



جَابَاتَانِ اِغَامَا اِسْلَامِ سِلَانْغُورِ

JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

TABUNG HAJI

EMPOWERS

THE UMMAH



On this blessed Friday, I would like to remind myself and fellow congregation to strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* with true *taqwa*, by fulfilling all

of His Commands and avoiding
all of His prohibitions. Indeed,
we truly hope to attain
prosperity and blessings in our
lives, and ultimately blissfulness
in this world and the Hereafter.

The call for hajj has already begun and our Muslim brethren have departed heading towards the Holy Land in Makkah.

Therefore, we wish for their well being in performing their hajj rites,

and may they attain hajj *mabroor*. We are truly fortunate for our hajj affairs are efficiently administered by *Tabung Haji* (Malaysian hajj pilgrims fund). Hence, in conjunction with the 50th

golden jubilee of the
establishment of *Tabung Haji*
on the 30th of September 1963,
the masjid committee will
expound on a *khutbah* titled:
***“Tabung Haji Empowers The
Ummah.”***

Tabung Haji, which refers to
“*Lembaga Tabung Haji*”

(Malaysian hajj pilgrims fund board), was established not only for managing the hajj affairs of the Muslims, but also as an outstanding

world-class Islamic investment
institution that has been proven
efficient in managing funds that
increases the capital and assets
of the Muslim *ummah* through
Sharee'ah-

compliant investments. Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala
mentions in al-Qur'an:

**“But seek, through that which
Allah has given you, the home
of the Hereafter; and [yet], do
not forget**

**your share of the world. And
do good as Allah has done
good to you. And desire not
corruption in the land.
Indeed, Allah does not like
corrupters.”**

(al-Qasas 28:77)

The efforts and initiatives endured in the past five decades by *Tabung Haji* until it is now firmly standing, was definitely not a walk in the park, filled with obstacles and adversities.

Back then, to fulfill the necessary expenses to the Holy Land, the Muslims had to diligently strive day and night to accumulate the funds needed. Various traditional ways of saving

money were inculcated. Some had pawned their ancestral land, sold their livestock, and even mortgaging precious wealth inherited from previous generations, just so they will

have enough to cover the expenses for the journey to the Holy Land. Due to the strenuous need in fulfilling the demand of daily expenditures of those eras,

quite often one's trip for hajj gets delayed and in the end gets cancelled off. At times, such economic pressure would drag on even after one has returned from hajj.

Due to the demand of contemporary challenges, environmental changes, and communal aspirations as the society is becoming more religious, it necessitates the importance for internal

changes within each single one of us. If we do not change, then we will remain irrelevant. It is due to this that *Tabung Haji* has laid out strategic planning and firm commitment through system

improvement and effective management. It must be reminded that the world of commerce is no longer the same as before. Business activities have been diversified so that

Tabung Haji becomes an Islamic financial institution that is capable to firmly stand own on its own and helping in empowering the economy of the Muslim *ummah*.

Therefore, structured planning has enabled account holders to partake effectively in the realm of investment that is *Sharee'ah-compliant*, like the one envisioned by His Eminence

Royal Professor Ungku Aziz
titled, *“The Plan To Improve
The Economy Of The Pilgrims”*
back in 1959. Today, the best of
service is offered and provided
by *Tabung Haji* to prospective

hujjaaj (pilgrims), not only in imparting pertinent knowledge for hajj preparation and its financials, instead *Tabung Haji* has gained esteemed reputation and admiration from foreign

hujjaaj for its success in providing protection, safety, and welfare of its *hujjaaj* during the hajj season. This is done through various facilities and services that is geared in aiding the pilgrims

in attaining hajj *mabroor*. In 2008, *Tabung Haji's* Medical Team in the Noble Sanctuary was honored as the recipient of the world's best medical team

award for hajj groups, conferred
by the Ministry of Health,
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, for
its excellent service to the
Malaysian *hujjaaj*.

Tabung Haji's efficient management that strives as its goal in providing complete and impeccable service to Malaysian *hujjaaj*, has enabled them to disburse maximum profits to all of its

depositors for their savings.
I truly believe that prosperous
results and abundant *rizq*
(sustenance) are all due to the
efforts that were pleasing to
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*.

They were implemented in accordance with Islamic teachings and features the very characteristic of the believing servants that are grateful and granted forgiveness from

“Rabb al-Ghafoor” (The All-Forgiving God). It is hoped that all of us will continue to support and place our confidence in *Tabung Haji*, in their fine efforts to further enhance the

affairs of hajj, which is the fifth pillar of Islam. This is as Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* had explained in al-Qur'an:

“Indeed, those who recite the Book of Allah and

**establish prayer and spend [in
His cause] out of what We
have provided them, secretly
and publicly, [can] expect a
profit that will never perish -
That He may**

**give them in full their rewards
and increase for them of His
bounty. Indeed, He is
Forgiving and Appreciative.”**

(al-Faatir 35:29-30)

Such is the *rooh* (spirit) of hajj that is instilled within *Tabung Haji* staffs and clients that are always having *istiqamah* and *yaqeen* (certainty) with the management system in place

that is based upon the *Sharee'ah*
all these while. Without making
sacrifices, be it in the form of
energy, resources, ideas, and
wealth, then it is unlikely that
the *Sharee'ah* of Allah

Subhaanahu Wata 'aala will be upheld. It is this very philosophy that we learn and grasp every time we celebrate *'Eiduladha*. It is the occasion which depicts the sacrifice of

Nabi Ibraaheem *'alayhissalam*
who was willing to leave his
wife and children alone in the
barren land of Makkah, solely to
prove his true sacrifice to Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala.

Similarly, Nabi Ismaa'eel
'*alayhissalam* had surrendered
to sacrifice his soul to be
slaughtered by his own father,
for the sake of upholding the
religion.

We must realize that without sacrifices and struggle in upholding the religion of Allah in our own selves, our families, our communities, and our nation, the religion will then lose its awe and

honor that it will be easily
mocked and manipulated by the
enemies of Islam. Hence, Allah
has demanded that we strive,
struggle, and sacrifice for His
Cause, as mentioned in al-
Qur'an:

“Indeed, Allah has purchased from the believers their lives and their properties [in exchange] for that they will have Paradise...”

(at-Tawbah 9:111)

The efforts in strengthening the economy of the Muslim *ummah* through savings and investment, and also continuous support in utilizing the services of *Tabung Haji* falls within

the definition of *jihaad*. It is from among the ways to achieve *taqwa* and attaining noble *akhlaaq*. This is what Islam call for that is different from the capitalistic economic system.

For the capitalistic economic system, its capital is money that is to generate more money, whereas in Islamic economy, its capital is *taqwa* that is to achieve more *taqwa*.

Savings with *Tabung Haji* will provide avenues for the Muslims to increase their good deeds through increase in their *zakaah*, empowering the *shi'aar* (symbols) of Islam, and implementing

Islamic financial system that
adheres to the *Shara'*.

As an institution that is vital for
the Islamic community as we
progress towards the year 2020,
on their behalf, *Tabung Haji* is
always

making *du'aa* for the prosperity of this nation so that it will flourish and continues to boom.

Whatever the challenges that arise, *Tabung Haji* will continue to march forth in increasing the

quality of progress for the
Muslims in this nation. Indeed
we truly believe that as a
Muslim nation of exemplary to
the Islamic world, *Tabung Haji*
will remain relevant in
exercising

its role in continuing to
empower the Muslim *ummah* in
fulfilling their fifth pillar of
Islam. In conclusion, let us pray
and hope that the *'ibaadah* of
hajj performed by the Muslim
ummah

will be accepted and granted
hajj *mabroor*. Indeed, *Tabung
Haji* would like to express its
appreciation and is grateful for
the support from the Muslims in
this nation.

“And if only the people of the cities had believed and feared Allah, We would have opened upon them blessings from the heaven and the earth;

**but they denied [the
messengers], so We seized
them for what they were
earning.”**

(al-A‘raaf 7:96)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ
قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

**O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord,
we are grateful unto You for having
bestowed upon us Mercy and
Blessings, nourishing us to strive
to continue in strengthening the
Muslim nation especially the state
of Selangor, as an advanced,
progressive, peaceful, and
benevolent state.**

**We beseech and beg You, Ya Allah,
to strengthen our *imaan*, increase
our good deeds, strengthen our
unity, increase our provision,
enrich us with beneficial
knowledge, nourish our soul with
beautiful *akhlaaq*, guide us to the
Path that is Pleasing to You,**

protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.

Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim *ummah* especially in Selangor, to fulfill their *zakaat* obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their *zakaat* obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.

**Purify their wealth and soul so that
they will live according to that
which pleases You. Protect the poor
and needy from disbelief and
everlasting poverty. *Allaahummaa
ameen***



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