## The Visit of Believers from New Zealand and Australia

His Eminence called the Shias of other communities to preserve their identity and to be attentive towards keeping the symbols of Islam alive, and to continue to visit the holy shrines as much as possible.

On Tuesday, 4 Rabi-ul-Akhir 1438, His Eminence the Grand Ayatullah Sayyid M. Saeed Al-Hakeem (long may he live) called the Shia communities living in non-Muslim societies to protect their identity and their faith through contact with the Islamic centers and organisations and Shia websites in order to be aware of their original religious culture. It is expected that these religious cultures should be respected in those lands through the presentation of good ethics and praiseworthy traits as taught by the Infallibles (peace be upon them). His Eminence gave this advice to a group of believers from New Zealand and Australia.

Similarly, His Eminence emphasized the need for the believers to give due importance to

gatherings to remember the Ahlul-Bait (peace be upon them) and their teachings, and to actively participate in them, and to uphold such gatherings in their areas. This is alongside the importance of them visiting the holy shrines often, as much as possible, in order to preserve their faith and further entrenching it in their souls.

To conclude the meeting, His Eminence placed great value on their sacrifices and efforts to come to visit the holy sites, and prayed to the High and Powerful Lord to grant them such opportunities in the future and to show them the blessings and bounties of such actions. He further requested the visitors to pass his greetings and prayers to the believers in their countries and to pass on this advice to them.