

FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO CAMII

February 14th, 2011

ON THE OCCASION OF MAWLID AN-NABÎ

Dear Mumins!

Allah (s.w.t.) had sent prophets from time to time to contact with His slaves since the beginning of the life on earth. Like all prophets, Muhammad (s.a.w.) was also a messenger of hidayat, who was charged with teaching Allah's orders and prohibitions to His slaves and guiding them to the right path.

Dear Muslims!

The Quran al-Karîm has decreed to fully submit to the Prophet (s.a.w.) with the verses of "... **And whatsoever the Messenger gives you take it; and whatsoever He forbids you, abstain (from it)**"¹ **Say: If you (really) love Allah then follow me, Allah will love you and forgive you your sins...**"² Besides, it has also warned about the dangerous results, which might arise if He was/is disobeyed with the verse of "... **And let those who oppose the Messenger's commandment beware, lest some fitnah should befall them or a painful torment be inflicted on them.**"³

My Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Muhammad Mustafa (s.a.w.) decreed as follows: *"Whoever leaves my sunnah (my life style) is not of me."*⁴ By this remark, He expressed that to follow His sunnah is not a luxury or a matter of preference, but it is a need of being a Mumin. Because sunnah means the way that The Prophet (s.a.w.) went on, the life that He lived for the purpose of acting suitably for Allah's orders. In other words

it is a lifestyle that the Messenger Muhammad (s.a.w.), with Quran's words, **"a mercy for the âlamîn (mankind, jinn and all that exists)"**⁵, **"good example"**⁶, **"owner of an exalted character"**⁷, **"anxious over mumins"**, **"full of pity for them and that it grieves Him that they receive any injury or difficulty"**⁸ acted. Nevertheless taking Him as example is not possible by imitating spiritlessly,



compressing His sunnah in only a few manners but by reflecting the call that He made for peace and happiness of all human being to our life.

Dear Mumins!

Sunnah of Rasûlullah (s.a.w.) has raised communities from swamp of darkness and ignorance to the peak of justice, knowledge and happiness. His love, affection and light have become the source and foundation of the great civilizations and beauties. But as humanity has been going away from that sun, the darkness increases; injustice, tear and scream of oppressed ones do cover everywhere day by day; all over the world is shaken by material and spiritual crisis.

I hope Mawlid An-Nabî that we will meet it on February 14, Monday may be a cause for being re-made a fuss over the Prophet (s.a.w.), comprehending His message; and pray Allah, the exalted that it brings a khayr (goodness) and blessing for the Islamic world and for all humanity.

¹ Al-Hashr, 7.

² Âl-'Imrân, 31.

³ An-Nûr, 63.

⁴ Bukhari, Nikâh 1; Muslim, Nikâh 5.

⁵ Al-Anbiyâ, 107.

⁶ Al-Ahzâb, 21.

⁷ Al-Qalam, 4.

⁸ Look at: At-Taubah, 128.