Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us altogether strive to increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aaala with absolute obedience, certainty, and sincerity, which is by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all become among those having taqwa, attaining salvation and success in this world and the Hereafter.

Today I will expound on a khutbah titled “ENLIVEN THE MOSQUE AND REAP ITS VIRTUES”.

Dear blessed audience,

The masjid is the noble House of Allah. Making ‘imaarah of the masjid means to enliven the House of Allah by actually constructing it and performing ‘ibaadah inside it. The mosque becomes a place of gathering for the Muslim ummah in conducting various activities of ‘ibaadah, fostering ukhuwwah (brotherhood), and aiding one another in matters that are good and righteous.

The significance of the status of the masjid in Islam that is to be kept abuzz can be seen since the arrival of the Prophet ﷺ in Madeenah. The Hijrah journey of the Prophet ﷺ ended with the construction of Masjid an-

1 at-Tawbah 9:18
Nabawi, in addition to uniting the Ansaar and Muhaajireen, and establishing the Madeenah Charter.

**Dear blessed Muslims,**

Making ‘*imaarah* of the masjid is divided in two ways, namely physically and spiritually. Both are legislated in Islam with great rewards and virtues promised by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aaala*, as described in the following:

**First: The physical ‘*imaarah*,**

Making ‘*imaarah* of the masjid physically is to actually build and complete the structure of the mosque so that the masses can perform their daily prayers inside it. The reward for those that contribute their wealth in the building of a mosque is that a similar structure will be built for them in Paradise. In the *hadeeth* of ‘Uthmaan ibn ‘Affaan *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, he narrated that Rasulullah *SallAllaahu ‘Alayhi wa Sallam* had said:

من بَنَى لِلَّهِ مَسْجِدًا، بَنَى الله لَِهُِ مِِتِّلَهُ فِيِ الْجَيَّةِ

“*Whoever builds a masjid for (the sake of) Allah, then Allah will build a similar house for him in Paradise.*”

(at-Tirmidhi)

It was narrated from Sayyidatina ‘A’ishah *radiyAllaahu ‘anha* that the Prophet *SallAllaahu ‘Alayhi wa Sallam* commanded that mosques to be built in (ad-Door) villages, and that they be purified and perfumed.

(ibn Maajah)

Based on those *ahaadeeth*, it is very clear upon the greatness of reward and virtues that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* bestows upon those that would physically make ‘*imaarah* of the masjid by building, maintaining, and cleaning the mosque, as well as providing infrastructure or facilities for the convenience of the guests of the House of Allah ‘Azza wa Jalla.

**Dear blessed audience,**

**Second: The spiritual ‘*imaarah*,**

Making the spiritual ‘*imaarah* would be activities that are spiritual in nature such as performing ‘*ibaadah* in the masjid, whether *salaah*, *dhikr,*
i’tikaaf, Qur’anic recitation, and others. Also, from the meaning of dhikr is to have majlis ‘ilm (Islamic lessons) in the masjid. Both parties, those organizing the lessons and those present to benefit, are deemed as making ‘imaarah of the mosque.

Even Rasulullah ﷺ had mentioned in a hadeeth narrated by Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu ‘anh, where he ﷺ said:

“…The angels supplicate in favor of one of you so long as he remains in the place where he has performed salah (prayer) in a state of wudoo’. They (the angels) say: ‘O Allah! Forgive him, O Allah! Have mercy on him.’…”

(al-Bukhaari)

Just imagine! Only by sitting in the masjid and the angels will supplicate for one’s forgiveness, so what more for those that would head to the masjid and pray in congregation, with the intention of performing i’tikaaf, smiling and shaking hands with fellow Muslims, arranging and straightening the prayer mats, each and everyone will be granted with different virtues for their deeds. Not only that, for the one that performs wudoo’ (ablution) at home and then heads out to the masjid, each steps taken will extinguish his sins and elevates his rank in the Sight of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala.

Dear blessed Muslims,

Those that enliven the mosque by frequently attending it everyday are actual proofs and signs for the existence of imaan (faith). Furthermore, only those believing in Allah and the Day of Judgment that will make ‘imaarah of the masjid. While those having no imaan are not from those that would make ‘imaarah of the masjid in its true sense. Imaam Fakhr ad-Deen ar-Raazi mentioned in his work at-Tafseer al-Kabeer that when a mushrik (polytheist) was captured in the Battle of Badr, he said to the Muslims:

“Even though all of you have preceded us with Islam and Hijrah, and also jihaad, indeed we have made ‘imaarah of Masjid al-Haram.”

Such claim by the mushrik was refuted by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala through verses 17-18 of Soorah at-Tawbah, which means:

“It is not for the polytheists to maintain the mosques of Allah [while] witnessing against themselves with disbelief. [For] those, their deeds have become worthless, and in the Fire they will abide eternally.
The mosques of Allah are only to be maintained by those who believe in Allah and the Last Day and establish prayer and give zakaah and do not fear except Allah, for it is expected that those will be of the [rightly] guided.”

(at-Tawbah 9:17-18)

Therefore, it is only the believers that will make ‘imaarah of the masjid. That is why the Prophet ﷺ had asked the Muslim ummah to recognize those that would frequent the masjid as believers. In the hadeeth of Abu Sa’eed al-Khudri raddiAllaahu ‘anh, the Prophet ﷺ said:

إِذَا رَأَيْتُمُ الرَّجُلَ يَعْتَادُ الْمَسْجِدَ فَاشْهَدُوا له بِالإِمَانِ

“When you see a man frequenting the mosque, testify that he is a believer...”

(Ahmad)

Dear audience,

Making ‘imaarah of the mosque also means to preserve the honor and sanctity of the mosque. The mosque must be managed and administered with honesty and full integrity, sincerely for the sake of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala. Let us avoid disputes, fights, tussle for positions, slandering others, abusing the mosque’s funds and properties, instigating and condemning others, which only leads to enmity and division. In all fairness, the mosque administrators should be united and shoulder the amaanah in preparing the community members to have tranquil hearts when meeting Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala. Moreover, members of the community should embrace all of the programs organized with strong spirit of ukhuwwah Islaamiyyah (Islamic brotherhood).

The Prophet ﷺ had strongly prohibited anything that would desecrate the honor and sanctity of the masjid, whether by the masjid administrators or members of the community, which includes conversing about worldly matters. In the hadeeth of ibn Mas’ood raddiAllaahu ‘anh, the Prophet ﷺ said:

“When the Last Day is near, there would be people who would sit in the mosque in circles, and their main concern (or talk) would be the worldly life. Do not sit with them as Allah has no need of them.”

(at-Tabaraani)
Dear blessed Muslims,

To end the khutbah today, I would like to sincerely remind fellow audience with the following matters:

1. The Muslim ummah must firmly solidify their imaan unto Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta‘aala by making ‘imaarah of the mosques.

2. The Muslim ummah must have full certainty upon the tremendous reward and virtues prepared for those that enliven the mosque.

3. The Muslim ummah must always ensure that the honor and sanctity of the mosques and suraus are always preserved.

4. The Muslims should question themselves, what are our contributions to the mosques, before we ask about the contribution of the mosques upon us.

5. All masaajid must inculcate the culture of reciting al-Qur’an and its meaning after the obligatory prayers so that the Muslim ummah will always be honored and blessed by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta‘aala.

“[Such niches are] in mosques which Allah has ordered to be raised and that His name be mentioned therein; exalting Him within them in the morning and the evenings.”

(an-Noor 24:36)
THE SECOND KHUTBAH

اَلْحَمْدُلِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَنَا مِنَ االإُْسْلِمِيْنَ، وَزَشَقَيَا مِنَ الطَُِِّّ بَاتِِ.

ؤَشْهَدُ ؤَنْ لاَ إِلَهَ إِلاَّ اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُِ وَلَا شِرِيكَ لَهُِ أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُِ وَرَسُوْلُهُِ أَلَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ
Dear blessed audience,

Once again, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta‘aala* and realize that Islam teaches us to remain moderate in every actions and deeds. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble *akhlaaq*, having utmost personality and attitude for Rasulullah ﷺ was sent to perfect *akhlaaq* and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds.
O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us rahmah and ni‘mah, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim ummah especially in the state of Selangor, as an advanced state, prosperous and providing welfare, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.

Hence, we sincerely beseech You, O Allah, strengthen our imaan and creed according to that of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa’ah, accept our deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our rizq, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms, return us to the path that You are pleased with, protect us from disasters and Your severe trials, and protect us from the practices and ‘aqeedah that are deviating and astray such as Shee’ah, Qadiyaani, and other ideologies.