facilities in the library. Outstanding library in the<br>Country, has conducive atmosphere for reading and<br>research, well maintained. |
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| 9.  | Robert Black                   | Deputy Chief of Mission,<br>US Embassy, New Delhi                  | 23/07/2003 | Thank you for your Tour and congratulations on your impressive IT Centre and Library. Best Wishes.   |
| 10. | Gen (Retd) S.K.Sinh            | a Governor, J&K  | 06/08/2003 | I was delighted to see this so well equipped and<br>functioning library. I am proud to see how well<br>things are working here.  |
| 11. | Mehbooba Mufti                 | President PDP<br>J&K   | 07/08/2003 | There has been a sea change since my student days and present. It is excellent.  |
| ~   | Dr. John Cherian               | World Affairs<br>Correspondent Frontline<br>(The Hindu), New Delhi | 06/10/2003 | Perhaps the most High-Tech Library in India. Very impressed. Could be a trend setter.  |
| ~   | Jane E Schukoske               | US Educational Foundation<br>In India                              | 01/01/2004 | So heartening to see this library's resources and<br>organization! Even on New Year's Day, it is<br>buzzing with activity. All best wishes for confirmed<br>growth and reflections.          |
| 14. | Peter Schuck                   | Yale Law School<br>USA   | 07/04/2004 | Very Impressive institution and look forward to your continued success.  |
| 15. | Dr. Abdel Rahim<br>Abdel Wahid | Dubai, UAE   | 16/06/2004 | Infact, your facilities and service is a part of<br>Kashmir Paradise in nature and education, Hopeful<br>To see more & more success.   |

| 16. | Kamlesh Sharma      | High Commissioner<br>Designated by India<br>To UK            | 16/07/2004 | Very impressive to see such a dedicated team. The commitment and achievements are inspirational.   |
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| 17. | John Nance          | British Council to<br>India                                  | 22/09/2004 | Very impressive library facilities and Website also,<br>Very good Museum Exhibition.   |
| ~   | Agha Ashraf Ali     | Srinagar, J&K  | 15/10/2004 | Miracles in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century, I am surprised and I<br>am not easily surprised. Yes, I salute the Librarian,<br>his staff and the VC who created this. I will die now<br>in Peace.  |
| 19. | Ved Rahi            | Sarvottam Housing Society,<br>Mumbai                         | 06/06/2005 | I am delighted and enlightened to visit this library. I think this is one of the best libraries of India.  |
| 20. | Prabhat Patnaik     | Centre for Economic<br>Studies & Planning, JNU,<br>New Delhi | 28/06/2005 | I do not believe that there is any library in India that<br>is comparable to this one in terms of the facilities<br>and modernity of equipment. It is pleasure to visit<br>it. One can only imagine how much more pleasant it<br>would be to use it. |
| 21. | Prof. Gabriel Gomez | Chicago State University,<br>USA                             | 24/11/2005 | This is completely modern library from the use of Bar-codes to the wireless networks- Fantastic.   |
| 22. | Mr. Gh Nabi Azad    | Chief Minister, J&K State                                    | 29/08/2006 | I feel great by visiting this library after a lapse of<br>three decades. This is one of the best libraries in the<br>Country.  |
| 23. | Les Dangerfield     | Deputy Director<br>British Council to India                  | 06/10/2008 | A wonderful facility. It has been a pleasure for us at<br>the British Council and British High Commission to<br>work on this project with the University of Kashmir  |

| 24.          | Dr. Ebraheem<br>Albatshan | Saudi Cultural Attache  | 18/11/2009 | It is great pleasure to be here.   |
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| 25.          | Prof. Dinesh Singh        | Vice-Chancellor,<br>University of Delhi   | 19/10/2011 | A marvelous learning experience. Any institution<br>would be justifiably proud of the organization and<br>functioning of the library. 'Extraordinary' is the<br>only way to describe it. Any of us need to adopt the<br>practices and technology. The museum is a<br>beautiful showcase into the history of this part of<br>the world with some superbly displayed exhibits of<br>great value. |
| 26.          | Jaama Italla              | University of Helsinki,<br>Finland  | 09/03/2012 | Extremely nice and well organized library.   |
| 27.          | Matti Kurhila             | Deptt. Of Earth Sciences,<br>University of Helsinki,<br>Finland                                       | 09/03/2012 | In my view, an exemplary library.  |
| √            | Jonathan Han              | Associate Director of<br>Student Development &<br>International Programme<br>Syracuse University, USA | 21/05/2012 | One of the finest collections of work in India and in<br>the South Asian Sub-Continent. May you continue<br>to prosper in preserving the past and present of our<br>Heritage.  |
| 29.          | Rameshwar Oraon           | Chairman, National<br>Commission for Scheduled<br>Tribe, Government of India                          | 02/08/2012 | Impressive, Wonderful. I used to spend hours in<br>reading books in library. I never imagined that a<br>Library can be modernized to this extent. My<br>sincere thanks to the present librarian.   |
| $\checkmark$ | Navin Chawla              | Former Chief Election<br>Commissioner of India  | 24/09/2012 | What a comprehensive and technologically<br>advanced library. I will come again and would like<br>to browse and read in the intellectually changed<br>atmosphere that I have found today.  |

| 31. | G R Sufi           | Chief Information<br>Commissioner, J&K    | 30/04/2013 | A unique experience to visit Allama Iqbal Library. I<br>have visited number of University Libraries outside<br>Kashmir. This library can better be compared with<br>some of the most modern libraries in India. It is<br>satisfying and a pride to see the modern technology<br>installed in the Library. |
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| 32. | Linus Von Castelmu | r Swiss Ambassador<br>to India, New Delhi | 06/07/2013 | Congratulations for a well organized and well kept Library!   |