

ENHANCING THE UMMAH THROUGH DA'WAH

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I remind myself and fellow congregation to always strive to increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala by performing all of His Commands and

avoiding all of His prohibitions. Indeed, the noblest ones in the Sight of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala are those having utmost taqwa. For taqwa will determine our status

with Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala, so let us have istigaamah in practicing all the teachings from Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala and the command of Rasulullah صلى الله الله). Through obeying Allah

and His Messenger (عليه وسلم), insha Allah we will be among those beloved by Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala, attaining salvation in this world and the Hereafter.

Today, the khutbah discusses a topic entitled: "Enhancing The Ummah Through Da'wah." With this, may we all truly comprehend, realize, and acknowledge that the work of da'wah must be

done at all times without an ending point. Verily, the field of da'wah is truly vast, diverse, and requires workers that are ever ready to work together continuously.

Indeed, da'wah is a form of jihaad. It is those that are truly diligent with istiquamah in the da'wah efforts are truly performing jihaad in the path of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala.

The du 'aat (plural of da 'ie) would sacrifice their time, energy, money, and wealth for the sake of conveying the message of Islam. They have no qualm in defending the religion, inviting the society

to believe in Islamic teachings, and advise when there is deviation from His Sharee 'ah. Nevertheless, this is a heavy responsibility that necessitates solid commitment and diligence.

May our du 'aat continue to remain steadfast in their da'wah efforts, continuing the legacy of the prophets and messengers in conveying the risaalah of al-Islam.

The du 'aat are sacrificing their lives in their love for Allah Ta'aala, defending the religion of Allah, upholding the kalimah of Allah, and warding off the enemies of Allah by reminding mankind

to always adhere to the commands of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala. Insha Allah, the du'aat will be rewarded with blessings and tremendous rewards from Allah Subhaanahu

Wata 'aala. Indeed, the peacefulness and serenity that we are enjoying now truly calls for us to make jihaad in enhancing the Muslim ummah, eradicating ignorance, and overcoming

or controlling the various social illnesses that continues to plague our society.

The work of da'wah, meaning calling others unto good and preventing evil, is an obligation that must be heeded by every single Muslim. The du 'aat must always refer to authentic

sources namely al-Qur'an and ahaadeeth, followed by the ijmaa 'of scholars, and qiyaas, in boosting the da'wah spirit and organizing the da'wah efforts in upholding the symbols of

Islam. May each and every single one of us continue to strive and spread the risaalah of al-Islam so that it will rise high and esteemed in glory. Giving da'wah can be done whether individually

or in a group (jamaa 'ah) through organizations, associations, agencies, or groups that are involved in da'wah work. Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"The believing men and believing women are allies of one another. They enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and establish prayer and give zakaah and obey Allah and

His Messenger. Those - Allah will have mercy upon them. Indeed, Allah is Exalted in Might and Wise."

(at-Tawbah 9:71)

The du 'aat must always firmly hold on to the Rope of Allah for it is the only lifeline for us in this world, and the Hereafter. The call to continue giving da'wah is actually a boost in upholding

the Truth, not an incitement. It is without a doubt that the society yearns for truth and justice to be upheld and manifested. The society wants to witness that Islam is capable of instilling His

Rahmah upon all mankind and creations that exist on this earth. Hence, it is obligated upon us to fulfill the noble task with hikmah, intelligence, and strategy. These ingredients are

key in the furtherance of the da'wah mission. Therefore, let us galvanize our efforts and thoughts, and implement them earnestly in attaining success and the pleasure of Allah Subhaanahu

Wata 'aala, all for the sake of the well-being of the Muslim ummah through da'wah work. Among the matters that we must action upon are:

- 1- We must enkindle and reinvigorate the integrated work of *da'wah Islamiyyah* throughout Selangor.
- 2- We must unite, consolidate, organize, coordinate, and plan the

entire resources for the da'wah corps to operate more effectively.

- 3- We must enhance and strengthen our *da'wah* network will all parties.
 - 4- We must maximize the

utilization of institutions such as the mosques, suraus, schools, NGOs, and community centers, in conducting discourses on da'wah Islamiyyah, in the effort to spread its

understanding and importance to the masses.

5- All governmental agencies and da'wah organizations must formulate and prepare its action strategy documentation to plan for

the short term, medium term, and long term da'wah activities, in ensuring that all efforts are executed in an orderly and efficient manner. 6- We must broaden our target and da'wah scope,

not only confined to the masjid area. Furthermore, we should include the industrial areas, business centers, night markets, youth clubs, and many more.

"And who is better in speech than one who invites to Allah and does righteousness and says, "Indeed, I am of the Muslims."

(Fussilat 41:33)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَبَاتِ وَالذُّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُولُ قُوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِر الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأحباء مِنْهُمْ وَالأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ

Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teach its adherents to remain moderate in all actions and deeds. At the same time, the Muslims are to avoid any form of extremism in practicing and upholding Islam. The Muslim ummah should become the exemplary nation that brings mercy to the entire universe.

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us rahmah and ni'mah, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim ummah especially in Selangor,

advanced state, prosperous, and providing welfare. Hence, we sincerely beseech you, O Allah, strengthen our imaan, accept our deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our rizg, enrich us with

beneficial knowledge, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms, return us to the path that you are pleased with, protect us from disasters and your severe trials, so that our nation will become more peaceful and filled with blessings.

O Allah, we sincerely beseech you, strengthen our beliefs according to the creed of Ahlus Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah, and protect us from deeds and 'ageedah that are astray such as the extreme Shee'is, Qadiyani, and other ideologies.

O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing zakaat, and other obligations. Bless those that have fulfilled their zakaat and loving the fugaraa' and masaakin, and those that have

made waqf and gave up their wealth for Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor) with continuous reward until the Hereafter.

O Allah, increase and widen the rizg of those that made wagf from their wealth with perpetual rewards until the Last Day.



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JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

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