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THE MAKING OF A MUKMIN

Assalamu'alaykum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh

Beloved Brothers and Sisters,

With the New Year, we are all inspired to make some kind of resolution. 2024 should be the year where we revisit the best resolution of all: how to **become the best mukmin.**

In reality, the making of a mukmin (believer) requires the 3Is: **Intention**, **Iman**, and **Istiqamah**.

Intention.

We are all familiar with the word "intention". In fact, the first hadith in Sahih Bukhari is "Innamal a'malu binniyat ... ", meaning "the reward of deeds depends upon the intentions ...". This shows how important intention is.

When we worship Allah, or do anything for Allah, we must do it purely for His sake and not have any hidden agenda. When we have the intention to do something for Allah, we do not worry about rewards; but if the intention is for rewards, then Allah will reward you accordingly. But if we do something for Allah's sake, it is up to Him how He will reward us.

Intention guides us in everything we do. Whether building a family or living with the community, the sincerity of our intentions moulds our actions. **However, intentions may change depending on our feelings, environment, and lifestyle.** That is why we have to ensure that whatever we do, we are guided by our iman.

lman.

Iman is not confined to rituals and it is not just lip service. When we speak of iman, it is important to revisit the Six Articles of Faith. For example, understand what it means to Believe in Allah and how to believe in Him.

A lot of people believe in Allah in the way they want to believe in Him, and this is where sometimes we turn astray. **We believe in Allah the way He has taught us.** He is the All Hearing, All Seeing, The Sustainer, The Provider, The Most Merciful. And it is only through learning His attributes can we find contentment.

Iman is the most valuable thing for

all Muslims. Every Muslim is not a mukmin, but every mukmin is a Muslim. There is a difference between Islam and iman. Allah reminded us in Surah Al-Hujurat, verse 14, meaning:

"The bedouins say, 'We have believed.' Say, 'You have not [yet] believed; but say [instead], 'We have submitted,... '"

The Arabs came to the Prophet (ﷺ) one day to say: Qaalatil-A'raabu aamannaa ("We have believed"). But how can we know if a person has iman or not? Because iman is inside.

Then Allah immediately responded and said to the Prophet () to say to them: qul lam tu'minoo ("you are not yet a believer"). And then Allah continued, meaning: Qul lam tu'minoo wa laakin qoolooo aslamnaa ("Say, (O Prophet) "You have not believed. But say, '**We have submitted.**")

This is to show that Islam is just a name. But, Iman is <u>more</u> than that.

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The result of true iman is this: – when Allah continued in the same verse: wa lamma yadkhulil eemaanu fee quloobikum wa in tutee'ul laaha wa Rasoolahoo laa yalitkum min a'maalikum shai'aa;

"Indeed. faith has not yet entered your hearts. But if you obey Allah and His Messenger (wholeheartedly), He will not discount anything from (the reward of) your deeds."

Again Allah remind us, meaning: Innamal muu'minoonal lazeena aamanoo billaahi wa Rasoolihee

"A true believer is a person who obeys Allah and the teachings of His Prophet."

summa lam yartaaboo wa jaahadoo biamwaalihim wa anfusihim fee sabeelil laah;

"And after that they do not have any doubts. And they are ready to sacrifice their property, their life in the cause of Allah."

ulaaaika humus saadiqoon

"These are the true Believers." When we have iman, we are ready to do anything that Allah wants us to do, what the Prophet (ﷺ) commands us to do: I hear I obey, sami'na wa ata'ana. We no longer have excuses.

One of the signs to know if you really understand **what is iman is in Surah AI-Ahzab verse 36**, where Allah says, meaning:

"It is not open for a believing man or a believing woman, once Allah and His Messenger have decided a thing, that they should have a choice about their matter;"

That is why it is important to go through tasfiyah. Tasfiyah means we are trying to refine and purify our intention and our iman. If we are sincere from the beginning than we must stay Istigamah.

Istiqamah.

We all know that our iman can increase and decrease. Staying the course requires steadfastness – **Istiqamah.**

It is achieved through tasfiyah (purification) and the right tarbiyah (the education, knowledge must be guided by the verses of the Holy Qur'an and the authentic hadith). Istiqamah is to be consistent, to have a commitment to keep our intentions aligned with our faith.

Conclusion

We pray and hope from this year onwards, that we will become a true Believer and set a better example for our family and our community. A person who understands this **3Is will know what they can or cannot compromise with the non-Believer.**

Everthing there is a limit in Islam. Our duty is to do purely guided by good intentions, and the right iman. Not feelings, or desire. Please remember that Islam never follows us, Allah does not follow us; we must follow Islam and what Allah wants us to do.

Dato' Sheikh Hussain Yee President of Al Khaadem

4. OUR ENGAGEMENTS



- Halal Fair Jakarta (4-7 August)
- Al Manar Center, Dubai (18-25 August)
- Papua New Guinea
 Youth Camp
 (28 September 6
 October)

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Serving Islam Team, Hong Kong

- As-Salaam Foundation, Japan (8-20 October)
- Japan Islamic Trust (9-12 November)
- Ummah Dakwah Academy, Nigeria (25 November)

LEADING ENGAGEMENTS



As part of our ongoing dakwah outreach, Al Khaadem's distinguished scholars continued to travel widely to share Prophetic knowledge.

Internationally recognized for his halal expertise, Dato' Sheikh Hussain Yee visited **Jakarta** for the **Halal Fair 2023 in collaboration with Qalby**. The team met with Ustaz Syafiq Riza Basalamah and engaged with the local Jemaah to communicate that halal is a way of life and halal principles go beyond food and drinks.

In **Dubai**, Dato' Sheikh Hussain led several modules for **AI Manar's Dawah Dynamics** programme, a double weekend intensive workshop designed to teach participants the art of presenting Islam. He also delivered a Friday sermon at **AI Manar Center**.

In **Hong Kong**, he was a featured speaker at **The Peak Convention's "Healing Hearts"** conference and engaged with the youth for a programme on the Foundations of the Deen.

Japan welcomed Dato' Sheikh Hussain for the Sapporo Masjid inauguration, where he delivered a Friday sermon and lecture. He then spoke at the 16th International Seminar on Prophet Muhammad (SAW) at Tokyo Camii & Diyanet Turkish Culture Center. Both events were organised by Japan Islamic Trust. Dato' Sheikh also connected with Nigeria-based Ummah Dakwah Academy via a Zoom lecture.

In line with Al Khaadem's talent development strategies, Ustaz Dzaki Rosman was invited by **Islamic Society of Papua New Guinea** to the country to support their inaugural **Youth Camp** and train local Imams in Qur'anic recitation.

These global endeavours are key to Al Khaadem's mission to share the Quran and the way of the Prophet (ﷺ), thereby fostering a united ummah committed to knowledge, compassion, and spiritual growth.





INSIGHT FROM VALOR: THE BATTLE BEGINS

The annual AI Khaadem Youth Camp (AKYC) in Perlis, Malaysia, was a unique empowerment camp for youths. With the theme, "Valor: The Battle Begins," the camp aimed to instill courage in participants to stay resolute and face life's challenges with strength, both mentally and spiritually. Framed around Surah AI-Falaq and Surah An-Nas, participants were armed with the divine words of Allah to triumph over adversity.

We felt privileged to welcome HRH the Raja Muda of Perlis, Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Ibni Tuanku Jamalullail, Sved Sirajuddin on the first day of AKYC. HRH interacted with our participants and shared a few words after President of Al Khaadem Dato' Sheikh Hussain Yee briefed him on the camp and its activities. The crown prince's attendance person underscored in his

dedication to nurturing the potential of young people and supporting our vision.

Armoring Up with Mu'awwidhatayn

Surah Al-Falaq and Surah An-Nas served as participants' spiritual arsenal, arming them against external and internal struggles. The verses created a shield of protection, empowering the youths to navigate life's trials with steadfast faith. While Al-Falaq safeguards Surah against external harms, Surah An-Nas fortifies the soul against internal battles. Together these two surahs create a powerful combination for protection from Allah that may come to us either from the human or the jinn, including negative whispers, disturbances, and sorcery.







Fun and Faith

Hiking, a dragon boat race, a Spartanesque race that presented physical, mental and spiritual challenges, and a campfire. These were some of the activities we had this year, designed to be engaging while integrating the values of the Deen.

Throughout these activities, participants gleaned reminders and lessons from the Prophetic examples, showcasing the timelessness of Islamic values for 21st century living. Our local and international coaches played a pivotal role in guiding them to learn these valuable lessons, instilling wisdom and practical insights underscored by family values.

The highlight of the Camp was the reading of handwritten letters from the parents addressed to their respective children. The emotional letter-reading event, coupled with the children's prolonged absence and longing for their parents, underlined the significance of family bonds and made it a poignant conclusion to the camp experience.

Future-proofing AKYC

This year's camp marked the largest gathering in Al Khaadem's history, with 360 participants from 18 countries, including Australia, Brunei Darussalam, China, Egypt, Fiji, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Kiribati, Kuwait, Maldives, Malaysia, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, and the United Kingdom.

The success of the Al Khaadem Youth Camp is due not just to the participants, but the selfless dedication of the volunteers, coaches, and the entire AKYC team. Their steadfast commitment and tireless efforts were pivotal in making this event a reality.

Al Khaadem is committed to designing future camps to meet the evolving needs of today's youth. By staying abreast of emerging issues, addressing current challenges, and incorporating innovative elements, we aim to create relevant and impactful experiences for participants. ongoing refinement Through and adaptation, our Al Khaadem Youth Camp will serve as a dynamic platform for nurturing leadership, fostering spiritual growth, and promoting positive social engagement among the next generation of Muslim leaders.







NURTURING FAITH AL KHAADEM YOUTH



In our shared journey as a community, nurturing and supporting our youth is crucial. Al Khaadem understands the significance of offering a secure environment for young Muslims to practice Islam, guided by the teachings of the Qur'an and Sunnah. To advance this goal, we present three new youth events that embody Islamic values and promote a sense of community among our young members.

"HonesTea - A Support Group for Little Women"

Guided by Sister Nadrah Umm Yusuff, a certified Psychotherapist, HonesTea is a support group tailored for young Muslim girls. It aims to assist them through the challenges of adolescence by offering valuable insights into the psychology of emotions from an Islamic perspective. In addition to Sister Nadrah's expertise, the girls gain comfort and strength by supporting each other. HonesTea serves as a safe space where sisterhood is nurtured, empowering these young girls.

FOCUS STORY 9



"Al Khaadem Football Academy (AKFA)"

The Al Khaadem Football Academy (AKFA) provides young boys the chance to connect through sports while refining their football skills with professional guidance. More than just a physical activity, the academy promotes teamwork and leadership, fostering an environment where boys enhance not only their athletic abilities but also build strong bonds, on and off the pitch. Through consistent training and shared experiences on the field, the Al Khaadem Football Academy becomes a platform for personal growth and nurturing good adab.

Thinker Thoughts X Saturday School: "Stories of the Prophets"

In partnership with Thinker Thoughts, AI Khaadem introduced an engaging monthly workshop for small children titled "Stories of the Prophets." Through creative storytelling, crafts and practical sessions, kids deepen their understanding of the lives of the prophets and their sacrifices. From Prophet Adam AS to Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ), this monthly session aims to instill an early love for Islamic teachings, making learning about our rich history an exciting and memorable experience for our youngest community members.

Super Thinkers X Saturday School: "Islamic Manners"

In collaboration with Super Thinkers, Islamic Manners for kids aged 6-12 is an interactive programme to revive and instill the beautiful Sunnah in their daily habits. Children learn to apply the Prophet's (ﷺ) best practices, fostering a strong connection with Sunnah etiquettes to promote holistic growth.

AL KHAADEM'S 5 PILLARS ENRICHING THE COMMUNITY

Enriching the community is Al Khaadem's mission. Through our five pillars:

Knowledge, Skill, Generate, Services, and Recreation,

we empower communities. Continuous upskilling equips the present generation for purposeful living. Long-term impact is our focus, aligning with **UN SDGs 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 16, 17, and 18** for meaningful change. With a vision of a harmonious and prosperous community, we foster growth, compassion, and collaboration. Together, we make a lasting impact on the world.

SKILL

GENERATE



KNOWLEDGE

SERVICE

K N O W L E D G E



AKADEMI TAJWID AL KHAADEM

This interactive course, conducted twice a year over 10 weeks, combines on-site and online classes where students engage with Ustaz Dzaki Rosman to apply examples and enhance their understanding of each subject. Certificates are awarded upon successful completion.



| INTAKE | STUDENTS |
|-------------|----------|
| Level 1 | 19 |
| (July-Sept) | |
| Level 2 | 21 |
| (Oct - Dec) | |
| Total | 40 |



02



QUR'AN FOR KIDS

Our weekly "Qur'an for Children" sessions received positive feedback. Tailored for kids under 12 years old, these classes adeptly enhance their recitation skills with a significant emphasis on tajweed. Using interactive and enjoyable techniques, the sessions effectively strengthen children's bond with the Qur'an.



| CLASSES | STUDENTS | |
|---------------|----------|--|
| lqra for Kids | 5 | |
| Tilawah for | 3 | |
| Kids | | |
| Total | 8 | |

Every Saturday

K N O W L E D G E

03

KELAS PENGAJIAN HADIS ANAK SOLEH

This junior hadith class teaches children the wisdom of Prophet Muhammad's () sayings in a fun and ageappropriate way. This programme uses interactive methods to make learning enjoyable and imparts valuable lessons on good character. The goal is to build a strong foundation in Islamic teachings for children in a nurturing environment.



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PERFECTING MY SOLAH (PMS)

Dato' Sheikh Hussain Yee leads this monthly solah course, delving into the Prophetic manners of praying and mastering Islamic etiquettes known as "adab beragama." Participants explore the significance of the 5 Pillars of Islam and learn how a strong connection with Allah helps overcome challenges, making for an unforgettable experience.

| | DATES | PAX |
|----------|--------------|-------------|
| | 30 July | 99 |
| | 13 August | 102 |
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| | 29 October | 100 |
| | 5 November | 102 |
| | Total | 504 |
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PERFECTING MY RECITATION (PMR)

AL KHAADEM'S 5 PILLARS

This one-day workshop provides an introduction to tajweed, offering participants a glimpse of the comprehensive course at Al Khaadem's Tajweed Academy (ATAK). Led by Ustaz Dzaki Rosman, it covers topics like major mistakes, Tafkheem, and Tarqeeq, helping participants refine their Qur'anic recitation skills and understand proper etiquette.



06



SATURDAY SCHOOL X THINKER THOUGHTS: STORIES OF THE PROPHETS

Al Khaadem's Saturday School collaborated with Thinker Thoughts for an exciting series of storytelling sessions! Children aged 6-12 explored the Qur'an, diving into captivating narratives and inspiring stories of the Prophets. The addition of Science, Technology, Engineering and Matemathical (STEM) elements created a thrilling and immersive learning experience.

| DATES | PAX |
|--------------|-----|
| 15 July | 25 |
| 29 July | 25 |
| 19 August | 25 |
| 16 September | 25 |
| 30 September | 25 |
| 14 October | 25 |
| 28 October | 25 |
| Total | 175 |



K N O W L E D G E

07



SATURDAY SCHOOL X SUPER THINKERS: ISLAMIC MANNERS-PATHWAY TO JANNAH

Partnering with Super Thinkers, Al Khaadem's Saturday School offers an interactive series on Islamic Manners for kids aged 6-12. Through lively and hands-on experiences, children learn the importance of incorporating Sunnah in their actions in easy-to-understand lessons.



| PAX | | |
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HONESTEA: A SAFE PLACE FOR LITTLE WOMEN

Led by Sister Nadrah Umm Yusuff, this programme supports young females navigating adolescence. Focused on psychological intervention, it empowers them to explore and nurture their identity through Qur'anic and Sunnah teachings. Providing a secure space for expression, the programme helps participants navigate external challenges based on Islamic values, emphasising emotional awareness within the Islamic framework.

| DATES | PAX |
|--------------|----------|
| 22 October | 21 |
| 19 November | 18 |
| 10 December | 13 |
| Total | 52 |
| 🔄 3 Events 🤇 |) 52 Pax |

RECREATION

01



AL KHAADEM FOOTBALL ACADEMY (AKFA)

Led by Coach Syafiq, Coach Akbar, and Sheikh Naseem, boys aged 9-15 came together to improve their football skills as a team. Our programme instils discipline, teamwork, and confidence. Beyond the field, we delve into problem-solving and self-reliance. But that's not all – we're committed to a holistic approach, educating our players on nutrition, adopting a healthy lifestyle, and embracing religious and moral values.



02



EXPLORERS ESCAPADE: OUTDOOR CAMPING

Youths from diverse backgrounds forge genuine connections amidst nature through Explorers Escapade. This exhilarating 3-day, 2-night camp held at Batang Kali, Selangor, goes beyond survival skills – it emphasises Aqeeda, Adab, and Akhlaq through interactive Chill & Chat Sessions. Participants master essential wilderness survival techniques, from cooking in the wild to building camp-fires, crafting shelters, and navigating river walks.



RECREATION

03

AL KHAADEM YOUTH CAMP 2023

This year's camp, themed "Valor: The Battle Begins," aimed to revive determination and courage. The activities focused on developing leadership and teamwork skills, and mentor sessions addressed mental health and spiritual well-being. With 360 attendees from 18 countries, this edition marked the largest AI Khaadem Youth Camp in history. Held in Perlis, the camp's tailor-made modules were designed to instill Islamic values and adab, aligning with the camp's overarching theme. Read the full story on page 6-7.

| DATE | PAX | PARTICIPANT ORIGIN | |
|------------------|-----|--|--|
| 18 - 25 December | 360 | Malaysia Saudi Arabia Australia Brunei Darul Salam China Fiji Indonesia Pakistan Hong Kong | Maldives Germany Singapore Kuwait India Papua New Guinea Kiribati United Kingdom Egypt |



14 BRAND AWARENESS

Launched "Infaq Dzulhijjah 2023"

Curated bite-sized, engaging and actionoriented content on Dzulhijjah, its virtues and blessings, for audiences to participate and collaborate.

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105k VIEWS ON IG

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Launched "Just One More"

"Just One More" answers pressing questions from new Muslims, one question at a time. IS IT TRUE IF WE FALL SICK, OUR SINS WILL BE ERASED? Launched "Sunnah in A Minute (NMC)"

Our bite-sized, impactful lessons on the Sunnah and how to seamlessly incorporate them into your daily life.

Launched "Al Khaadem Podcast"

A series of reminders and debates on Islamic topics under the guidance of the asatizah.

624 SUBSCRIBERS

Launched "Serving Mankind TV"

This fast-paced, one-stop news-sharing channel on Telegram, aims to counter Israel-biased censorship on social media. Its primary goal is to raise awareness about the atrocities and genocide inflicted upon our Brothers and Sisters in Palestine.



IA IEVEMENTS



New Muslims Community Podcast New reverts share

experiences, discuss common challenges, and offer tips for navigating the journey of their newfound faith.



135,000 followers on Facebook (from 122,000)

▲ 21%

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66,000 followers on Instagram (from 54,500)

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66,885 subscribers on YouTube (from 59,400)

▲ 7%

3,106

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subscribers on YouTube (from 2,910)



48,200

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followers on TikTok (from 47,400)



Addresses the common challenges faced by millennials in this modern era, emphasising the significance of approaching these struggles with Islamic values.





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