



THE GIVING HAND IS BETTER THAN THE RECEIVING HAND

I remind myself and respected audience that let us strive to have the taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by performing all of **His Commands and avoiding** all of His prohibitions.

له الرحم الرحي

Today, I solemnly invite fellow congregation to internalize upon a *khutbah* titled



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Islam advocates its adherents to strive and acquire wealth through halaal (lawful) means so as to attain the pleasure of living in this world and the Hereafter. Possessing wealth is a ni'mah (favor)

that is bestowed by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala upon all of us. Whoever **believes** in Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and remain grateful upon all of the bounties bestowed by spending

from it in the path of Allah, then Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala will reward those righteous deeds performed. Allah mentions in verse 20 of soorah al-Muzzammil:

"... And whatever good you put forward for yourselves - you will find it with Allah. It is better and greater in reward..."

Indeed, those that are always giving charity will be shaded under the Shade of Allah in the Hereafter. In the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh, the **Prophet # has mentioned** that there will be seven (7) types of people that will be granted with the protection of the 'Arsh (Throne) of Allah in the Hereafter, one of them being:

"And a man who gives charity so secretly that his left hand does not know what his right hand has given." (al-Bukhaari)

Aside from that, giving sadaqah (charity) can expiate minor sins, as mentioned in the hadeeth of Mu'aadh bin Jabal radiyAllaahu 'anh, where Rasulullah **# said**:

"And charity extinguishes sins as water extinguishes fire." (at-Tirmidhi)

Moreover, not just that, giving charity or making infaaq will not make one poor, but instead it will facilitate the person in attaining provision. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 39 of

soorah as-Sabaa':

"Say, "Indeed, my Lord extends provision for whom He wills of His servants and restricts [it] for him.

But whatever thing you spend [in His cause] - He will compensate it; and He is the best of providers.""

In this life, however small the donation may be, it is truly meaningful for the recipient living in poverty. Moreover, even a 'gift' that may be seen as insignificant can carve a smile on the face,

even for a brief moment. Islam highly encourages its ummah to always aid those that are in distress.

Therefore, for this reason, Islam truly honors those that are always indulging in charity or making infaaq from their wealth. Such that Rasulullah ﷺ would elevate the status of those that give as

being more noble than those receiving. This was explained in the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh, where Rasulullah 🛎 said:

"The upper hand (giving) is better than the lower hand (receiving)." (al-Bukhaari)

Even though charity is something that is highly encouraged in Islam, we find that there are those within the society that abuses the kindness of those that love to give or donate from their wealth.

Activities such as requesting for donation without authorization are still rampant here and there. These activities can be clearly seen in public places such as in front of banks, petrol

stations, night markets, restaurants, and many others.

More than that, children are being exploited by irresponsible quarters in collecting donations at

petrol stations and restaurants. Some of these children are utilized specifically for collecting donations, while others are utilized in selling **Islamic lecture CDs**, raisins, books, and

others. If one decides to not purchase, they will suggest giving sincere donation to them.

Unfortunately, the society seems to not care whether these individuals

or children that are collecting funds are actually real representatives of their claimed institutions such as ma'had tahfizh or that it is a fraud. With such generosity within the

soul, some would easily give without thinking thoroughly. While those collecting donations would openly and freely roam around without restriction.

Nowadays, many activities for collecting donations or also termed as khairat (welfare or assistance) collection drive are being organized by various parties. Khairat collection is

defined as collection for the purpose of welfare aid, donation, or charity. These activities must be carried out according to legal requirements.

Based on Section 106, Islamic Affairs Administration Enactment (Selangor) 2003, with the official authorization letter from the Majlis (Council), it allows for any individuals or groups to

collect money or other forms of contribution for any purpose of khairat in supporting and advancing the religion of Islam or for the benefit of the Muslims according to the Shara'.

Anyone that violates or fails to obtain authorization from **MAIS** has committed an offense, and if convicted, he or she is liable to be fined for not more than RM1000 or jailed for not more than six (6) months, or both.

Donation collection actually has a broad function and meaning. It is not only to cover the construction or maintenance costs for the development of an institution, but also it is to

stimulate the society to mutually ta'aawun (cooperate), as well as nurture the practice of giving charity within the community.

In accordance with the development of khairat collection activities, MAIS has enforced regulations that must be known by all walks of society to further prevent fraud from occurring.

When an application is approved, it is waajib (compulsory) upon every applicant and recipient of approval to fulfill the conditions stipulated, among them as follows:

1. It is prohibited to pursue khairat collection in public places such as door-todoor, shopping centers, night market, restaurants, and others; 2. The collection drive must be channeled directly to intended individuals that are interested in donating, such as corporate individuals, government or private offices;

3. Only authorized individuals are allowed to conduct the collection drive by using the authorization card issued, and receipts are to be issued for every fund collected.

MAIS, through the **Enforcement Division of Selangor Islamic Affairs Department (JAIS), will** always monitor and take action from time to time, upon khairat collections or funds that are

unauthorized by MAIS.

Also, the Royal Malaysian **Police (PDRM) would** always conduct operations against foreign nationals that are **collecting donations**

within this state, and up until now, more than 30 foreign nationals have been arrested for **collecting donations** without authorization from MAIS.

To end the khutbah today, limplore upon everyone to take the following guidelines:

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that tremendous reward from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala truly awaits those that are always giving charity.

2. It is haraam (unlawful) and sinful for those that takes advantage of others by committing fraud and deceiving those intending to give charity.

3. The Muslim ummah must be wise in assuming its role and responsibility of nurturing a society that is righteous and always concerned in aiding other Muslims.

"And hasten to forgiveness from your Lord and a garden as wide as the heavens and earth, prepared for the righteous. Who spend [in the cause of Allah] during ease and

hardship and who restrain anger and who pardon the people - and Allah loves the doers of good." (Aal-'Imraan 3:133-134)





"Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace." (al-Ahzaab 33:56)



O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us rahmah and barakah upon this state, which continues to remain advanced and prosperous, with its residents



united under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.





Hence, we sincerely beseech You, O Allah, strengthen our imaan and creed according to that of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah, and protect us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as Qadiyaani



and deviant teachings such as Shee'ah. O Allah, Ya Rahmaan, Ya Raheem, unite our hearts, bestow upon us rizq with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from calamities. O Allah,



bestow upon us guidance in performing the five daily prayers in congregation, fulfilling zakaat through Lembaga Zakat Selangor (Selangor Zakaat Board),



making waqf and infaaq of our wealth to Perbadanan Wakaf Negeri Selangor (Selangor Waqf **Corporation) and Tabung** Amanah Pembangunan Islam **Selangor (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor).**

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