

Malaysian Youth, Believe You Can! (*Yakin Boleh!*)

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْفَائِلِ: إِنَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ كَانَ أُمَّةً قَانِتًا لِلَّهِ حَنِيفًا وَلَمْ يَكُ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ۚ
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ.
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اِتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us all increase our devotion towards Allah the Almighty by performing all that He has decreed and abstaining from all that He has prohibited. Hopefully, we will be blessed in this world and in the Hereafter.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today's *khutbah* (sermon) discusses Malaysian Youth: *Yakin Boleh* (Believe You Can!). The Quran records the story of a young man, the prophet Abraham (peace be upon him [PBUH]) who defended his faith even though his own family was against him as Allah the Almighty tells us in the Quran in Chapter 16 (*Surah An-Nahl*) Verse (*ayat*) 120 which was read at the beginning of the sermon and means: “*Abraham was truly an example: devoutly obedient to Allah and true in faith. He was not an idolater;*”

Another story of youths' confidence and faith in Allah the Almighty is recorded in Chapter 18 (*Surah Al-Kahf*) Verse (*ayat*) 13:

نَحْنُ نَقُصُّ عَلَيْكَ نَبَأَهُم بِالْحَقِّ إِنَّهُمْ فِتْنَةٌ ءَامَنُوا بِرَبِّهِمْ وَزِدْنَاهُمْ هُدًى

Which means: “*[Prophet], We shall tell you their story as it really was. They were young men who believed in their Lord, and We gave them more and more guidance.*”

The story of Abraham during his youth and the youths of The Cave (*Kahfi*) are important examples for today’s youth. They show that defending faith and belief, despite facing great challenges and pressure, is more important than anything, including worldly luxury or a position in society.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

According to the data of the Department of Statistics Malaysia released in 2024, there were 9.5 million youth aged between 15 and 30, representing 28% of the population in Malaysia.

Youth are not only future leaders but are also agents of change that will contribute to the country’s advancement, competitiveness, and integrity. With proper education, based on Islamic principles, youth can take on the responsibility of continuing and strengthening Islamic values while contributing to the country’s economic, social, and political development.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In Malaysia, National Youth Day is celebrated annually to recognize the youth for their contributions and roles in national development. With the theme “*Yakin Boleh*” (Believe You Can), National Youth Day 2025 continues to strengthen the role of youth in all areas shaping the vision and future of the country. “*Yakin Boleh*” symbolizes the confidence of youth in contributing ideas, energy, and time to face various challenges in the future.

The history of Islamic civilization proves that confidence and faith in Allah the Almighty and His Messenger are etched among young people such as Ali bin Abi Talib, Jaafar bin Abi Talib, Abdullah bin Mas'ud, and others. They were not only among the companions of the Prophet (PBUH) who were first to believe in Islam, but were also those who were trusted as the vanguard of Islam. The young leaders among the companions, who led with confidence and firmness of faith, brought the glory of Islam.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Youths are valuable assets that need to be improved, intellectually and culturally. The development of youths needs to be balanced between aspects of this world and the hereafter. Among the important basic values are knowledge and morals. Allah the Almighty mentions in the Quran in Chapter 28 (*Surah Al-Qasas*) Verse (*ayat*) 26 that: *“One of the women said, ‘Father, hire him: a strong, trustworthy man is the best to hire.’”*

“Strong” is synonymous with competence. It means having strength physically, mentally, emotionally, and in other necessary skills. “Trustworthiness” means integrity and transparency. Both of these values must be inculcated in all Malaysian youths.

Youths need to be polished as they are the country’s current and future assets for the country’s development. In the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the strengthening of positive youth development is an approach that recognizes the potential of youths, developed in a positive way aligned with their potential.

Hopefully, every youth in Pahang can be improved for the good of the people, the state, and the country. Let us support and guide the younger generation

while giving them opportunities to grow and succeed. Society needs to build a conducive environment for youths to develop, provide opportunities for speech, and provide moral and mental support.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In conclusion, here are the key takeaways from today's *khutbah* (sermon):

First: Islamic civilization proves how young people have high confidence and faith in obeying all the commandments of Allah through the message of His messengers.

Second: Special recognition of youths in Malaysia is raised through the National Youth Day on 15 May every year. “*Yakin Boleh*” proves the confidence of all youths in contributing through ideas, energy, and time to face various challenges in the future.

Third: Youth development needs to be balanced between aspects of this world and the hereafter. Youths need to continue to improve both their intellectual and cultural values.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
يَبْنِي أَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ وَأْمُرْ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَانْهَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَأَصْبِرْ عَلَى مَا أَصَابَكَ إِنَّ ذَلِكَ مِنْ عَزَمِ الْأُمُورِ
بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ
تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَاسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ،
وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.