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THE ACTS OF WORSHIP OF ZAKAT, WAQF, AND CHARITY ARE THE FOUNDATION OF UMMAH DEVELOPMENT

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ فِي كِتَابِهِ الْعَزِيزِ:
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَنْفِقُوا مِنْ طَيِّبَاتِ مَا كَسَبْتُمْ وَمِمَّا أَخْرَجْنَا لَكُمْ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ وَلَا تَيَمَّمُوا الْخَبِيثَ مِنْهُ تُنْفِقُونَ
وَلَسْتُمْ بِأَخْذِهِ إِلَّا أَنْ تُغْمِضُوا فِيهِ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ غَنِيٌّ حَمِيدٌ ٢٦٧
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ،
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ، نَبِيِّ الْأُمَّةِ وَكَاشِفِ الْعَمَةِ وَعَلَى ءَالِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ أَوْصِيَكُمْ وَنَفْسِي بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us increase our righteousness towards Allah the Almighty by carrying out all His commands and abandoning all His prohibitions. May we attain a prosperous life in this world and happiness in the Hereafter.

Dear blessed brothers and sisters,

All praise be to Allah the Almighty who has permitted us to be in the new Hijri year of 1448 and in this noble month of Muharram. The Islamic Religious and Malay Customs Council of Pahang, through the Pahang Zakat and Waqf Collection Center, has launched the Pahang Zakat and Waqf Month. Know that Islam encourages its followers to possess wealth, and it is a trust from Allah the Almighty. Proper management of wealth is important in distributing and spending it for social welfare for those in need. It is also a source of advantage in the Hereafter. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 24 (Surah An-Nur) verse 56:

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وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ ٥٦



Which means: “ *And establish prayer, pay alms-tax, and obey the Messenger, so you may be shown mercy.* ”

To ensure that the wealth of Muslims is channeled to those in need and to maintain economic sustainability, Allah the Almighty has prescribed zakat, waqf, and charity for the benefit of Muslims in a nation.

Dear beloved brothers and sisters,

Zakat is the third pillar of Islam which is obligatory for Muslims who are financially capable. Zakat is important for purifying wealth and elevating the spirituality of those who fulfill it. Its main objective is to help those in need. It also contributes to building a balanced economy by redistributing wealth within society.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 9 (surah at-Taubah) verse 60:

“Alms-tax is only for the poor and the needy, for those employed to administer it, for those whose hearts are attracted to the faith, for freeing slaves, for those in debt, for Allah’s cause, and for needy travellers. This is an obligation from Allah. And Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise.”

The Pahang Zakat Collection Center is the sole zakat collection agency in Pahang, established to ensure high levels of collection and awareness among the Muslim community in Pahang. In 2025, zakat collection continued to rise, reaching RM243.19 million with more than 108,000 contributors. Meanwhile, zakat distribution is managed by the Islamic Religious and Malay Customs Council of Pahang, which carries out various programs to improve the living standards of those in need. A total of RM273.02 million in zakat assistance was



channeled to 130,817 recipients throughout 2025 through 25 MUIP aid schemes covering basic needs, education, housing, business, and da'wah.

Therefore, hasten to fulfill the obligation of zakat, for every provision received is not solely ours; there is a rightful share for our spouses, children, relatives, neighbors in need, and the poor who hope for our kindness.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Islam also encourages waqf. It is prescribed as a way of drawing closer to Allah the Almighty by spending wealth in His path. Waqf terminates an individual's ownership of property, making it the right of Allah the Almighty, and the property can then be utilized for public benefit; whether for religious purposes or charitable and social needs with lasting benefits in accordance with Shariah. The reward for those who perform waqf is immense and continues even beyond their lifetime. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 3 (Surah Ali Imran) verse 92, which means:

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 Pahang MUIP is the sole trustee that manages waqf funds either in the form of cash or assets, and effectively develops waqf land to generate returns that can have a significant impact on the economic progress of Muslims.

Likewise, in addition to giving zakat and waqf, charity (sedekah) is the voluntary giving of wealth that can be fulfill, and it brings multiple rewards while increasing the blessings of sustenance.



Dear blessed brothers and sisters:

The conclusion of today's sermon is that we gain important lessons as follows:

First: Wealth is a trust from Allah the Almighty that is connected to the rights of others, and must be fulfilled as it will be questioned on the Day of Judgment.

Second: Islam has made zakat obligatory, while waqf and charity are highly encouraged practices to help those in need.

Third: The collective and strategic involvement in all these acts of worship will contribute to a significant impact on the development of the ummah.

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مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ كَمَثَلِ حَبَّةٍ أَنْبَتَتْ سَبْعَ سَنَابِلَ فِي كُلِّ سُنبُلَةٍ مِائَةُ حَبَّةٍ وَاللَّهُ
يُضْعِفُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ وَسِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ٢٦١

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 وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَانِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ،
وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ