

HAJJ PILGRIMAGE
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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: وَأَذِّنْ فِي النَّاسِ بِالْحَجِّ يَأْتُوكَ رِجَالًا وَعَلَى كُلِّ ضَامِرٍ يَأْتِينَ مِنْ كُلِّ فَجٍّ عَمِيقٍ

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، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَوْصِيكُمْ 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 Allah the Almighty in this life and the hereafter.

Dear brothers and sisters,

At this moment, our Muslim brothers and sisters who have been given the opportunity to be guests of Allah the Almighty are in the Holy Land of Mecca to fulfill their obligation of performing Hajj. May Allah the Almighty grant them safety and well-being and facilitate their religious affairs to complete their Hajj pilgrimage. Indeed, they are the lucky and most fortunate people to have received this opportunity from among hundreds of millions of Muslims who have the same aspiration.

At the same time, let us pray that Allah the Almighty will give us the same opportunity to fulfill this obligation for those who have not yet done so. Know that the Hajj pilgrimage is one of the five pillars of Islam, which must be carried out by every Muslim who has the ability. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 3 (surah Ali Imran) verse 97:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَلِلَّهِ عَلَى النَّاسِ حِجُّ الْبَيْتِ مَنِ اسْتَطَاعَ إِلَيْهِ سَبِيلًا

Which means: *“Pilgrimage to this House is an obligation by Allah upon whoever is able among the people.”*

The reward for performing Hajj is very great. The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said in a hadith narrated by Imam al-Bukhari:

الْعُمْرَةُ إِلَى الْعُمْرَةِ كَفَّارَةٌ لِمَا بَيْنَهُمَا وَالْحَجُّ الْمَبْرُورُ لَيْسَ لَهُ جَزَاءٌ إِلَّا الْجَنَّةُ

Which means: *“(The performance of) Umrah is an expiation for the sins committed (between it and the previous one). And the reward of Hajj Mabrur (the one accepted by Allah) is nothing except Paradise.”*

People who are performing the Hajj are honored to the point that they are called the guests of Allah, as narrated by Ibn Majah, the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

“The pilgrims performing Hajj and Umrah are a delegation to Allah. If they call upon Him, He will answer them; and if they ask for His forgiveness, He will forgive them.”

Dear blessed Muslims,

Indeed, performing the Hajj pilgrimage has many advantages and is etched in a person's memory until the end of his/her life. Allah the Almighty says regarding the benefits of Hajj in chapter 22 (Surah al-Hajj) verse 28 which means:

“That they may witness things that are of benefit to them, and mention the Name of Allah on appointed days.”

The Hajj pilgrimage brings a Muslim into a state of devotion and surrender to Allah the Almighty at all times. Our focus in the holy land is only on worship without preoccupying ourselves with worldly life and possessions. The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) explained the advantages of standing at Arafat (*wukuf*) in Hadith Qudsi narrated by Ibn Hibban which means:

“There is no day more excellent in the sight of Allah than the Day of Arafah. Allah the Almighty boasts to the people of the heavens because of the deeds of the people of the earth, then Allah the Almighty says: “Look at My servants, they have gathered to Me in a state of dust and disheveledness, they have come from all the far corners, they hope for My mercy, and do not look at My punishment, so the day with the most deliverance from My fire is the Day of Arafah.”

Sifat inilah yang akan membentuk perpaduan dan penyatuan mereka bagi membina kekuatan umat Islam dalam menghadapi pelbagai cabaran.

The Hajj pilgrimage also brings us all together to appreciate human life regardless of rank, race, skin color and culture. All of this teaches us to be tolerant, humble and respectful of each other because in reality we are all equal in the sight of Allah the Almighty. This will create unity and unification to build the strength of Muslims in facing various challenges.

Dear brothers and sisters,

The Hajj pilgrimage is obligatory to be performed once in a lifetime, but there are still some Muslims who do not take their obligations seriously. Start by registering to perform the Hajj with Tabung Haji because registration can be done with a deposit as low as RM1300.00. Remember that obtaining a valid Hajj visa is one of the requirements for being able to perform Hajj. The Prophet (peace and blessing of Allah be upon him) said in a hadith narrated by Imam Muslim which means:

" Hajj (pilgrimage to the House of Allah) has been made incumbent upon you, so perform Hajj."

Let us take warning from Imam al-Nawawi in the book al-Majmuk: Whoever misses the Hajj (when he is able) and then dies, it is clear that he died in a state of sin due to his negligence.

However, we must be careful of the existence of fraudulent hajj syndicates by unlicensed organizers. They offer fake packages and sweet promises that they can provide hajj quotas to pilgrims. Consult with Tabung Haji to confirm the operating company and the offer. These security measures can prevent pilgrims from falling into the trap of fraud syndicates.

Be reminded that operators of Umrah and Hajj must always ensure that the packages offered to the public are reasonable and within the company's capabilities. Companies must comply with all regulations set by the authorities.

Dear blessed Muslims,

In conclusion, let us intend, resolve and pray to be able to perform the Hajj because it is one of the pillars of Islam, and by performing it we will feel our position as servants of Allah the Almighty who need to worship Him at all times. The Hajj also builds a spirit of unity and brotherhood among Muslims regardless of rank and position.

Jadikanlah ibadat haji satu keutamaan dalam kehidupan (sekiranya mampu) kerana sengaja menanggukannya adalah berdosa. Walaupun begitu berhati-hatilah dengan tawaran ibadah haji daripada pihak-pihak yang tidak bertanggungjawab.

Make Hajj a priority in our life (if we can afford it) because deliberately postponing it is a sin. However, be careful of offers of Hajj from irresponsible parties.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

الْحَجُّ أَشْهُرٌ مَّعْلُومَةٌ فَمَنْ فَرَضَ فِيهِنَّ الْحَجَّ فَلَا رَفْتَ وَلَا فُسُوقَ وَلَا جِدَالَ فِي الْحَجِّ وَمَا تَفَعَّلُوا مِنْ خَيْرٍ يَعْلَمُهُ اللَّهُ وَتَزَوَّدُوا فَإِنَّ خَيْرَ الزَّادِ التَّقْوَىٰ وَاتَّقُونِ يَا أُولِيَ الْأَلْبَابِ ١٩٧

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.