



The Month of Allah: The Holy Month of Ramadan

Hadith relating to the Holy Month of Ramadan

Abu Hurairah (Radhiy Allahu Anhu) reported that the Messenger of Allah (Sall Allahu Alayhi Wasallam) said: "When Ramadan comes, the doors of Paradise are opened, and the doors of Hell are shut, the devils are put under chains." And in a narration: "...the doors of Mercy are opened". "This is a month, the first part of which brings Allah's Mercy, the middle of which brings Allah's forgiveness and the last part of which brings emancipation from hellfire." [Bukhari]

The Blessed Month of Ramadan

"O believers! Fasting is prescribed for you, even as it was prescribed for those before you, in order that you may practice true devotion." Quran (2:183)

The Importance of Ramadan

The fourth pillar of Islam, which is fasting, is practiced during this holy month. It is considered the most venerated, blessed and spiritually beneficial month of the Islamic year.

Our Beloved Prophet (Sall Allahu Alayhi Wasallam) gave good tidings about this Holy Month. The first third of the month of Ramadan are the days of mercy for all people, the second third are the days of forgiveness of Allah (Subhanahu wa ta`ala), and the last third, is freedom from Hell for believers.

Therefore, believers who try to keep the Lord's orders during the days of Blessed Ramadan by fasting and during the night by praying Tarawih and night prayers (Tahajjud), may be rewarded by our Lord giving them immunity, safety from Hell, and they have been given good tidings of Paradise.

Laylat al- Qadar

The most holy night during Ramadan is Laylat al-Qadr (Night of Power). It has more blessings than a thousand months. "Whosoever offers voluntary prayers during the Night of Power out of belief and expecting from Allah its reward will have his past sins forgiven."

[Bukhari and Muslim]

Beloved Prophet (Sall Allahu Alayhi Wasallam) recommended practices during Ramadan:

- _ To observe the supererogatory prayer known as Tarawih and to increase the study, listening and recitation of the Holy Quran.
- _ To eat three dates and have a drink of water right after sun set reciting the Niyah for breaking fast.
- _ To make your meals as light as possible, because as the Holy Prophet (Sall Allahu Alayhi Wasallam) observed, the worst vessel a man can fill is his stomach.
- _ To have a light meal before the break of dawn known as Suhur or Sehri.
- _ To exchange social visits and intensify humanitarian services.
- _ To do one's best in patience and humility.
- _ To be cautious is using the senses, the mind, and especially the tongue and to avoid gossip and idle talk.

Bismillahir
Rahmanir
Rahim -
Wa Salatu
Wasalamu Ala
Ashrafil
Ambiyyai wal
Mursalin
Sayyidina
Muhammadin
wa Aalihi
wa Sahbihi
wa Sallim

Ramadan Mubarak

Eid Night (The Night of Dua)

The night of Eid (the night which precedes the Eid day) is a night of great happiness and joy. Having completed the obligation of fasting in Ramadan, the Muslims are in expectation of acceptance and rewards from their Lord. Muslims celebrate such joyous occasions through increased worship and reverence and thus spend the Eid Night in worship. The increased worship on this night also compensates for any short comings which may have taken place in Ramadan.

The worship on the Eid night is very fruitful. Our Beloved Prophet (Sall Allahu Alayhi Wasallam) revealed, 'Whoever, in search of Allah's reward, prays on the night of the two Eids, his hears will be alive on the day when all hearts will be dead'. (Ibn Maajah)

Our Beloved Prophet (Sall Allahu Alayhi Wasallam) revealed, *This Ummah is forgiven on the last night of Ramadan. The Companions asked whether this was the Laila-tul-Qadr. Our Beloved Prophet (Sall Allahu Alayhi Wasallam) replied, 'No, a worker is only rewarded once the task is completed.'* (Musnad Imam Ahmad).

This implies that the night in question is the Eid night when the fasting has been completed. Above all this is the night of Dua (supplication). Our Beloved Prophet (Sall Allahu Alayhi Wasallam) said, 'There are five nights in which Dua is not rejected; Jumuah (Friday) night, first night of Rajab, middle night of Shabaan and the nights of two Eids.' (Bayhaqi)

Donation to Sichuan Province

援助 中國 - 四川 8 級大地震災民

中國四川省於今年 5 月 12 日發生 8 級大地震，造成大量人命傷亡及令致很多家庭破碎，事態嚴重。

本會作為發揚伊斯蘭精神的組織，為此十分關注，決定成立援助基金去協助災民重建家園。

直至 6 月 30 日合共籌集到港幣 26,650 元之善款，本會即時已經撥出港幣 30,000 元，並委託楊興文教長直接分發給內地災民教胞。

IYA appeals for donation to China's Sichuan province

earthquake's victims

The full horror of the devastating 8 magnitude earthquake in China's Sichuan province on 12 May 2008 causing schools to collapse, buildings to sway, killed many peoples and left countless thousands homeless. Many victims, including muslims, were injured severely.

Up to 30 Jun 2008, IYA gathered donations of a total of HK\$26,650. Immediately, IYA allocated a sum of HK\$30,000 and appointed Imam Noorudin YANG to distribute it directly to the victims.



Activity Report

Tai Tong Lychee Valley Tour

HKIYA organized a tour to Tai Tong Lychee Valley in Yuen Long on Sunday, 18 May. A variety of facilities were available in the park for all ages. The children enjoyed having close contact with the animals like ostriches, goats and cows in the Mini Zoo. Some were having fun on the rope net or riding on the ox cart! There was also a garden showing different types fruits and vegetables; many got to know how the food they consume everyday actually look. A delicious vegetarian lunch was served in Wan Chuen Centre after visiting the park.



大棠荔枝莊一日遊

本會於五月十八日舉辦元朗大棠荔枝莊一日遊。當天一行六十人，大約十時便到這目的地，該處有農莊、動物園、有機耕地、果園及山洞，適合老小和親子活動活動：包括近距離餵飼駝鳥和山羊、坐牛車遊山莊、認識大自然果樹教育徑及有機耕種。集體做响禮後便往雲泉仙館午膳。



Umah Haji O. R. Sadick Care & Attention Home Visit

A visit to the care and attention home was held on Saturday, 19 July. The 18 volunteers spent time in talking with the elderly inmates and gifts were distributed. We would like to express our appreciation to brothers and sisters that made a donation in supporting this meaningful activity.

探訪屯門林世德護老院

約十八名伊青義工於七月十九日探訪屯門林世德護老院。義工們除與住院長者閒談外，更於當天派發禮物。本會謹此致謝各捐助禮物及活動經費的兄弟姊妹。

HKIYA organized a gathering to Stanley Masjid on 3 August. The masjid has recently been renovated and may soon be considered as a historical heritage in Hong Kong. We had a discussion on current Islamic issues followed by lunch. Participants then tour around the Stanley market and waterfront area under the nice weather.

赤柱清真寺聚會

本會於八月三日舉辦赤柱清真寺聚會。清真寺的修葺工程於近期完成，並有機會列為香港歷史建築。參加的兄弟姊妹於當日進行討論，午餐後各人一起遊覽附近的市集及海灘。

Stanley Masjid Gathering



Rayhan 遊記 - 香港穆斯林的台灣之旅

Salam 二零零八年七月十四日上午，我和 *Salahuddin* 從香港國際機場出發，到台灣參加穆斯林的青年營。這是我人生中第一次乘飛機離開香港，雖然同樣是華人地區，畢竟在我的印象中，台灣與內地還是兩個世界，所以有一種微妙的感覺。到達台北第二天，我們所參加的「第一屆亞洲地區穆斯林青年教法研習營」也正式開始。我們課堂的內容由伊斯蘭教的基本信仰到日常生活的細節皆有涵蓋，包括認主學、古蘭經、為主舉伴、求取知識的重要性、大小淨、禮拜、如何和惡念抗衡等等。課程的內容也頗為豐富，在很多方面的伊斯蘭知識也有所增益。

七月十九日，「青年教法研習營」結束後，我們就乘車南下，往高雄進發，參加高雄清真寺舉辦的「台灣穆斯林青少年夏令營」。參加者都是台灣本土的年青一代移民，課程老實說跟教法營沒甚麼兩樣，但是我卻十分享受跟其他穆斯林相處的時光，特別是那些小朋友。很高興認識到高雄清真寺的陳阿訇，每次聽他說話，那種激情、那種強烈的信念、那種激昂的語氣，都深深感染著我，令我不得不全神貫注他說話的內容。這種就是我們很多穆斯林欠缺的特質，真主確把人造成懦弱的，但我們必須求真主讓我們穆斯林變得堅強，否則，我們又怎能解決當前的困局呢？看看現是我們的敵人在張牙舞爪、得寸進尺地欺壓我們，如果我們沒有堅定的信仰，又如何可以抵禦他們的侵犯、抹黑呢？

七月二十一日，我和 *Salahuddin* 二人終於要離開台灣。在台灣一星期的快樂時光，瞬間飛逝，懷著極為依依不捨的心情，踏上旅途。我最高興的就是在台灣認識的一班朋友。我要感謝真主給我如此珍貴的機會跟他們相處，給我一個如此難忘的經歷。*Insha'Allah*，希望將來會再有機會踏足台灣這片土地，再看見一個個熟悉的臉孔。*Salam*

*如欲瀏覽全文，可到伊青網站 www.hkiya.org

捐助國內甘肅省張家村穆斯林辦開齋飯及各地區天課

香港伊斯蘭青年協會福利部今年將籌集開齋飯善捐送往甘肅省張家川的穆斯林，各位有意捐助的熱心教胞，可於九月十三日前將捐款以支票寄往本會通訊地址，或直接存入天課帳戶（**匯豐銀行帳戶 065-261059-001**）後後寄回銀行存款單到本會，本會會發回正式收據，以作確認。支票後頁或存款請註明「捐助國內甘肅省張家村穆斯林辦開齋飯」。同時一如以往，本會亦代收各位教胞的天課，通過各國際伊斯蘭援助組織送往世界各地有需要的穆斯林兄弟姊妹。祈求安拉給予各位回賜。

Appeal for Donation: Iftar for Muslims in China's Gansu Province (Cheung Jia Chuen) and Zakat to various areas

HKIYA Welfare Committee will collect donation to provide Iftar for Muslims in Cheung Jia Chuen, Gansu Province in China. Please send your donation by 13 September by cheque by mail to our correspondence address or deposit into our Zakat account in **HSBC Account Number 065-261059-001** (send to us your original account deposit slip). We will issue official receipt to you accordingly. Please indicate "Donation of Iftar for Muslims Cheung Jia Chuen" at the back of the cheque or the deposit.

Furthermore, HKIYA will also collect Zakat for brothers and sisters in the community. We will gather your donations and distribute through various International Muslim organizations to Muslims in various areas that are in need. May Allah (subhanahu wa ta'ala) reward you all.

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