

FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO CAMII

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EID RAMADAN

Dear Mumins!

Together, we just have reached Eid Ramadan! We cannot thank and praise Allah enough for this blessing upon us. Religious festivals are exceptional days, when people come together and treat each other peacefully. It is an occasion in which friends and acquaintances get in touch and visit each other. Endless gratitude be to Allah, who granted us such wonderful days.

Dear Mumins!

Our Lord (s.w.t.) has ordained in the Qur'ân the following: **"Do people think that they will be left alone because they say: 'We believe,' and will not be tested?"**¹ With a consciousness of that verse always in our life, and knowing that we are tested constantly, let's revise, as Muslims, compliance of our life with our faith. Yes! A Muslim should not be lazy, but instead be hardworking and well disciplined... A Muslim should not be the one who is deceptive and does not give confidence, but the one who keeps his word... A Muslim should be clean... should never lie and never be opportunistic. He or she always should be modest, self-sacrificing and benevolent... Moreover, a Muslim should spare some of his time for his mate and children, and should never forget the rights of his parents on him and should respect them. A Muslim should approach all living things, especially humans, in a tender way. A Muslim should not waste nature and

natural resources and should instead protect them, knowing that they are given in trust from Allah... The most important thing he should be aware of is that he is going to give account to Allah for his deeds—or for what he neglected to do.

While living among the esteemed Japanese people, who apply in their lives most of the ethical principles from commercial ethics to keeping promises, from cleanliness to discipline, how strange is it for a Muslim not to live these good traits ordered by their religion! How can a Muslim become a model without carrying his obligations? How can he perform the duty of **tabligh**, which a Muslim must do both orally and actively?

Dear Mumins!

By taking advantage of these Eids, let's try to visit our relatives and friends as much as possible. Let's make our children happy. As well, let's give our non-Muslim friends some gifts. Let's invoke Allah within our hearts. And let's add to our duas our brothers and sisters in religion all over the world, who have difficulties and need help. Let's try to continue the good habits that we have acquired during the month of Ramadan.

I congratulate your Eid with all my heart and invoke Allah to let us experience real Eids in the paradise.



¹ Al-Ankabût, 2.