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EDITOR'S NOTE

Alhamdulillah, with the Grace and Blessings of Allah SWT, Islamic Outreach ABIM (IOA) has embarked on a significant new chapter in its journey. We are delighted to announce our recent relocation to a new venue at No. 1, Jalan Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur, now known as Outreach Oasis Bukit Bintang (OOBB). Situated in the bustling heart of Kuala Lumpur, this new venue offers modern and enhanced facilities, designed to foster community engagement, spiritual growth, and collaborative learning. Among these facilities are the welcoming Outreach Coffee café, meeting rooms, and dedicated prayer spaces, all serving as a hub for networking, reflection, and worship.

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EDITORIAL

OBBB: A NEW CHAPTER OF ISLAMIC OUTREACH ABIM

At Islamic Outreach ABIM (IOA), we are wholeheartedly committed to continuing our longstanding mission of spreading the light of Islam to all corners of the world—a mission that has guided us since our founding in 1987.

IOA has always had one clear objective: to spread the blessings of Allah SWT to all of mankind. Since 1987, we have actively collaborated with like-minded organizations, such as the Religious Department and PERKIM to share the beauty of Islam with those seeking knowledge and truth. Through these fruitful partnerships, more than 5,000 reverts have found guidance, support, and a sense of community through our programs. We are deeply humbled by the positive impact IOA has had on so many lives.

The overarching goal of IOA's Cosmopolitan Community Development and Dawah Outreach is to cultivate an atmosphere where individuals, regardless of their background, can live in peace, with mutual understanding and respect. Our vision is firmly rooted in the timeless guidance of the Qur'an. Allah SWT reminds us in Surah Al-Hujurat (49:13):

"O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you."

Among the core programmes offered by IOA are:

1. Syhadah & Care Program for Reverts

This program is designed to support new Muslims, providing them with essential guidance, resources, and a nurturing community to help build a strong foundation in their newfound faith.

2. Mosque Tour Guide Program

This initiative serves as both an educational tool and a form of da'wah, offering Muslims and non-Muslims alike an opportunity to gain deeper insight into the essence of Islam. Our experienced tour guides provide visitors with valuable perspectives on the significance of the mosque as a centre of worship and a vibrant community hub.

3. Cosmopolitan Community Development Program

In today's diverse and multicultural society, this program is dedicated to fostering a cosmopolitan community that upholds shared values of respect, understanding, and peaceful coexistence. We strive to build bridges between different races and faiths, creating an inclusive environment where everyone can live in harmony and mutual respect.



At OOB, we remain steadfast in our dedication to delivering the message of Islam with wisdom. Through our collective efforts, we aim to ensure that the principles of Islam permeate every level of society, bridging divides and fostering greater understanding. We warmly invite you to join us in this noble endeavor. Together, from our new center, let us continue to spread the beauty of Islam, promote harmony, and embody the true spirit of being a Blessing for the world. May Allah SWT guide and bless us all in this sacred mission.

THE LAUNCHING OF OOB BY THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

During the launch of OOB on the 2nd of March 2024, the Honourable Dr. Zulkifli Hasan, Deputy Minister of Religious Affairs, highlighted *Rahmatan lil Alamin* (mercy to all humankind) as a key principle in building peaceful coexistence, especially within the framework of Malaysia Madani. He emphasized that this concept embodies compassion, unity, and inclusiveness, which are essential for fostering a harmonious and progressive society.



The Honourable Dr. Zulkifli stressed that Malaysia Madani aims to uphold these values in fostering respect and understanding among diverse communities in Malaysia. He added that the OOB initiative reflects these ideals, serving as a platform for dialogue, outreach, and strengthening communal ties to build a peaceful nation.

SPEECH BY DR ABDUL HALIM EL-MUHAMMADY AT THE LAUNCHING OF OOB

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.

We gather here today to celebrate a significant milestone: the official launch of the Outreach Oasis Bukit Bintang (OOBB). The establishment of this center in the heart of Kuala Lumpur is both strategic and purposeful, aligned with our mission to spread the message of Islam in a way that benefits all of humanity. Let me highlight several important reasons why Bukit Bintang was chosen as the location for this noble initiative:

A Prime Location for Outreach

Bukit Bintang is a dynamic area, known for its vibrant mix of cultures and as a major hub for international tourism. The presence of OOB in this area will allow us to engage with people from all walks of life, introducing them to the beauty of Islam through dialogue, hospitality, and understanding.

Showcasing Islam as a Mercy to all mankind

Islam is a religion of peace, mercy, and compassion. With the establishment of OOB, we aim to introduce Islam as a comprehensive way of life that promotes harmony among all citizens, whether Muslim or non-Muslim. This is an opportunity to demonstrate that, within a diverse society, Islam fosters peace, collaboration, and shared contributions towards the development and well-being of the nation.

Fulfilling the Quranic Command to Spread the Message

The Quran encourages us to engage in dawah (outreach) to both Muslims and non-Muslims alike, inviting them to understand the message of Islam. With this centre located right in their midst, we have a unique opportunity to get closer to the non-Muslim community, helping them understand the values of Islam through peaceful interaction and service.

Seizing Economic Opportunities

Bukit Bintang is not only a cultural and social hub but also a centre of economic activity. With the resources that Allah SWT has provided in this area, there are ample opportunities for business and entrepreneurship.

OBB aims to explore these opportunities while ensuring that they are in line with Islamic values, fostering a halal business ecosystem that benefits the entire community.

Transforming Bukit Bintang's Image

Historically, Bukit Bintang has been associated with certain undesirable activities. By establishing OOB here, we hope to change this perception. Our presence, along with the continuous Islamic outreach activities, will serve as a beacon of light, contributing to the positive transformation of this area. We are confident that through OOB's efforts, we can promote values of morality, justice, and goodness, reducing the negative elements associated with this area.

In conclusion, the establishment of Outreach Oasis Bukit Bintang represents a bold step in fulfilling our duty as Muslims to spread the message of Islam peacefully and wisely. We are here to show the world that Islam is a source of light and mercy, not only for Muslims but for all of humanity.





MAIN FEATURE

NURTURING BROTHERHOOD IN DA'WAH & COMMUNITY BUILDING

BY DR. ABDUL HALIM EL MUHAMMADY

INTRODUCTION

The concept of ukhuwah (brotherhood) is deeply rooted in the Qur'an, mentioned 96 times with varying meanings. Some notable verses include:

At-Taubah (9:11)

"But if they repent, establish prayer, and give alms-tax, then they are your brothers in faith. Thus, We make the revelations clear for a people of knowledge."

Ali-Imran (3:103)

"And hold firmly to the rope of Allah, all together, and do not become divided. Remember the favour of Allah upon you when you were enemies, and He brought your hearts together, so you became brothers by His grace. And you were on the edge of a pit of fire, and He saved you from it. This is how Allah makes His revelations clear to you, that you may be rightly guided."

Al-Hujurat (49:10)

"The believers are but a single brotherhood, so make peace between your brothers. And be conscious of Allah so you may receive mercy."

These verses highlight a brotherhood grounded in faith and righteous actions, illustrating the profound unity among Muslims both in worship and daily life.

May Allah SWT guide and bless our efforts in this noble mission.

NURTURING BROTHERHOOD IN ISLAM

The Qur'an emphasizes key principles for fostering and strengthening this sacred bond:

Mutual Support

"Cooperate with one another in goodness and righteousness." (Al-Maidah, 5:2)

Refraining from Harm

"Those who harm believing men and women unjustly will bear the burden of slander and a grievous sin." (Al-Ahzab, 33:58)

Avoiding Suspicion

"O believers! Avoid much suspicion, for some suspicions are sinful. And do not spy or backbite one another. Would any of you like to eat the flesh of their dead brother? You would despise it! And fear Allah; surely, Allah is the Acceptor of Repentance, Most Merciful." (Al-Hujurat, 49:12)

Beyond avoiding harmful behaviours, the bond of ukhuwah islamiyyah is nurtured through simple acts like the greeting of Salam (peace) and communal worship. Congregational prayers, Friday prayers, Eid prayers, and religious gatherings deepen this brotherhood. The Hajj pilgrimage, which unites Muslims from across the world, is a true embodiment of this communal spirit.



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Even in death, this brotherhood continues, with prayers offered for the safety of departed Muslims in the afterlife. Brotherhood in Islam transcends life and reaches into the hereafter, further affirming the importance of unity and peace among Muslims.



THE ROLE OF BROTHERHOOD IN ISLAMIC ORGANIZATIONS

In Islamic organization, the bonds of brotherhood are reinforced through structured activities. These activities, centred around prayers, remembrance of Allah (zikr), communal meals, and the pursuit of knowledge, strengthen the sense of brotherhood. Beyond spiritual practices, this unity extends to collaborative efforts in education, economic development, community building, and political reform in line with Islamic principles (siasah syarriyyah). The success of these activities, particularly in efforts to reform society, relies heavily on the strength of brotherhood. This principle has been central to ABIM's mission since its inception and continues to be reflected in its partnership with WADAH.

CONCLUSION

In the pursuit of societal reform, the principle of ta'awun (mutual cooperation) must be upheld. This principle encourages the sharing of efforts, resources, knowledge, and ideas. Only by working together in the spirit of brotherhood can we achieve success, both in this life and the hereafter.



OOBB: A HUB FOR BROTHERHOOD AND SPIRITUAL CONNECTION IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

Situated in the bustling heart of Kuala Lumpur's most vibrant district, Outreach Oasis Bukit Bintang (OOBB) is more than just a centre for Islamic outreach—it is a beacon of community, spiritual reflection, and intellectual growth. As an organization committed to spreading the blessings of Islam, OOBB offers a variety of thoughtfully designed facilities that cater to a range of communal needs. Whether you are a local resident, a professional working in the city, or a curious traveler, OOBB provides a welcoming space where brotherhood is nurtured, ideas are exchanged, and spiritual and communal needs are met.

Let's explore the key facilities and their role in fostering a supportive and inclusive environment

1. Outreach Café: A Warm Space for Connection and Conversation

At the heart of OOBB lies the Outreach Coffee Café, a cozy corner where good coffee meets meaningful conversation. The café is designed as a space where visitors can come together over a cup of coffee or a light snack, allowing for casual conversations to flourish. It is here that connections are made, friendships are nurtured, and ideas are exchanged in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

The café is especially significant in Bukit Bintang's dynamic landscape, where people from all walks of life cross paths daily. Whether you're meeting friends after work, networking with community members, or simply enjoying a quiet moment with a book, Outreach Coffee offers an ideal setting for informal interaction, fostering a sense of brotherhood and unity within the community.





2. Prayer Room: A Space for Spiritual Rejuvenation and Worship

In today's fast-paced world, finding time and space for quiet reflection and spiritual connection is more important than ever. The prayer room at OOB is a serene space dedicated to this purpose, offering individuals a quiet sanctuary for their daily prayers. Conveniently located, the prayer room allows busy professionals, shoppers, and visitors in Bukit Bintang to pause, reset, and reconnect with their Creator amid the hustle and bustle of city life. We are working towards accommodating a place for holding Friday prayer.

3. A Resource Centre for Islamic Information and Knowledge

At the heart of Outreach Oasis Bukit Bintang (OOBB) lies a powerful mission: to spread the message of Islam with wisdom and compassion. To support this noble mission, OOB has established itself as a vital resource centre for anyone seeking knowledge about Islam.

Through its carefully selection of books, pamphlets, magazines, and information materials, OOB serves as a beacon for those on a journey of learning, discovery, and spiritual growth.

For those looking for quick, easy-to-digest information, OOB offers a wide range of pamphlets and brochures on various aspects of Islam. These pamphlets are designed for everyone from non-Muslims curious about the faith to Muslims seeking a brief reminder of core principles.



- Introductory booklets on Islamic beliefs and practices.
- Guides for new Muslims, offering a step-by-step approach to integrating faith into daily life.
- Multilingual pamphlets to cater to the diverse population of Bukit Bintang, including tourists and expatriates.

FACILITIES HIGHLIGHTS



4. Discussion Rooms: Intellectual Engagement and Exchange of Ideas

OBBB's discussion rooms are dynamic spaces designed for group meetings, study circles, and intellectual exchanges. These rooms provide a conducive environment for usrah (study circles), small group discussions, and educational workshops, where knowledge is shared, and important conversations take place.

The discussion rooms are especially valuable for visitors looking to expand their understanding of Islam, offering a platform for learning and the sharing of experiences among diverse groups.



5. Main Lounge: A Hub for Public Events and Community Interaction

The main lounge at OBBB serves as a flexible and spacious area for public events, seminars, talks, and community gatherings. This multifunctional space allows OBBB to host a variety of events, from spiritual lectures and book launches to social get-togethers and networking sessions. The lounge is designed to bring people together, serving as a hub for community interaction and shared experiences.





THE MIRACLE OF THE QURAN: A GLIMPSE INTO SCIENTIFIC AND PROPHETIC INSIGHTS

The Quran, revealed over 1,400 years ago, continues to captivate the minds and hearts of millions, not only for its spiritual depth but also for its remarkable insights that resonate with modern discoveries. The miracles of the Quran can be understood from various perspectives—scientific insights, linguistic perfection, and prophecies that have come to pass. Let's explore two key areas: its alignment with modern science and fulfilled prophecies. Scientific Insights in the Quran While the Quran is not a book of science, it offers verses that align with modern scientific discoveries, centuries before they were known. One example is in the realm of embryology.

In Surah Al-Mu'minun (23:12-14), the Quran describes the stages of human development with remarkable accuracy: "We created man from an extract of clay. Then We made him a drop of fluid in a safe lodging. Then We developed the drop into a clinging clot, and then developed the clot into a lump. Then We developed the lump into bones, and then clothed the bones with flesh." Modern science, through embryology, has confirmed the sequential development of the embryo in stages that mirror this description, despite the lack of advanced medical knowledge at the time of revelation.



Another fascinating aspect is the Quran's mention of the expanding universe.

In Surah Adh-Dhariyat (51:47), Allah says: "And the heaven We constructed with strength, and indeed, We are [its] expander."

The concept of an expanding universe is a cornerstone of modern cosmology, yet it was only proposed in the 20th century with the Big Bang theory.

Prophecies in the Quran The Quran also contains prophecies, some of which have already been fulfilled, further establishing its divine origin. One example is the prophecy regarding the victory of the Romans over the Persians.

In Surah Ar-Rum (30:2-4), it states: "The Romans have been defeated in a nearby land. But they, after their defeat, will overcome within three to nine years." At the time, the Roman Empire had suffered a crushing defeat at the hands of the Persians, and their comeback seemed impossible. However, within the prophesied period, the Romans miraculously regained their strength and defeated the Persians, fulfilling the Quranic prediction.

In conclusion the Quran's miraculous nature extends beyond its religious and moral guidance. Its alignment with modern scientific discoveries and its prophecies are but glimpses of its divine origin. For believers, these aspects reinforce their faith, while for others, they offer a profound invitation to reflect on the eternal wisdom it contains.

OOBB: A BEACON OF LIGHT

*In the heart of Bukit Bintang, bright,
Outreach Oasis shines its light,
A haven where all paths converge,
Guiding souls to Islam's surge.*

*Through its doors, the weary find,
The peace of heart, the calm of mind,
With open arms and wisdom shared,
A message of love is always aired.*

*From every word and every deed,
It spreads the beauty that we need,
Islam's blessings rich and pure,
A truth for mankind to endure.*

*And with each cup of Outreach Oasis
coffee brewed,
Hearts are warmed, connections renewed,
A sip of comfort, a bridge of grace,
Unveiling Islam's loving embrace.*

*In every heart it plants the seed,
Of faith and love, of righteous creed,
For all of mankind, its gift unsealed,
The blessings of Islam are revealed.*



CALL TO ACTION LET'S GET INVOLVED !

"Join us in fostering peaceful coexistent, spreading knowledge & virtue, and building a community of compassionate."

- **Join Us in Strengthening Our Community**

Join Outreach Oasis Bukit Bintang activities and initiatives, from volunteering opportunities to donation options. Encourage community involvement to contribute to the mission such as taking care of the needy.

- **Highlight**

Invitation to attend the Monthly Lecture series and Weekly Usrah Session.

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DOA RABITAH

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ تَعْلَمُ أَنَّ هَذِهِ الْقُلُوبَ، قَدْ اجْتَمَعَتْ
عَلَيْ مَحَبَّتِكَ وَالتَّقَاتُ عَلَى طَاعَتِكَ، وَتَوَحَّدَتْ
عَلَى دَعْوَتِكَ وَتَعَاهَدَتْ عَلَى نُصْرَةِ شَرِيعَتِكَ
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سُبُلَهَا وَأَمْلَأَهَا بِنُورِكَ الَّذِي لَا يَخْبُوا وَأَشْرَحْ
صُدُورَهَا بِفَيْضِ الْإِيمَانِ بِكَ، وَجَمِّلِ التَّوَكُّلَ
عَلَيْكَ وَأَحْيِهَا بِمَعْرِفَتِكَ، وَأَمْتَهَا عَلَى الشَّهَادَةِ
فِي سَبِيلِكَ إِنَّكَ نَعَمَ الْمَوْلَى وَنِعَمَ النَّصِيرِ
اللَّهُمَّ آمِينَ

"O Allah, You know well the secrets of our hearts. We have gathered here out of love for You, united in our devotion to Your cause, and determined to defend Your divine law. Strengthen the ties between us, make our love eternal, guide us on the path of righteousness, and fill our hearts with a light that never fades. Grant us deep piety, let us live in Your grace, and allow us to die as martyrs on Your path. Truly, You are the best of Protectors and the best of Helpers.



PRAYER FOR GAZA

In the heart where shadows linger,
A whisper of hope, a fragile finger,
Reaches out through the night's embrace,
For justice and peace in this sacred place.

Children's laughter, silenced by fear,
Yet the spirit of resilience draws near,
In rubble and tears, a fire ignites,
A yearning for freedom, for brighter nights

O land of olive and steadfast stone,
We stand with you, you're never alone.
With every heartbeat, a prayer takes flight,
For dignity, justice, and the end of this night.

May the winds carry forth our plea,
For healing, for unity, for humanity.
In every corner, let love unfurl,
As we gather in strength, a compassionate world.

Together we rise, hands intertwined,
With voices unwavering, our spirits aligned.
For Gaza, we hope, for Gaza, we care—
In the quest for justice, we are always there..





ACTIVITIES AT OOB

A visit and discussion with Wadah President Dato' Ahmad Azam AB Rahman at OOB



Youth Pgramme by YADIM at OOB



Launching of Outreach Coffee By Dr. Abdul Halim El-Muhammady



Iftar Ramadhan at OOB, MAIWP Chairman Syed Kamarulzaman Syed Kabeer visit to OOB





ACTIVITIES AT OOBB



Visit and Discussion with Officers from JAWI and Usrah Program by Al-Islam Specialist Hospital



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