

SPEECH TEXT
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YANG DIPERTUA OF PERAK ISLAMIC RELIGIOUS AND MALAY
CUSTOMS COUNCIL
AT THE LAUNCHING OF WAQF PERAK AR-RIDZUAN
PERAK ISLAMIC RELIGIOUS AND MALAY CUSTOMS COUNCIL
DATE: 07th APRIL 2016 (THURSDAY) TIME: 10.00 A.M
VENUE: BANQUET HALL, SUK

Bismillahi Rahmani Rahim
Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh
Salam Sejahtera

Mengadap

Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Paduka Seri Sultan Perak Darul Ridzuan Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah Ibni Almarhum Sultan Azlan Muhibbudin Shah Al-Maghfur-Lah

Ampun Tuanku beribu-ribu Ampun, Sembah Patik Mohon Diampun.

1. First of all, on behalf of the Council Members and everyone at Perak Islamic Religious and Malay Customs Council, I would like to thank Duli Yang Maha Mulia Tuanku for gracing the launch of Waqf Perak Ar-Ridzuan this morning.

2. We are deeply honoured and grateful by the gracious presence of Duli Yang Maha Mulia Tuanku today, as we celebrate this special occasion. Duli Yang Maha Mulia Tuanku's concern regarding waqf as an instrument of the community socio-economic development is greatly appreciated. The strong support from Duli Yang Maha Mulia Tuanku has encouraged us to be more determined and committed in putting more efforts towards enhancing the eminence of Islam through waqf.

Ampun Tuanku,

3. I humbly ask for Duli Yang Maha Mulia Tuanku's consent for continuing my speech to all of the honoured guests in this ceremony.

Ampun Tuanku,

Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Seri Diraja Dr. Zambry Abdul Kadir, Chief Minister of Perak Darul Ridzuan

Members of the State Executive Council, members of State Legislative Assembly and Parliament

State and Territorial Chiefs

Heads of Federal and State Departments

Distinguished guests, members of the media

Ladies and gentlemen.

4. Waqf Perak Ar-Ridzuan that will be officially launched today is the continuation of Waqf Enactment (Perak) 2015, which became effective on 15th February 2016. It has been carefully planned in a comprehensive way, covering four main aspects of human life namely **Religious, Education, Economy and Health**.

5. In the **Religious** aspect, Waqf Perak Ar-Ridzuan will raise funds for Waqf Al-Quran Development and Growth. It aims to spread the knowledge of Al-Quran in people's life through the processes of teaching, learning, understanding, appreciating and applying Al-Quran knowledge. InshaAllah, this program will help us in developing community that masters Al-Quran and applies its teachings in their daily lives.

6. In the **Education** aspect, Waqf Perak Ar-Ridzuan will raise funds for Waqf Knowledge, which comprises Mumtaz Program and ICT Learning. It aims to reduce the academic achievement gap between students in rural and urban areas. The program will provide guidance and intensive training classes which focusing on the core subjects. It is hoped to improve the academic performance in examinations at both primary and secondary levels. The classes will be conducted in selected *surau* or mosques by qualified teachers in their respective fields. Besides that, in addressing the urgent need for placement of more than 4000 students of Universiti Sultan Azlan Shah (USAS) in Kuala Kangsar, Waqf Perak Ar-Ridzuan has taken the initiative to raise funds for building two new residential building blocks that can accommodate about 720 students.

7. In the **Economy** aspect, Waqf Perak Ar-Ridzuan has taken the initiative to help small-scale entrepreneurs by providing more comfortable and organized retail spaces with affordable rental rates. Business premises with modern design and complete infrastructures will be built on waqf and Baitulmal lands located at strategic and viable locations in this state. Other than that, Waqf Perak Ar-Ridzuan will also raise funds for the implementation of Waqf Boat. This waqf aims to improve the standard of living and economic growth of coastal fishermen. Waqf Perak Ar-Ridzuan will provide boat and its equipments including engines, fishing nets and sonar so that the fishermen can venture to deeper sea waters and increase their catches.

8. Finally, in the aspect of **Health**, Waqf Perak Ar-Ridzuan will also raise funds for the construction of Waqf Hemodialysis Centre at several regions. It aims to provide access and facilities to meet the increasing needs of dialysis patients and treatments. The collected funds will be used for the construction of treatment centres, provision of facilities and equipments such as dialysis machines.

9. Thus, this fundraising program in a large amount initiated by the establishment of Waqf Perak Ar-Ridzuan may empower the community through these various programs covering the main aspects of human life. Hopefully the fundraising

program will be a good medium for people to take part, as well as a catalyst to an efficient socio-economic development of the community in the future.

Ampun Tuanku,

10. Before I end my speech, I am glad to inform that the Council Members of Perak Islamic Religious and Malay Customs Council have cumulatively contributed RM33,500.00 to Waqf Perak-Ar-Ridzuan, as a sign of support to the launching of the program. I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to corporate companies that have given their initial contributions to Waqf Ar-Ridzuan funds, especially Maybank Islamic Berhad which has allocated RM5 million for the construction of Universiti Islam Sultan Azlan Shah students' hostel in Kuala Kangsar. In addition, Maybank Islamic has agreed to donate another RM5 million as a "matching grant", whereby for every ringgit contributed by the public via Maybank2u, Maybank Islamic will donate the same amount to Waqf Perak Ar-Ridzuan. Thank you so much to all donors and contributors.

Ampun Tuanku beribu-ribu ampun, Sembah Patik mohon diampun.

11. In closing, I would like to once more express my gratitude to Duli Yang Maha Mulia Tuanku for coming to this Waqf Perak Ar-Ridzuan launching event. We sincerely wish for Duli Yang Maha Mulia Tuanku's health and prosperity as the ruler of Perak Darul Ridzuan, and showered with blessings of Allah.

12. I humbly apologize to Duli Yang Maha Mulia Tuanku for any inconvenience in my speech.

Patik menjunjung kasih, Ampun Tuanku.

Wabillahi taufiq wal hidayah, Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.