

## FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO CAMII

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### HAJJ

#### Dear Mumins!

Allah (s.w.t.) has invited people who satisfies conditions to The hajj by decreeing 'Hajj to the House (Kaabah) is a duty that mankind owes to Allah, those who can afford the expenses and whoever disbelieves then Allah stands not in need of any of Âlamîn (mankind, jinn and all that exists)'<sup>1</sup>. On this season of pilgrimage, our brothers and sisters in Islam who has received this call will live in the honor and excitement of visiting Baytullah (Allah's house) as invitee of Allah (s.w.t.).

#### Dear Mumins!

The worship in our daily life, the reflections of our belief is the strongest and the best knot between Allah, the exalted. The Hajj, one of our worship, has many characteristics maturing the people and the society. Mumins from all around the world, languages, races, colors, culture and situations are totally different, given the opportunity to strengthen the ties of brotherhood and getting acquainted with each other in the common belief and feeling. The hajj is oracular journey that is carried out on the way of winning Allah's pleasure and becoming higher in the footprint of The Prophets (a.s.). While mumins given the opportunity to harden their beliefs, also they find the possibilities to live their life in a lot of ethical beauties like taqwa, patience, love and respect, brotherhood, self-sacrifice as well.

#### Esteemed Mumins!

On the time of Hajj, it is lived the excitement of a densely worship and obedience realized by performing rules related to salat, tawaf, sa'y, talbiya, zikr, waqfa, taubah, sacrificial animal and ihram. Mumins express their submissions with the exclamations of

'Labbaik Allahumma Labbaik, I have accepted your call and I am ready to obey Your orders, O Allah' also get the opportunity heading towards Allah with whole peace of heart, being far away from the hectic days and work and leaving the properties, children and relatives behind.

There are many wisdoms of the worship during this sacred journey. Surely it adds a different type of beauty and meaning to the Hajj worship to see and think tawaf of Kaaba and sa'y as exalting Allah; throwing stones at

Shaitans to ousting all bad things away, waqfa (stand up and wait in Arafat) as the foremost of Allah's pleasure than any other things; to obey prohibitions of ihrâm as prepared for Allah's order; the worship of qurbân (sacrifice) as the symbol of that the property would be able

to spent in the way of Allah when it is required.

One of the matters that the candidates of Hajji should take care during this journey is being patient and able to endure difficulties. The candidates of Hajji should always keep in mind that they are in ihram, should try to approach all living with love and compassion without seeing the faults. They should spend their time fully in the worships and obedience, and should not spare the time much more than required for buying and shopping.

I am finishing my khutba with a hadith of our beloved Prophet (s.a.w.): 'He who performs Hajj and does not speak obscenely or commit evil then he returns just as the day his mother gave birth to him.'<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Âl 'Imrân, 97.

<sup>2</sup> Bukhâri, Hajj, 4.