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LOVE OUR MASJID



Let us strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* with absolute *taqwa*, which by fulfilling all of His Commands and abstaining from all of His prohibitions.

Indeed, we hope to become individuals having true *taqwa* and attaining salvation in this world and the Hereafter. Let us ponder and reflect upon today's *khutbah* which calls us to:

“Love Our Masjid.”

In this beloved state of
Selangor, we currently have in
all nine districts, a total amount
of 400 *masaajid* (mosques)
including those within higher
learning institutes, and 197
suraus

authorized to conduct the Friday prayer. With such high number, definitely it would only indicate the masjid as a vital institution from the past until today.

Hence, it is unbecoming for the Muslim *ummah* to neglect the masjid institutions that are many in this state.

If we ponder for a moment,
when we were first born into
this world, our parents would
head to the masjid to meet with
the imam and sought or consult
for the best names for their
newborn child.

We were once sent to the masjid to learn Qur'anic recitation and *fard 'ayn* (fundamental obligatory matters). It was at the masjid that we took part in the mass circumcision event,

solemnize our *nikaah*, hosted wedding feast (*waleemah*), and many more events that becomes nostalgic when we are all gathered in this House of Allah.

However, nowadays we are often forgetful in giving the well deserving priority to the masjid, perhaps due to the robust demand of modernity, the hustling and bustling demand at the workplace

whether in the office or at home, even though the masjid is not far away from our daily routine affairs. We would only whiz pass by the masjid when the *adhaan* is made.

Where has the sensitivity, zeal,
and slogan shouting, “Masjid is
an important institution” gone
to? *Allah Subhaanahu*
Wata‘aala mentions in al-
Qur’an:

**“[Such niches are] in mosques
which Allah has ordered to be
raised and that His name be
mentioned therein; exalting
Him within them in the
morning and the evenings.**

**[Are] men whom neither
commerce nor sale distracts
from the remembrance of
Allah and performance of
prayer and giving of *zakaah*.**

**They fear a Day in which the
hearts and eyes will [fearfully]
turn about.”
(an-Noor 24:36-37)**

We are well aware that all *masaajid* in this state are beautifully erected and decorated with grandeur, so it becomes our very responsibility to keep them alive, vibrant, and lively,

not only on Fridays. All types of facilities have been made available so what is preventing us from praying in *jamaa'ah* at the masjid? In one narration, Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh* reported:

A blind man (‘Abdullah ibn Umm Maktoom *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*) came to the Prophet *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* and said:

“O Messenger of Allah! I have no one to guide me to

**the mosque.” He, therefore,
sought his permission to
perform *salaah* in his house.**

**He (*sallAllahu ‘alayhi
wasallam*) granted him
permission. When the man
turned away,**

**he called him back, and said,
“Do you hear the *adhaan* (call
to prayer)?” He replied in the
affirmative.**

The Messenger of Allah
(sallallahu 'alayhi wasallam)
then directed him to respond
to it.
(Muslim)

This clearly demonstrates the importance for Muslim men to pray at the masjid. Not only that, we must get involved or at the very least to be well aware and informed of the activities at

the nearest masjid. There are few matters that have been identified in ensuring efficient masjid administration. Among them:

1- Maintenance of the masjid, keeping it vibrant, active, and alive is indeed a collective responsibility, whether for its members or committee members. We must work together and

avoid any conflict or misunderstanding that may arise.

2- The committee members and officers should refer to the guidelines provided by JAIS (Selangor's Islamic

Affairs Department) in managing the masjid's affairs, so as to ensure smooth and effective masjid administration and activities.

3- Any conflict that arises should be referred to the masjid administration division at JAIS so that it will not affect and cripple the affairs of masjid management.

4- Financial management of the masjid must be dealt with full responsibility and transparency, where the funds are to benefit for the interest and well being of the masjid's affairs.

We must regard the masjid as precious jewel that is deeply embedded in our hearts and minds, no matter how great and severe the wave of modernity and its turbulence begets in the

world today. Whether we like it or not, we must place the masjid institution at the highest rank. Agencies such as NGOs, district administrators, the private sector, the corporate world,

and many others are truly
needed in aiding and supporting
every type of programs
organized by the masjid.

Furthermore, we must be alert
towards any changes in the
activities or

affairs of the masjid, and also upon those who are entrusted with the responsibility to administer the masjid for that year. Those that are successful in bringing progress and

improvements should be duly honored and recognized, especially those that had collaborated in the maintenance and well being of the masjid.

For example:

1. Back in the old days, we used to learn Qur'anic recitation in the masjid while sitting on those straw mats. Nowadays, we are privileged to learn Islamic knowledge and Qur'anic studies with

syllabus in the comfort of air-conditioned rooms.

2. Back then, we would only receive notifications and

announcements through the

beating and striking on the large drums (*beduk*).

Nowadays, we truly enjoy the dissemination of information at lightning speed with the advent of broadband systems in the *masaajid*.

Who are those that are responsible for these upgrades and improvements? Indeed, those selected and privileged individuals that brought ease to the House of Allah would only hope for

His Mercy and Pleasure. So what about us? Therefore, let us sincerely perform *muhaasabah* (reflection and evaluation) and self-correction. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*

mentions in al-Qur'an:

**“And hasten to forgiveness
from your Lord and a garden
as wide as the heavens and
earth, prepared for the
righteous.”**

(Aal-‘Imraan 3:133)

In conclusion, we can summarize the *khutbah* to seven matters, namely:

1- The general public must give their full support to every masjid activities such as the departure of His Royal

Highness Sultan of Selangor in welfare assistance programs for the poor and needy, the masjid carnival, convocation ceremony, various courses, sporting events between selected

masaajid, mass circumcision
event, mass wedding,
community *iftaar*, and many
more. These are all intended to
encourage everyone to attend
and utilize the masjid.

2- Everyone must strive to their utmost to attend the masjid as part of their daily routine.

3- All masjid staff and workers must put aside their personal interests which can

jeopardize the well being of masjid-organized programs.

4- The masjid management should focus on maximizing the benefit from all masjid funds collected from the public,

whether through endowment or donations, instead of bragging about the size of their accumulated savings. They should spend them wisely.

**“The mosques of Allah are
only to be maintained by those
who believe in Allah and the
Last Day and establish prayer
and give *zakaah***

**and do not fear except Allah,
for it is expected that those
will be of the [rightly]
guided.”**

(at-Tawbah 9:18)

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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