



1	 <p style="text-align: center;">HALAL AS AN OBLIGATION 27 October 2017AD / 6 Safar 1439H</p>
2	<p style="text-align: center;">الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي هَدَانَا لِلْإِسْلَامِ، وَأَبَانَ لَنَا الشَّرَائِعَ وَالْأَحْكَامَ، وَرَتَّبَ عَلَيْهَا جَزِيلَ الْفَضْلِ وَالْإِنْعَامِ،</p>
3	<p style="text-align: center;">وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ الْمَلِكُ الْعَلَامُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ سَيِّدُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ،</p>
4	<p style="text-align: center;">صَلَّى اللَّهُ وَسَلَّمَ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ الْبِرَّةِ الْأَعْلَامِ.</p>
5	<p style="text-align: center;">أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَطَاعَتِهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.</p>
6	<p style="text-align: right;">قَالَ تَعَالَى:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">يَتَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ، وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾</p>
7	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, Let us strive to increase the level of our faith and conviction in Allah SWT by obeying all His commands and avoiding all that He has forbade,</p>
8	<p>As well as always being grateful for His favors and graces. Fortunate indeed is the one who gains conviction, for it is the source of happiness and success in this world and in the hereafter,</p>



9	The <i>mimbar</i> on this glorious day will discuss a sermon entitled: “ Halal as an Obligation ”.
10	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, Lately, the sensitivity of Muslims in Malaysia in ensuring that their daily food for consumption is halal and clean is increasing.
11	Nonetheless, while the consumer sensitivity increases, there are also Muslim entrepreneurs and traders who have little sensitivity in ensuring that the food being eaten is not only halal,
12	But must also be clean and pure. For them, the <i>halal</i> status is merely a matter of proper slaughtering, and being free from elements or ingredients associated with swine.
13	Food preparation hygiene and quality are factors that must be considered when ensuring that the food is halal and good.
14	This is proven by several cases of eateries and food processing premises being ordered to close
15	For operating under dirty conditions, with raw materials improperly stored, pest control issues and so forth.
16	It is sadder when we realise those premises are frequented by the Muslim community.
17	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, Dietary factors affects our acts of worship, health and life. Among the biggest factors that make a Muslims’ acts of worship good and acceptable by Allah SWT is that his diet is <i>halal</i> , pure and clean.
18	Imam Muslim recorded a hadith narrated by Abu Hurairah R.A, where Rasulullah SAW was recorded to have said:



	<p>إِنَّ اللَّهَ طَيِّبٌ لَا يَقْبَلُ إِلَّا طَيِّبًا، وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ أَمَرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ بِمَا أَمَرَ بِهِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ، فَقَالَ:</p>
19	<p>﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا الرُّسُلُ كُلُوا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَاعْمَلُوا صَالِحًا إِنِّي بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ عَلِيمٌ ﴾ وَقَالَ: ﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا كُلُوا مِن طَيِّبَاتِ مَا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ ﴾</p>
20	<p>ثُمَّ ذَكَرَ الرَّجُلَ يُطِيلُ السَّفَرَ أَشْعَثَ أَغْبَرَ يَمُدُّ يَدَيْهِ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ، يَا رَبِّ يَا رَبِّ، وَمَطْعَمُهُ حَرَامٌ وَمَشْرَبُهُ حَرَامٌ وَمَلْبَسُهُ حَرَامٌ وَغُذِيَ بِالْحَرَامِ فَأَنَّى يُسْتَجَابُ لِذَلِكَ.</p>
21	<p>Which means: “Allah the Almighty is Good and accepts only that which is good. And verily Allah has commanded the believers to do that which He has commanded the Messengers. So the Almighty has said:</p>
22	<p>“O, (you) Messengers! Eat all kinds of halal (legal) foods, and perform righteous deeds. And the Almighty has said: “O, you who believe! Eat of the lawful things that We have provided you.</p>
23	<p>Then Rasulullah SAW mentioned [the case] of a man who, having journeyed far, is dishevelled and dusty, and who spreads out his hands to the sky saying</p>
24	<p>“O Lord! O Lord!” while his food is haram (unlawful), his drink is haram, his clothing is haram, and he has been nourished with haram, so how can [his supplication] be answered?</p>



25	Neglecting the importance of <i>halal</i> food can harm the family and community institutions. The consequences include: losing our blessings in life,
26	Devoid of calmness in life, unanswered supplications, defiance in the acceptance of truth, easily infected with diseases, and others.
27	And finally, a variety of ethical and moral crisis in the society will surface. Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, Islam has set guidelines and regulations on the concept of hygiene
28	And <i>halal</i> in dietary matters through several aspects, in order to avoid the disadvantages, such as:
29	<i>First: Choose food that is halal, pure and clean</i> Allah SWT does not only instruct us to find <i>halal</i> food, but also encourages us to look for the best quality,
30	As stated in Surah Al Baqarah, verse 168: يَتَأْتِيهَا النَّاسُ كُلُّوا مِمَّا فِي الْأَرْضِ حَلَالًا طَيِّبًا وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا خُطُوَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُبِينٌ 
31	Which means: “O, mankind, eat from whatever is on earth [that is] lawful and good and do not follow the footsteps of Satan. Indeed, he is to you a clear enemy.”
32	Basically, <i>halal</i> status in Malaysia is about the content of the food products, its storage, preparation and processing, as well as other matters related to it.
33	All items used must meet the criteria set to ensure the <i>halal</i> status. For example, food ingredients should be <i>halal</i> , clean and pure,



34	Devoid of unclean sources. In addition to the hygiene of the equipment or apparatus used, such food products need to be properly stored, and not mixed or stored in close proximity with any food that is considered <i>haram</i> .
35	Second: Avoid any matter or food that is dubious (syubhah) Islam invites mankind to proceed with certainty and not to deal with doubtful matters. Therefore, avoiding dubious matters or doubtful food is the safest way to safeguard ourselves from being involved with matters that are <i>haram</i> .
36	This was mentioned in a hadith recorded by Ibnu Majah, from a narration by An-Nu'man bin Basyir R.A where Rasulullah SAW was reported to have said: الْحَلَالُ بَيْنَ وَالْحَرَامِ بَيْنَ وَبَيْنَهُمَا مُشْتَبِهَاتٌ لَا يَعْلَمُهَا كَثِيرٌ مِنَ النَّاسِ،
37	فَمَنْ اتَّقَى الشُّبُهَاتِ اسْتَبْرَأَ لِدِينِهِ وَعِرْضِهِ، وَمَنْ وَقَعَ فِي الشُّبُهَاتِ وَقَعَ فِي الْحَرَامِ كَالرَّاعِي حَوْلَ الْحِمَى يُوشِكُ أَنْ يَرْتَعَ فِيهِ،
38	أَلَا وَإِنَّ لِكُلِّ مَلِكٍ حِمَى، أَلَا وَإِنَّ حِمَى اللَّهِ مُحَارِمُهُ.
39	Which means: “That which is lawful is clear and that which is unlawful is clear and between the two of them are doubtful [or ambiguous] matters about which not many people are knowledgeable.
40	Thus, he who avoids these doubtful matters certainly clears himself in regard to his religion and his honour. But, he who falls into the doubtful matters falls into that which is unlawful like the



	<i>shepherd who pastures around a sanctuary, all but grazing therein.</i>
41	<i>Verily every king has a sanctuary and Allah's sanctuary is His prohibition. In the body there is a morsel of flesh which, if it be sound, all the body is sound and which, if it be diseased, all the body is diseased. This part of the body is the heart".</i>
42	Third: Our attitude and actions in ensuring the diet is halal With the existence of the <i>halal</i> logo issued by the Department of Islamic Development, Malaysia (JAKIM) to food operators and halal guidelines available to the public,
43	We have to use the power available to us as consumers to select <i>halal</i> -certified premises or products. The continuous collaboration of the community in providing information and forwarding any form of complaints and doubts about food is always welcomed.
44	However, the society must also be moderate in their actions. Do not be too hasty in assuming that all things are not <i>halal</i> . But, at the same time, we cannot be too unconcerned with what is eaten, or continue to frequent food premises
45	Without regard to its <i>halal</i> status. Use authoritative references such as the Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM) or the State Islamic Religious Council (MAIN) which have the authority to determine whether the food or the product is <i>halal</i> .
46	Ending the sermon today, the <i>mimbar</i> would like to invite the congregation to reflect upon the following points as a guide and recommendation for everyone:



	<p>First: As Muslims, we have the responsibility to prepare food by adhering to the concept of <i>halal</i> and clean as applied in Islam.</p> <p>Second: Clean and <i>halal</i> food is very important because it is the basis of a Muslim's good practice and accepted by Allah SWT.</p> <p>Third: Avoid matters or food that are doubtful (<i>syubhah</i>) so that we are not associated with anything that is <i>haram</i>.</p>
47	<p>As declared by Allah SWT in Surah Al Baqarah, verses 172 and 173:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p> <p>يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا كُلُوا مِن طَيِّبَاتِ مَا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لِلَّهِ إِن كُنتُمْ إِيَّاهُ تَعْبُدُونَ ﴿١٧٢﴾ إِنَّمَا حَرَّمَ عَلَيْكُمُ الْمَيْتَةَ وَالدَّمَ وَلَحْمَ الْخِنْزِيرِ وَمَا أُهْلَ بِهِ لِغَيْرِ اللَّهِ فَمَن اضْطُرَّ غَيْرَ بَاغٍ وَلَا عَادٍ فَلَا إِثْمَ عَلَيْهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿١٧٣﴾</p>
48	<p>Which means: “O, you who have believed, eat from the good things which We have provided for you and be grateful to Allah if it is [indeed] Him that you worship. He has only forbidden to you dead animals, blood, the flesh of swine,</p>
49	<p>And that which has been dedicated to other than Allah. But whoever is forced [by necessity], neither desiring [it] nor transgressing [its limit], there is no sin upon him. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving and Merciful.”</p>



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بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي
هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ،
وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ
الرَّحِيمُ.