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“TEACHING CREDENTIAL IS A NECESSITY”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اجْتَنِبُوا كَثِيرًا مِّنَ الظَّنِّ
إِنَّ بَعْضَ الظَّنِّ إِثْمٌ ...¹

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا
مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا
مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى
اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا
تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ²

Dear blessed Muslims,

In conjunction with the weekly assembly for the Muslim *ummah* today, I sincerely remind myself and fellow beloved Muslims to strive in increasing our *imaan* (faith) and *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by abiding and fulfilling all of His Commands and abstaining from all of His prohibitions. May we always remain upon the path of authentic *'aqeedah* and not deceived by those that are astray, whom further misguide.

¹ Fussilat 41:33.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



Today I will be delivering a *khutbah* titled: **“TEACHING CREDENTIAL IS A NECESSITY.”**

Dear noble Muslims,

Why is Teaching Credential (*tauliah*) a requirement? Did not our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ say, as narrated by ‘Abdullah bin ‘Amr *radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma*:

“Convey from me, even a single verse.”

(*al-Bukhaari*)

Are we not all *du‘aat* (callers to Islam)? Among us, there are also those that possess religious qualifications. So, why is there a need for Credential?

Those are among the questions frequently raised by some within the society when discussing about the need for teaching credential.

The laws have stipulated that anyone that intends to teach regarding the religion of Islam must possess certified teaching credential based on Section 118 of the Islamic Religious Administration Enactment (Selangor) 2003, Amendment 2016.

In this context, “teaching” refers to delivering or conveying any form of information regarding the religion of Islam through talks, forums, storytelling, motivational programs, *tadhkeerah* (reminders), paper presentations, lectures, audio visuals, or any means as determined by the Accreditation Committee.

Hence, I solemnly remind those that intend to teach the religion or invited to teach in the masjid or *surau* within the state of Selangor to



please apply for *Tauliah Mengajar* (Teaching Credential). Applicants will be subjected to several screening processes, namely *fard al-‘ayn* assessment test and knowledge evaluation test. If approved, the applicant will be called in for an interview and further evaluated by MAIS’ Accreditation Committee.

Respected audience,

Is it true that the application process for Teaching Credential is cumbersome and truly unnecessary? I would like to get everyone’s attention to the time when Rasulullah ﷺ sent Sayyidina Mu‘aadh bin Jabal *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* to Yemen, where he ﷺ actually posed several questions to Mu‘aadh, as mentioned in the *hadeeth*, where he ﷺ said:

كَيْفَ تَقْضِي؟ فَقَالَ أَقْضِي بِمَا فِي كِتَابِ اللَّهِ. قَالَ "فَإِنْ لَمْ يَكُنْ فِي كِتَابِ اللَّهِ." قَالَ فَبِسُنَّةِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ. قَالَ "فَإِنْ لَمْ يَكُنْ فِي سُنَّةِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ." قَالَ أَجْتَهُدُ رَأْيِي. قَالَ "الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي وَفَّقَ رَسُولَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ."

“How will you judge?” He said: “I will judge according to what is in Allah’s Book.” He ﷺ said: “If it is not in Allah’s Book ?” He said: “Then with the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ).” He ﷺ said: “If it is not in the Sunnah of Messenger of Allah (ﷺ)?” He said: “I will give in my view.” He ﷺ said: “All praise is due to Allah, the One Who made the messenger of the Messenger of Allah suitable.”

(at-Tirmidhi)



This *hadeeth* indicated that Rasulullah ﷺ was assessing the capability of Sayyidina Mu'aadh in conveying the *da'wah* message. When satisfied with the *manhaj* (methodology) of Sayyidina Mu'aadh in carrying out judgment, which is by referring to al-Qur'an and then *as-Sunnah* and followed by *ijtihad*, he ﷺ expressed gratitude to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

That is why the application for Teaching Credential must be subjected to several screening processes intending to evaluate his or her qualifications, skills, abilities, and mastery of knowledge, before being granted with the Credential.

In this regard, His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor has always given reminders and decreed that only those that are truly skilled and possess extensive knowledge regarding Islam will be granted the Credential to teach or lecture in *masaajid* or *suraus* throughout the state of Selangor (Decreed by His Majesty the Sultan of Selangor on 18th February, 2022, Istana Alam Shah, Klang).

Respected Muslims,

Does this really mean that religious authorities are impeding on *da'wah* efforts? It must be firmly asserted that the necessity for Teaching Credential is not to prevent or obstruct one from teaching the religion of Islam. Instead, it is a **preventive measure in fulfilling *al-Maqaasid ash-Sharee'ah* (The Higher Objectives Of The Islamic Law) within the aspect of preservation of the religion (*Hifzh ad-Deen*)**. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 19 of soorah Aal 'Imraan:



إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ

"Indeed, the religion in the sight of Allah is Islam."

Therefore, to ensure that Islam remains to be preserved from elements of misguidance, *fitnah*, and malice that could present adverse effects upon the religion, society, and nation, then it necessitates having credential. Moreover, Sayyidina 'Ali *radiyAllaahu 'anh* had once said:

كَلِمَةٌ حَقٌّ أُرِيدَ بِهَا بَاطِلٌ

"A word of truth by which is intended falsehood."

(Muslim)

Hence, herein lies the necessity for Teaching Credential, which among others are to ensure that;

First; One is truly qualified and suitable in teaching the religion.

Second; Curbing the dissemination of teachings or ideologies that deviates from the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah*.

Third; Avoiding matters that can create controversies and touches the sensitivities within the society.

Fourth; Preventing anyone from utilizing the platform for lectures from insulting or humiliating certain individuals or groups.

Fifth; Ensuring that credential holders would abide by every regulations and laws that are enforced.

Dear noble Muslims,

Current technological advancements have facilitated for the masses to obtain religious knowledge by the fingertips, at any given time. However,



the society must ensure that those teaching or imparting knowledge are individuals that are trustworthy and trusted with their knowledge authentically sourced from al-Qur'an and *as-Sunnah* of Rasulullah ﷺ, and firmly clinging upon the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah*.

Imaam Muslim narrated in the *Muqaddimah* (Introduction) of his *Saheeh*, on the authority of Muhammad ibn Seereen whom said:

إِنَّ هَذَا الْعِلْمَ دِينٌ فَانظُرُوا عَمَّنْ تَأْخُذُونَ دِينَكُمْ

“Indeed this knowledge is religion, so carefully consider from whom you take your religion.”

(Muslim)

I would like to remind everyone that teaching or attempting to teach or facilitating for the teaching of religion without credential is an offense under Section 119 of the Islamic Religious Administration Enactment (Selangor) 2003, Amendment 2016.

Dear blessed Muslims,

The Selangor Islamic Religious Department (JAIS) frequently receive complaints regarding *masaajid* or *suraus* that invites speakers without accreditation. Moreover, even speakers without teaching credentials are aware of the requirement to have credential in the state of Selangor, and yet they would attempt to give talks in *masaajid* and *suraus* without obtaining credential. And when the approval to give a talk in the masjid or *surau* is not granted on the basis of not having accreditation, the religious authorities are blamed and condemned for supposedly obstructing *da'wah* efforts from taking place in *masaajid* and *suraus*. How can this be?



Whereas until the **31st of December 2022**, a total of **5,641 Accredited Du'aat throughout the state of Selangor (PBNS)** have been recorded. Such high number of accredited speakers should not pose difficulties for any masjid or *surau* to select from any of them, whose background details can be obtained from the Selangor Islamic Religious Department's website.

The Selangor Islamic Religious Council (MAIS) also would like to firmly remind all MAIS Credential Holders to always abide by the laws or instructions, prohibitions, or orders stipulated by religious authorities.

Those with accreditation must utilize their Teaching Credential in the right manner, not merely for personal gain and interest. Do not mention jokes that are extreme that the masses would only remember the jokes instead of the knowledge being disseminated. That in the end, the general public would be more attracted to speakers due to their jokes but not their knowledge.

Credential Holders are reminded to not mix matters pertaining religion with political parties and strife among Muslims, or mention anything having the tendency to incite hatred or contempt towards any religion, or igniting dislikes towards any government, or harboring ill-intent and hostility between other races and groups of people within this nation.

As Credential Holders, one must at all times display excellent *akhlaaq* (character), coinciding with everything preached during his talks and lectures. Do not behave in a manner that can tarnish the teachings of Islam or resorting to actions that can cause the credential to be revoked. Aside from that, those with accreditation are deemed as upholders of the



aspirations of religious authorities in administering Islamic affairs and the development of the Muslim *ummah*.

In this regard, His Majesty the Sultan of Selangor asserted that as the Head of Islamic Affairs in the state of Selangor, as enshrined in the Laws of the Constitution of Selangor, 1959 and the authority allocated under the Islamic Religious Administration Enactment (Selangor) 2003, His Majesty has the authority to order for any credentials to be revoked due to certain reasons, in order to preserve the sanctity of Islam and avoid division within the Muslim community.

Dear esteemed Muslims,

To conclude this week's sermon, I sincerely implore that;

1. The Muslim *ummah* must strive to seek authentic knowledge from teachers that are learned and trusted in their knowledge, sourced from al-Qur'an and *as-Sunnah*, having the credential from MAIS.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that knowledge of *fard al-'ayn* (individual obligations) and *fard al-kifaayah* (communal obligations) are knowledge of Allah that must be taught with trustworthiness, truthfulness, and sincerity, intending to groom individuals having *taqwa*, peaceful societies, and prosperous nation.
3. The Muslims must realize that all of the decisions and administration by the ruler upon the people are founded upon *maslahah* (general benefit), based on the Islamic legal maxim:

تَصَرُّفُ الْإِمَامِ عَلَى الرَّعِيَّةِ مَنْوُوطٌ بِالمَصْلَحَةِ

"The actions of a ruler over his subjects are based on the *maslahah*."



أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ قَوْلًا مِّمَّنْ دَعَا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا وَقَالَ إِنَّي مِنَ
الْمُسْلِمِينَ ﴿٣٣﴾

“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 اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ
بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ
تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.
أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ



THE SECOND KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ.
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ
مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا
مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ
الدِّينِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ
بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Dear blessed audience,

Let us altogether strive to have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by increasing our obedience towards Him and avoiding acts of disobedience and abominable deeds.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا
عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ
أَجْمَعِينَ.



اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ
وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ
الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةَ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه
الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه
الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِيُؤَيِّدَ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَاوَنَ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحِ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُؤَظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

O Allah, grant us guidance in performing the five obligatory prayers
in congregation, fulfilling zakaat through Selangor Zakaat Board (LZS),



making endowment (*waqf*) through *Perbadanan Wakaf Selangor* (Selangor Endowment Corporation) and giving away (*infaaq*) our wealth through *Tabung Infak Jariah Umat Islam Selangor* (TIJARI, Selangor Continuous Charity for Muslims Fund), and to the orphans through Darul Ehsan Islamic Foundation (YIDE).

Make us among Your slaves that fulfills the *amaanah*. Strengthen our *imaan* so that we avoid treachery, protect us from becoming among those that neglect their responsibilities, and protect our state and nation from destruction due to bribery. Render the duty to lead our country upon Your slaves whom are trustworthy and honest, as well as firm and courageous in upholding the truth and executing justice according to the *Sharee'ah*. O Allah, make the *masajid* and *suraus* in the state of Selangor as Your peaceful homes, uniting everyone, and serve as the heart of the *ummah's* strength.

اللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اذْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ وَالْمَرَضَ
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
قَدِيرٌ وَبِالْإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.
رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢٠١﴾



عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ
وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ



فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لَهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.