

**WAQF (endowment): INVESTMENT ON EARTH, BENEFIT IN THE
HEREAFTER**

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أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ
سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ
وَرَسُولَهُ.
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ،
فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us increase our righteousness to Allah the Almighty by doing all that He prescribes and leaving all that He prohibits. May we be blessed by Him in this life and the hereafter.

Dear brothers and sisters

Waqf is an act of worship that has a very special advantage. It is a form of handing over the property we have to Allah the Almighty, for example land or buildings for the use of Muslims. Waqf is a form of charity that promises a lasting reward that flows to the giver even in death. The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam Muslim:

إِذَا مَاتَ ابْنُ آدَمَ انْقَطَعَ عَنْهُ عَمَلُهُ إِلَّا مِنْ ثَلَاثٍ: صَدَقَةٍ جَارِيَةٍ، أَوْ عِلْمٍ

يُنْتَفَعُ بِهِ، أَوْ وَلَدٍ صَالِحٍ يَدْعُو لَهُ

Which means: “When the human being dies, his deeds end except for three: ongoing charity, beneficial knowledge, or a righteous child who prays for him.”

Jabir bin Abdillah Radhiallahu Anhu once said: “None of the companions of the Prophet (pbuh) who was able did not endow their property.” This shows that believers always strive to give charity such as waqf because they know of its great advantage/reward.

Dear brothers and sisters

Among the examples of waqf are endowing a piece of land to build a mosque, educational institution, building a well, hospital endowment and others; as long as the endowed property is beneficial and permanent.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 3 (surah Ali Imran) verse 92:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
لَنْ نَنَالُوا الْبِرَّ حَتَّى نُنْفِقُوا مِمَّا نَحِبُّونَ وَمَا نُنْفِقُوا مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَإِنَّ

اللَّهُ بِهِ عَلِيمٌ

Which means: *You will never achieve righteousness until you donate some of what you cherish. And whatever you give is certainly well known to Allah.*

Waqf does not promise a return in the form of current material gains in this world. However, waqf can help the economic development of Muslims. Waqf is a form of long-term investment. The benefit is a long-lasting reward that will be reaped by the waqf contributor until the Day of Judgment.

Dear brothers and sisters

Anyone who wishes to perform waqf in this state should do so through the Islamic Religious Council and Malay Customs of Pahang because it is the sole trustee and all the waqf property is guaranteed to remain in the way of Allah and cannot be reclaimed by any party.

Let's do waqf! May the reward continue to flow and be our savior in the hereafter. At present, waqf has been made easy in various ways and channels. We can perform waqf for as low as RM5.00. Muslims can perform waqf either by coming to the office or the relevant counters, performing waqf online at wakafpahang, by using internet banking or through salary deduction.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 2 (surah al-Baqarah) verse 261:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ كَمَثَلِ حَبَّةٍ أَنْبَتَتْ سَبْعَ
سَنَابِلَ فِي كُلِّ سُنبُلَةٍ مِائَةٌ حَبَّةٌ وَاللَّهُ يُضَعِفُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٦١﴾

Which means: “The example of those who spend their wealth in the cause of Allah is that of a grain that sprouts into seven ears, each bearing one hundred grains. And Allah multiplies ‘the reward even more’ to whoever He wills. For Allah is All-Bountiful, All-Knowing.”

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،
وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.