



1	 <p style="text-align: center;">MAHSYAR ON EARTH 9 September 2016AD / 7 Zulhijjah 1437H</p>
2	الحمد لله الذي علم وانعم، وهدانا بالقرآن للتي هي أقوم،
3	<p style="text-align: right;">قَالَ تَعَالَى: أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p> <p>جَعَلَ اللَّهُ الْكَعْبَةَ الْغُرَبَاءَ أَلْبَيْتَ الْحَرَامِ فِيمَا لِلنَّاسِ وَالشَّهْرَ الْحَرَامَ وَالْهَدْيَ وَالْقَلْبَيْدَ ذَلِكَ لِتَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ﴿١٧﴾</p>
4	أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ، وَصَفِيَّهُ وَخَلِيلَهُ، وَخَيْرَتَهُ مِنْ خَلْقِهِ، بَلَغَ الرِّسَالَةَ، وَأَدَّى الْأَمَانَةَ، وَنَصَحَ الْأُمَّةَ، وَجَعَلْنَا عَلَى الْمُحَجَّةِ الْبَيْضَاءِ لَيْلَهَا كَنَهَارَهَا لَا يَزِيغُ عَنْهَا إِلَّا هَالِكٌ،
5	صَلَوَاتُ اللَّهِ وَسَلَامُهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَسَلَّمَ تَسْلِيمًا كَثِيرًا.
6	أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَطَاعَتِهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ، وَتَزَوَّدُوا فَإِنَّ خَيْرَ الزَّادِ التَّقْوَى، وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ يَا أُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ.
7	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>Let us increase the level of our conviction in Allah SWT with full devotion, belief and sincerity, by performing deeds of kindness and by refraining from sins and vices that can destroy us.</p>
8	The <i>mimbar</i> on this glorious day shall discuss a sermon entitled: " Mahsyar on Earth ".
9	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>Each year, millions of Muslims from around the world converge at Arafah to</p>



	perform the <i>Wuquf</i> , which is one of the pillars of Hajj. <i>Wuquf</i> means to momentarily stop and stay at Arafah beginning from <i>Zuhur</i> on the 9 th of Zulhijjah until the dawn of 10 th Zulhijjah.
10	Looking at its position, Arafah is located in the middle of the desert and arid land which does not have any source of water or vegetation. It is about 22 kilometres east of <i>Masjidil Haram</i> and in an area of ten point four (10.4) square kilometres. It is surrounded by desert and mountains in all directions, with thousands of tents set up for pilgrims.
11	Arafah bears witness to the glorious history of Islam. It was there that Rasulullah SAW received his Final Revelation while performing the <i>Hajjatul Wada'</i> , or the Farewell Pilgrimage. Far away on the edge of the hill lies <i>Jabal Rahmah</i> , where Prophet Adam AS and Hawa were re-united.
12	The Day of Arafah is an indication of how humans would be on Judgement Day. All mankind would recognize the mistakes they have made. Tears fall as a sign of regret over all the sins that have been committed. They will take the opportunity to pray for mercy and forgiveness from Allah SWT with full sincerity. They all stand equal before Allah SWT, with nothing to distinguish between the rich and the poor, between the leaders and the citizens, and between people of the east or the west.
13	They would perform the <i>Wuquf</i> on the same day, dressed in white <i>ihram</i> , follow the same rules, and reciting the <i>Talbiah</i> : <p style="text-align: center;">لَبَّيْكَ اللَّهُمَّ لَبَّيْكَ، لَبَّيْكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ لَبَّيْكَ، إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ وَالنِّعْمَةَ لَكَ وَالْمُلْكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ</p> <p style="text-align: right;">لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ</p> <p>Which means: “Here I am at Your service O, Allah, here I am. Here I am at Your service, You have no partner, here I am at Your service. For You alone is All Praise and All Grace, and for You alone is The Sovereignty. You have no partner.”</p>



14	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>The exalted position of Arafah is due to the Hajj. On that day, Allah SWT will free His servants from the torments of hell, as described in a hadith narrated by Saiyidatina Aisyah RA, and recorded by Imam Muslim RA, in which Rasulullah SAW was reported to have said:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">مَا مِنْ يَوْمٍ أَكْثَرَ مِنْ أَنْ يُعْتَقَ اللَّهُ فِيهِ عَبْدًا مِنَ النَّارِ مِنْ يَوْمِ عَرَفَةَ وَإِنَّهُ لَيَدْنُو ثُمَّ يُبَاهِي بِهِمُ الْمَلَائِكَةَ فَيَقُولُ مَا أَرَادَ هَؤُلَاءِ؟</p>
15	<p>Which means: <i>“There is no day on which Allah frees more people from the Fire than the Day of Arafah. He comes close and expresses His pride to the angels, saying, ‘What do they wish for?’ ”</i></p>
16	<p>Hajj pilgrims are encouraged to increase their acts of worship, such as prayers, invocations, reciting the Al-Quran and other practices, as <i>Wuquf</i> is the time when every wish and prayer will be accepted by Allah SWT. These religious practices and acts of worship are not only limited to the pilgrims in Arafah, as those who are not performing the Hajj are also encouraged to fast.</p>
17	<p>This is explained in a hadith narrated by Abu Qatada Al Ansari RA and recorded by Imam Muslim, where Rasulullah SAW was asked about the voluntary fasting on the day of Arafah, and he said:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">يُكَفِّرُ السَّنَةَ الْمَاضِيَةَ وَالْبَاقِيَةَ</p> <p>Which means: <i>“It atones for the sins of the previous year and of the coming year.”</i></p>
18	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>Each act of worship and practice prescribed by Allah SWT definitely has its own wisdom and concepts, and the same goes for the Day of Arafah. Among them are:</p>
19	<p><i>First: To train ourselves to be patient and steadfast in performing Allah SWT's command</i></p>



	<p>The Day of Arafah is a day that illustrates the suffering and hardship of a human gathering. Difficulties at Arafah will test the nature of servitude as a servant of Allah SWT. With high temperature and within a space where movement is limited in the tents, pilgrims have to be patient in enduring the test of Allah SWT.</p>
20	<p>They must tolerate and be considerate with other pilgrims. Of course, without knowledge, mental and physical preparation, their acts of worship and devotion would be interrupted and they would not be able to continue with such acts.</p>
21	<p>Second: To nourish the spirit of brotherhood and solidarity</p> <p>The gathering is the largest gathering of Muslims in building bonds and associations. When the Hajj pilgrims perform the <i>Wuquf</i> at Arafah, all of them would be wearing the same clothes, performing the worship together and would cooperate with each other. Not a single one of them is more privileged than the other. This display of brotherhood and unity is what needs to be emphasized and should be nourished as well as maintained so that we will always become the people rewarded with the blessings and graces of Allah SWT and respected by the world.</p>
22	<p>In a hadith narrated by Abu Musa Al-Ash'ari RA and recorded by Imam Bukhari RA, Rasulullah SAW was reported to have said:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">إِنَّ الْمُؤْمِنَ لِلْمُؤْمِنِ كَالْبُنْيَانِ، يَشُدُّ بَعْضُهُ بَعْضًا.</p> <p>Which Means: "Indeed, a believer to another believer is like a building, each part supporting the other."</p>
23	<p>Third: To engage in self-reflect for the sake of Allah SWT</p> <p>As human beings, we cannot escape from being forgetful and negligent. Therefore, we require constant reminders, reflections and advise among each another. The time available while performing the <i>Wuquf</i> should be used by the pilgrims to pray to Allah SWT and to evaluate past deeds committed.</p>



24	<p>Allah SWT stated in Surah Al Hashr, verse 18:</p> <p>يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَتَنظُرْ نَفْسٌ مَّا قَدَّمَتْ لِغَدٍ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٨﴾</p>
25	<p>Which means: “O, you who believe! Fear Allah, and let every soul look to what (provision) He has sent forth for tomorrow. Yes, fear Allah: for Allah is well-acquainted with (all) that you do.”</p>
26	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>Based on what has been mentioned just now, we should now be able to better understand the wisdom of the Day of Arafah. Therefore, as Muslims who are filled with love and brotherhood, let us together spread our hands to pray for the welfare and safety of all pilgrims, especially the Malaysian pilgrims. May they be blessed with Hajj that is <i>mabrur</i> and may all sins be forgiven. Let us also take the opportunity to pray that we shall be counted among those who can afford, materially and physically, to go, as well as be allowed by <i>Rabbul Jalil</i>, to be a guest in a land full of blessings to perform the Hajj.</p>
27	<p>To conclude today’s sermon, the <i>mimbar</i> would like to remind the congregation with regards to several points made earlier:</p> <p>First: <i>Wuquf</i> at Arafah is the main pillar of Hajj. It is the culmination of <i>Hajj</i> which would differentiate between <i>Hajj</i> and <i>Umrah</i>. Whoever intends to perform Hajj but not the <i>Wuquf</i>, he is not considered as performing <i>Hajj</i>.</p> <p>Second: The Day of Arafah illustrates the largest human gathering akin to <i>Mahsyar</i>. On this day, all men are deemed equal in the estimation of Allah SWT, except the pious and the faithful.</p> <p>Third: The Day of Arafah trains us to be patient and steadfast in</p>



	performing the commands of Allah SWT, in addition to nourishing the spirit of brotherhood and unity, no matter the rank, wealth, or background.
28	<p>Allah SWT declared in Surah Al Hujurat, verse 13:</p> <p>قَالَ تَعَالَى: أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p> <p>يَتَأْتِيهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَنْفَعَكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ ﴿١٣﴾</p>
29	<p>Which means: “O, mankind! We created you from a single (pair) of a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, that you may know each other (not that you may despise (each other)). Verily the most honoured of you in the sight of Allah is (he who is) the most righteous of you. And Allah has full knowledge and is well acquainted (with all things).”</p>
30	<p>بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.</p>