

EID KHUTBA OF TOKYO CAMII

July 31, 2020

EID AL-ADHA

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
قُلْ إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ
لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَبِذَلِكَ أُمِرْتُ وَأَنَا أَوَّلُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ.
وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
إِنَّ أَوَّلَ مَا تَبَدَأُ بِهِ فِي يَوْمِنَا هَذَا أَنْ نُصَلِّيَ، ثُمَّ نَرْجِعَ
فَنَنْحَرَ، فَمَنْ فَعَلَ فَقَدْ أَصَابَ سُنَّتَنَا.

Honorable Muslims!

Today is the Eid al-Adha. It is an exceptional time when we submit our servitude to Allah (swt) and express our gratitude to Him for all the blessings He bestowed upon us. It is an offering by Him for those people who bear the Prophet Ibrahim's faith, Hajar's loyalty, and the Prophet Ismail's submission. Today is one of those rare times when we get closer to Allah (swt) by performing the worship of qurban, a distinctive sign of Islam.

Dear Believers!

The occasions of eid are the days of sharing, offering, and helping. We should bear in mind that our neighbors, relatives, poor people, orphans, and people in need have their rights over our qurban. Let us remember that we gain as much as we give out, and we get richer as much as we share out.

The silat al-rahim (paying visits to relatives) is the essence of the eid. Let us visit the elderly members of our family and show our care in their well-being, particularly our parents. Let us make the younger family members happy with little treats. Let us ensure that the sick, the elderly, and the lone people have their share from the joy of the eid.

Dear Muslims!

The occasions of eid are the days of forgiving and embracing one another. Let us regard the days of the eid as an opportunity to put an end to conflicts and hard feelings between our brothers and sisters. Let us fully enjoy the peacefulness and brotherly climate of the eid.

Let us bear in mind that we need to utter the tashrik takbir, starting from the morning prayer on the Day of Arafat and ending with the asr prayer on the fourth day of the Eid.

As I conclude the khutbah, I would like to congratulate our noble nation and the whole Muslim world for the Eid al-Adha. May Allah's (swt) peace, mercy, and blessings be upon you. May this Eid al-Adha bring many beauties for all of us.