**15726, Ismet Zaheed**

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

I want to welcome you all for coming to this celebration of Ikram and Sanah’s wedding here in Mexico. It is our hope and desire that you will have a wonderful experience during your week here. We thank you all for accepting our invitation to spend this week with us. Everyone has made personal effort and sacrifices to make this trip and we greatly appreciate all your efforts.

I want to extend my special thanks to Puthra Sheriffdeen and his lovely wife Binthi for taking such good care of Ikram when he stayed in London for several months after he graduated from York University in Canada. There is nothing more important to a parent than to know that their children are safe and being watched over, even when they are grown.

This is a destination wedding so I want to encourage all of you to take advantage of all the tremendous perks that are a part of this trip, from the pool to the spa to enjoying all the wonderful food and drink, and all this beautiful sunshine. And let’s not forget the nighttime activities as well, with music and dancing, and more great food. We have quite an experience planned for everyone so we hope you packed and planned to have lots of fun.

Ikram and Sanah have been looking forward to this week so they could fully celebrate with all their close family and friends. They fell in love with this location to have their celebration and have planned everything with great excitement so that everyone could share in their joy with all of you. So we encourage each of you to take advantage of every activity this trip affords us.

The day your children get married is always a life changing event for a parent. You’ve spent your whole life teaching and training your children to grow up and be responsible and find the perfect person to marry. You encourage them to make wise choices, and you guide them through school and career choices, when they’ll let you. You do your best to set a good example for them so that they know what being a spouse and maybe someday a parent. And, then comes the day when they bring home that special person. Not only are we very proud of our Ikram but we are thrilled with his choice of Sanah. She has become a welcome addition to our family.

Ikram and Sanah, we celebrate your life together and send you out from us on your own journey together.

Would everyone please stand with me now and drink a toast to Ikram and Sanah?

May every day you spend together be better than the one before

May you always remember how you met and how your love grew

May you face life’s joys and challenges together in unity

May your joys exceed your challenges throughout your life together

And may your hopes and dreams all come true.

Good luck to both as you step forward into this new season of your lives.