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Let us altogether strive to increase the taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by diligently performing all of His **Commands** and

avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all attain rahmah (mercy) and the blessings of life in this world and the Hereafter.

I implore upon fellow congregation to ponder upon the *khutbah* today titled



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Islam allows one to take on a financial loan from another person or Islamic financial institution. This is because not everyone has sufficient funds for their daily needs due to various factors.

Human beings are of diverse backgrounds, some are well off and own assets, while some are lacking funds for their daily necessities.

Hence, those having financial constraints have the need to apply for a loan and financing, with the condition that it is not for luxury and free from ribaa (usury). Moreover, the Sharee'ah

encourages those that are financially sound to provide goodly loans as a way of aiding fellow human beings. On the authority of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu *'anh*, the Prophet **ﷺ said**:

"Whoever removes a worldly grief from a believer, Allah will remove from him one of the griefs of the Day of **Resurrection. And** whoever alleviates

the need of a needy person, Allah will alleviate his needs in this world and the Hereafter."

(Muslim)

We are well aware that the entire world is currently plagued with the COVID-19 pandemic. It has rapidly spread including into our nation. This pandemic not only leaves negative impact

upon one's health, even the country's economic situation has been greatly affected due to the enforcement of the MCO (Movement Control **Order) since last March.** Many among us are

significantly affected and experienced financial difficulties when the source of income is gravely affected due to salary reduction and job retrenchment.

Having anticipated the difficulties faced since the early implementation of the MCO, the government had announced the moratorium for loan repayment, which is

postponement for the monthly installments for a duration of six (6) months. Such measure coincides with what Allah mentions in verse 280 of soorah al-**Baqarah**:

"And if someone is in hardship, then [let there be] postponement until [a time of] ease..."

Alhamdulillaah, by the permission of Allah, the strict measure of the **MCO** implemented by the government is now bearing fruits. Even economic activities within the country is undergoing

through the recovery process.

The moratorium period for financial installment payments is soon coming to an end. Beginning this October, we will be resuming the monthly installment payments as before. Therefore, to facilitate our financial affairs, I sincerely advice respected congregation to hasten in making

necessary preparations. Let us not procrastinate until the moratorium period ends. Let us take preparatory steps from today onwards, namely:

Reviewing our financial status for daily necessities; **Contacting the bank to** ii. check on the deferred monthly installment payments that are to

be made after the moratorium ends; iii.Discussing with the bank for a new installment payment scheme suitable with our capabilities, if necessary;

iv. Seeking consultation from relevant government agencies such as the Credit **Counselling and Debt Management Agency** (AKPK) for individuals and Small Debt

Resolution Scheme for Small and Mediumsized Enterprise (PKS).

As Muslims, early preparations must be made to provide ease in paying off the debt and financing that we have taken. Let us settle our debts, which is a responsibility, and do not keep procrastinating for it is an act of oppression, as explained in the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah

radiyAllaahu 'anh where the Prophet ﷺ said:

"Procrastination (delay) in paying debts by a wealthy man is injustice." (al-Bukhaari)

The significance of paying off the debt has been firmly mentioned by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in several verses of al-Qur'an that the division of the estate to the heirs can only be

done after the will (wasiyyah) has been executed and debts paid off for the deceased. Moreover, the Prophet had refused to perform the funeral prayer upon those who still have

unpaid debt with others, until a Companion would offer to become the guarantor in the debt settlement. Only then the **Prophet** sould proceed to perform salaah upon the deceased (janaazah).

To end the khutbah today, let us internalize upon the essence of the khutbah as guidance for all of us, namely:

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that all calamities are a form of tribulation from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala to test the faith of His slaves.

2. The Muslim ummah must comprehend that taking on a debt and financial assistance is a form of mu'ammalaat (social dealings) that is permissible. While paying it back is an obligation

stipulated by the Shara'.

3. The Muslim ummah must remain disciplined in fulfilling the obligation of repaying its debt.

"Who is it that would loan Allah a goodly loan so He may multiply it for him many times over? And it is Allah who withholds and grants abundance, and to Him you will be returned." (al-Bagarah 2:245)



Let us unite upon the basis of authentic Islamic 'aqeedah that is certain and sound. Let us unite upon any situations, firmly united facing any circumstances

and enemy's threat, whether hidden or apparent. The unity of the Muslim ummah is the foundational strength towards the nurturing of

Khayra Ummah (the best nation). Muslims are entitled to have differing views, what more in worldly matters, but the Muslim ummah must continue to

unite in *fikrah* (thoughts) and understanding according to the guidelines of the kalimah (phrase) لا إله إلا الله, affirmative principles within al-Qur'an

and *al-Hadeeth,* as well as sound Islamic brotherhood principles.

In our effort to break the chain of Covid-19, it necessitate every masjid attendees to remain disciplined and that it is waajib (obligatory) to abide

by the Standard Operating **Procedure (SOP) that has** been outlined by JAIS **(Selangor Islamic Religious Department) specifically in** performing the

wudoo' (ablution) at home, bringing one's own prayer mat, wearing the face mask while at the Masjid and Surau, and practicing social distancing.

Those that are unhealthy or unwell are prohibited from performing salaah in the Masjid and Surau.

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us rahmah and blessings upon this state that continues to

prosper and progress, and that its residents remain united, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.

O Allah, protect us from calamities and pandemic such as Covid-19.

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