

The Delegation of the Ismaili Imamatus - Annotated Bibliography

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## **Books:**

- Jodidio, Philip. *Under the Eaves of Architecture: The Aga Khan : Builder and Patron.* Munich;New York;: Prestel, 2007.

A throughout look into the many works of the patron of the Delegation of Ismaili Imamat, the Aga Khan. These buildings range from many different styles to many different countries and employ many different philosophies, including the Delegation. It provides a unique insight into the Aga Khan's many projects and helps establish a connection between the humanitarian efforts of the patron and the architectural desires expressed by the buildings themselves.

- Maki, Fumihiko, 1928. *Fumihiko Maki: Buildings and Projects.* 1st ed. New York, N.Y: Princeto Architectural Press, 1997.

One of the few books available on the brilliant architect, Fumihiko Maki that cover almost all of his projects but details twenty-five major ones. These buildings are carefully selected and while they are from all over the world, the photos and many drawings and plans clearly shows obvious styles present in Maki's work. Also helpful is the inclusion of an essay from the architect himself.

- Rastorfer, Darl, Renata Holod, and Aga Khan Award for Architecture (Organization). *Architecture and Community: Building in the Islamic World Today.* the Aga Khan Award for Architecture. Millerton, N.Y: Aperture, 1983.

Extensively examines fifteen architectural projects which have won awards for developing a modern style that derives from traditional Muslim architecture and design. The strong emphasis on the awards makes this book important but more specifically, the many theorems and ideas about Islamic architecture are a wealth of knowledge to build the necessary foundation in order to understand the ideas employed at the Delegation of the Ismaili Imamat.

## Articles:

- Alimohamed, Faranaaz. “Landmark Delegation building takes shape in Ottawa”. The.Ismaili (July 13th 2008). Accessed April 07, 2019. <https://the.ismaili/our-culture/landmark-delegation-building-takes-shape-ottawa>

Written during the construction phase of the Delegation of Ismaili Imam in 2008, the article covers the time period when the Delegation was almost finished and ready to be unveiled. The website is the official website for the Ismaili and it is a look at what the director of architecture firm of Maki and associates, Gary Kamemoto said about the Delegation. It explains the key points that Maki wanted to make, is written in precise and simple manner and explains some of the functions and relationships between the foundation and Canada itself.

- “Architects of the Delegation of Ismaili Imam in Ottawa Win Governor General’s Medal in Architecture 2012”. Aga Khan Foundation Canada (February 3rd 2013). Accessed April 06, 2019. <https://www.akfc.ca/news/architecture-award/>

An excerpt about the award-winning Delegation of the Ismaili Imam and the many rules, requirements, and prerequisites about the governor general’s award itself.

- Cook, Maria. “An essay in glass; six years ago, the aga khan presented architects with an unusual challenge”. *The Ottawa Citizen* (December 06, 2008). Retrieved from [http://www.amaana.org/speeches/Delegation\\_of\\_Ismaili\\_Imamat\\_Building\\_Ottawa\\_Citizen\\_Dec\\_6\\_2008.pdf](http://www.amaana.org/speeches/Delegation_of_Ismaili_Imamat_Building_Ottawa_Citizen_Dec_6_2008.pdf)

Cook’s essay covers the construction of the Delegation of the Ismaili Imam with incredible detail, introducing Fumihiko Maki’s style and architectural precision he deploys for his projects. Cook’s essay is integral as it has an intense amount of details about the interaction between Maki and the Aga Khan right down to certain dates and specific numbers. It reads like a journal, is easy to digest and the many instances outlining Islamic architectural theories helps readers acclimatise and relate with the ideas Maki and Aga Khan have employed in their building

- “Governor General’s Medals in Architecture — 2012 Recipient”. Royal Architectural Institute of Canada. Accessed on April 07, 2019. <https://www.raic.org/raic/governor-generals-medals-architecture—2012-recipient-4>

Found on the website of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, this webpage discusses the award of Governor General’s Medals in Architecture and the reasons why it was given to the Delegation of the Ismaili Imam. This webpage has a number of images of the building as well as

the comments that the jury made in regards of the building. These comments help understand why the architecture is significant.

- “News - Inauguration of the Delegation of the Ismaili Imam””. Aga Khan Development Network. Accessed April 07, 2019. <https://web.archive.org/web/20070404105057/http://www.akdn.org/news/2005June6b.html>

An excerpt from the Aga Khan Development Network highlighting the foundation ceremony of the Delegation of Ismaili Imam and the interaction between the patron, Aga Khan and the Governor General of Canada, Adrienne Clarkson. Contains exact quotations of the Aga Khan’s speech from the inauguration that talks about the other two projects in Canada, the Global Centre for Pluralism and Aga Khan Museum in Toronto

- Samji, Zool. “Aga Khan and Governor General of Canada Initiate Delegation of the Ismaili Imam””. Aga Khan Development Network (June 6th 2005). Accessed April 06, 2019. <https://web.archive.org/web/20070404105057/http://www.akdn.org/news/2005June6b.html>
- "Delegation of the Ismaili Imam: Project Description". Moriyama & Teshima Architects. Accessed April 07, 2019. <http://mtarch.com/projects/delegation-of-the-ismaili-imamat-ottawa-ontario/#>

This document produced by the architectural firm of Moriyama & Teshima Architects, includes a description of the building and its materials, the project team, and the awards that the building has received. The document also includes a picture of the façade of the building that is adjacent to the street Sussex Drive.

## Oral History:

“Inaugural Ceremony of the Delegation of the Ismaili Imam, Ottawa”. AKDN (December 06, 2008). Accessed on April 07, 2019. <https://www.akdn.org/speech/his-highness-aga-khan/inaugural-ceremony-delegation-ismaili-imamat-ottawa>

“Reflections on the Delegation of the Ismaili Imam as it Receives Governor General’s Medal in Architecture”. Simerg (May 09, 2012). Accessed on April 7th 2019. <https://simerg.com/about/reflections-on-the-delegation-of-the-ismaili-imamat-as-it-receives-governor-generals-medal-in-architecture/>

“Maria Cook of the Ottawa Citizen on the Delegation Building”. Simerg. Accessed on April 07, 2019. <https://simerg.com/about/maria-cook-of-the-ottawa-citizen/>

“A New Ottawa Video — Grand Opening of Delegation of Ismaili Imam Building”. Ismaili-mail (December 06, 008). Accessed on April 7th 2019. <https://ismailimail.blog/2008/12/06/a-news-ottawa-video-grand-opening-of-delegation-of-ismaili-imamat-building/>