

## FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO CAMII

July 16, 2010

### UTILIZING OUR TIME EFFICIENTLY

#### Dear Mumins!

Allah, the Exalted, has expressed one characteristic of Mumins in sûrat al-Mu'minûn as follows: "*those who turn away from al-Laghw (false, vain talks and things).*"<sup>1</sup>

#### Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Nowadays, many complain about lack of time. Important deeds like visiting relatives, reading a few pages of a useful book, even talking with one's family a few minutes or being interested in one's children can be infringed using the excuse of having no time. Is this true? Do we really have no time? If we do not have time for the most necessary things, do we spend our remaining time for more important things?

Let's think the answer of this question together. Let's check our daily lives in detail from top to bottom. Let's control how much place useless things for our world or hereafter occupy in our daily lives. Hence, let's assess what we would gain, how our lives would change, if we utilize our time for more useful deeds.

#### Dear Mumins!

Many material things lost can be recovered within the time. Yet, passed time never comes back again. Furthermore, time is our sole capital. Whatever we got for the world or hereafter, we do get all by spending the counted minutes of our life. So, let's pay attention to where we use this most valuable capital.

If we determine short and long term goals for ourselves in the life, knowing why we live, we

can accomplish much greater deeds by using our time more intelligently. For example, we can learn one âyat and hadith every day, allocating ten minutes. When we estimate its benefits in months and years, the result will be very big numbers that will not be scorned at all. In addition, so many good deeds like learning a useful knowledge, striving in a branch of art, an effort to apologize for past mistakes or running for help, and so on, can penetrate into our lives and embellish it by means of these very short time periods.

#### Dear Mumins!

Let's spend our life capital for the sake of serving the humanity with the conscious of being a slave of Allah. And, let's give this conscious to our children and our youngsters as well. Let's perform our responsibilities to utilize their summer holidays in the best way.

I would like to finish my khutba with a hadith of the Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w.): *'Mankind never can't separate from Allah's side unless he gives an account of these things: where he would spend his life, with which intention he would do his actions, from where he would earn and to where he would spend; whether he would act according to that he knew how and where he would use his health.'*<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Al-Mu'minûn, 23/3.

<sup>2</sup> At-Tirmizî, Qiyamah, 1.