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JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

ZAKAAT AL-FITR

COMPLEMENTS

THE PATH TO

TAQWA



With us being in this blessed month of *Ramadaan al-Mubaarak*, let us strive to increase our *taqwa*, which is in accordance to the objectives of the ‘*ibaadah* of obligatory fasting in this month.

Moreover, we are obligated to fulfill the ‘ibaadah of zakaah as Allah Subhaanahu Wata‘aala mentions in al-Qur’ān:

“And establish prayer and give zakaah and bow with

**those who bow [in worship
and obedience].”**

(al-Baqarah 2:43)

On this blessed day, let us all
contemplate and ponder upon
the *khutbah* entitled, “*Zakaat
al-Fitr Complements The Path
To Taqwa.*”

From among the greatness of
the month of *Ramadaan* is that
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*
has ordained the 'ibaadah of
fasting and *zakaat al-fitr*.
Zakaat al-fitr is obligated upon
the

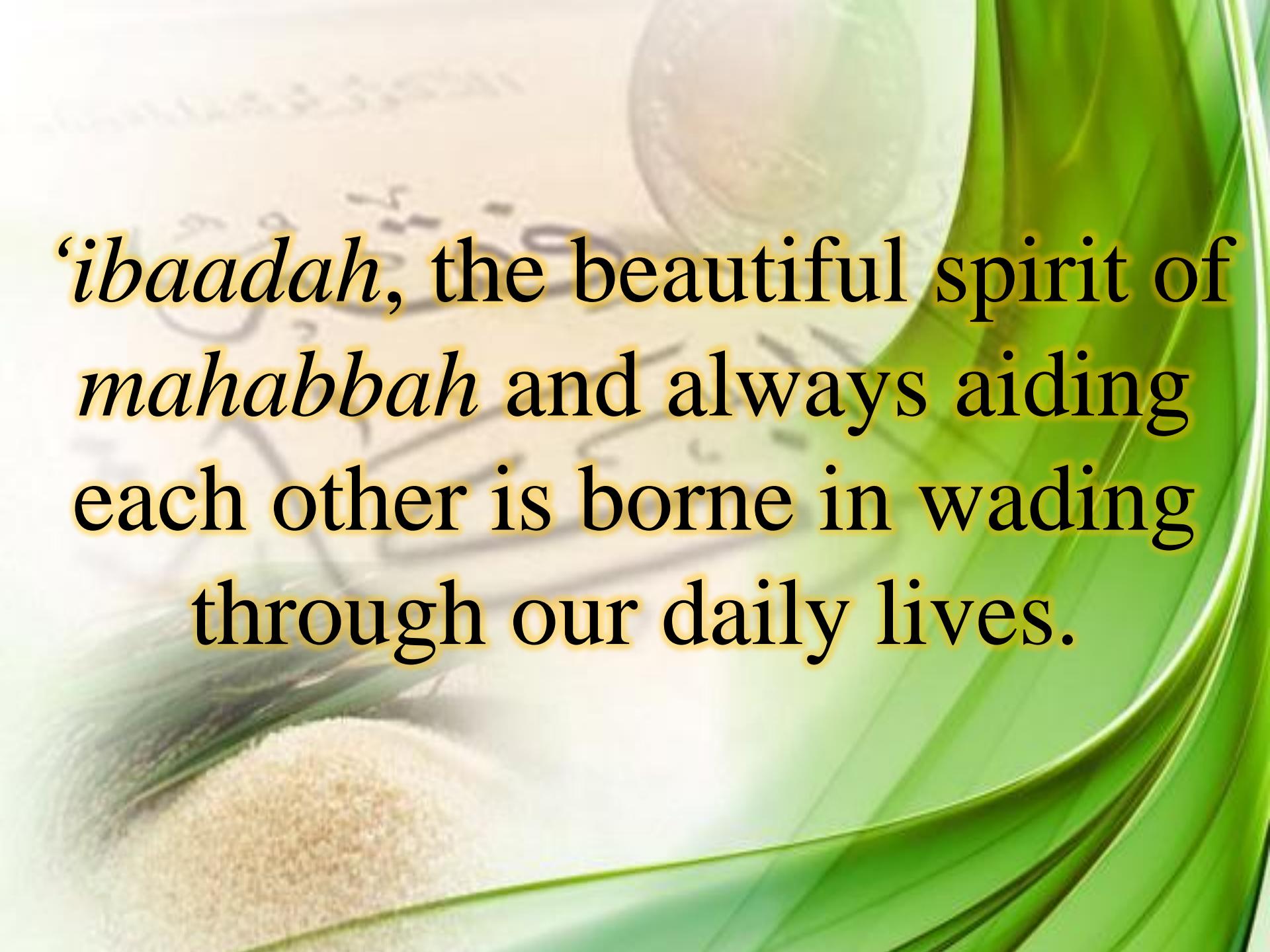
Muslim *ummah* to cleanse and enrich the soul, purify the wealth, and fill up any deficiency during the fasting of *Ramadaan*. It is also an indication that the slave has been grateful towards

the bounties that was bestowed by Allah, by forking out the required amount to their Muslim brethren that are in need.

Zakaat al-fitr carries two very important aspects in the

human lives, namely human as the slave of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala*, and human as brethren amongst themselves. The fulfilment of *zakaat al-fitr* is a manifestation of *imaan* unto

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*
and bring forth the love and
brotherhood amongst mankind
especially between the rich and
the poor. Through this

A close-up photograph of a green palm leaf with a bright sun visible through the fronds.

'ibaadah, the beautiful spirit of *mahabbah* and always aiding each other is borne in wading through our daily lives.

The ‘ibaadah of zakaat al-fitr that was ordained on 2nd year after Hijrah is zakaah upon the body that is fulfilled through the staple diet of that particular land such as rice, dates, wheat,

and grapes. In this country,
zakaat al-fitr is due upon rice at
a measure of one Baghdad
bushel, equivalent to three cups
according to the Malaysian
measurement, or 2.25kg.

It must be fulfilled in the form of money according to the market price of rice for the stipulated weight.

For our information, the Fatwa Council of Selangor has determined that *zakaat*

al-fitr for this *Ramadaan* would be RM7. Therefore, there are several important matters that must be given due attention with regard to *zakaat al-fitr* for our own benefit and understanding,

among them:

- 1- An individual is obliged to fulfil *zakaat al-fitr* when its conditions are met, namely:
 - Muslim.
 - Alive during *Ramadaan* and *Shawwaal*, even if

for one second in
Ramadaan and one second
in *Shawwaal*.

- Possess anything (food, wealth, money) that is in excess of his personal needs and the personal

need of his dependents such as his spouse, parents, and children.

2 - It is *waajib* to fulfil this ‘ibaadah before *salaat al-‘eid*, at the latest. This is based upon the *hadeeth* of

ibn ‘Abbaas *radiyAllaahu ‘anhu*: The Messenger of Allah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* enjoined *zakaat al-fitr* on the one who fasts to shield one's self from any indecent act or speech

and for the purpose of providing food for the poor. It is accepted as *zakaah* for the person who pays it before the ‘*Eid salaah*, and it is a

mere *sadaqah* for one who
pays it after the salaah.

(Abu Dawood, an-Nasaa'ie,
and ibn Maajah: *hasan*)

Based upon this *hadeeth*, the
scholars *rahimahumullah* have
explained that the one that
delays his *zakaat al-fitr*

until the allowed time expires, is not only sinful, but remains obligated to fulfil them. For as long as *zakaat al-fitr* is not fulfilled, it will be deemed as a debt incurred until it is finally

fulfilled even at the end of his life. However, if one genuinely forgets, then he is not sinful but it is *waajib* to make up for the *zakaat al-fitr*. This is based upon the *ijmaa'* of the scholars,

among them Shaykh Dr Wahbah az-Zuhailiy *hafizhahullah* in his book titled “*al-Fiqh al-Islaami wa Adillatuhu*”, which stated:

*“The obligation of zakaat al-fitr
and wealth is not exempted from
the one that forgets to do so,
and it is waajib for him to make
qadaa’ of them.”*

3- However, it is permissible to fulfill *zakaat al-fitr* during early *Ramadaan* and the latest is before *salaat al-‘Eid*.

4- *Zakaat al-fitr* is *waajib* upon every Muslim, whether male or female, young or old, adult or child, free or slave. Failure in its fulfilment will cause all of the ‘ibaadah performed

throughout Ramadaan
unaccepted by Allah

Subhaanahu Wata‘aala. This is
based upon the *hadeeth* of Anas
bin Maalik *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*
that the Messenger of Allah

sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam
said: “Fasting in the month of
Ramadan lies suspended
between the earth and heaven;
it is only raised (to heaven) by
zakaat al-fitr.”
(ad-Daylami: *da ‘eef*)

Verily, Allah Subhaanahu
Wata ‘aala has promised great
reward for His slaves that fulfil
the need of their brethren in the
very moments of need.
Especially when we have
performed

righteous deeds in this noble month of *Ramadaan*.

‘Abdullah ibn ‘Umar *radiyAllaahu ‘anhu* reported:
Two men came to the Messenger of Allah, *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam*,

and they said, “O Messenger of Allah, which of the people are most beloved to Allah? And which deeds are most beloved to Allah?” The Messenger of Allah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam*

said:

“The people most beloved to Allah are those who are most beneficial to the people; and the most beloved deed to Allah is to make a Muslim happy,

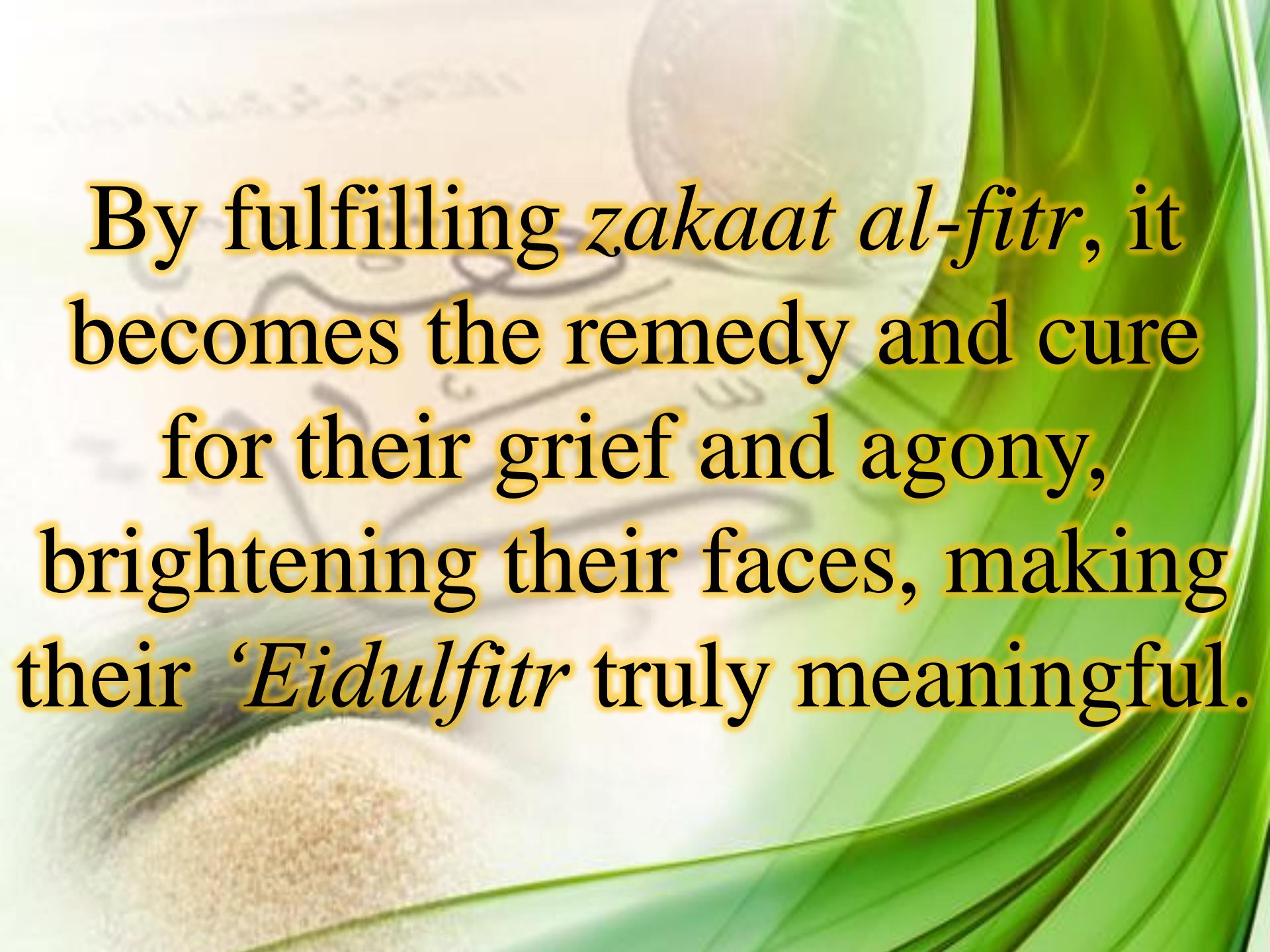
or remove one of his troubles,
or to forgive his debt, or to
satiate his hunger, or to walk
with his brother regarding a
need ...”

(at-Tabaraani: *hasan lighayrihi*)

Just imagine, the joy and happiness in celebrating '*Eidulfitr*', our children getting their new clothes and new shoes, our wives indulged in a variety of cakes and pastries, our

houses beautifully decorated,
but there will be those amongst
us engulfed in sadness and
sorrow for not being able to
provide adequate food and
drinks to their children.

What more in purchasing even one piece of new clothing and shoes in celebrating ‘Eidulfitr. Who then will bring pleasure and joyfulness to their hearts if not us? Take heed!



By fulfilling *zakaat al-fitr*, it becomes the remedy and cure for their grief and agony, brightening their faces, making their '*Eidulfitr* truly meaningful.

Moreover, Allah Subhaanahu
Wata 'aala will grant happiness
and prosperity to His slaves that
are willing to sacrifice their
wealth for the sake of fulfilling
all of

His Commands, including the ‘ibaadah of zakaah and sadaqah. Allah Subhaanahu Wata‘aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

“Those who spend their wealth [in Allah’s way]

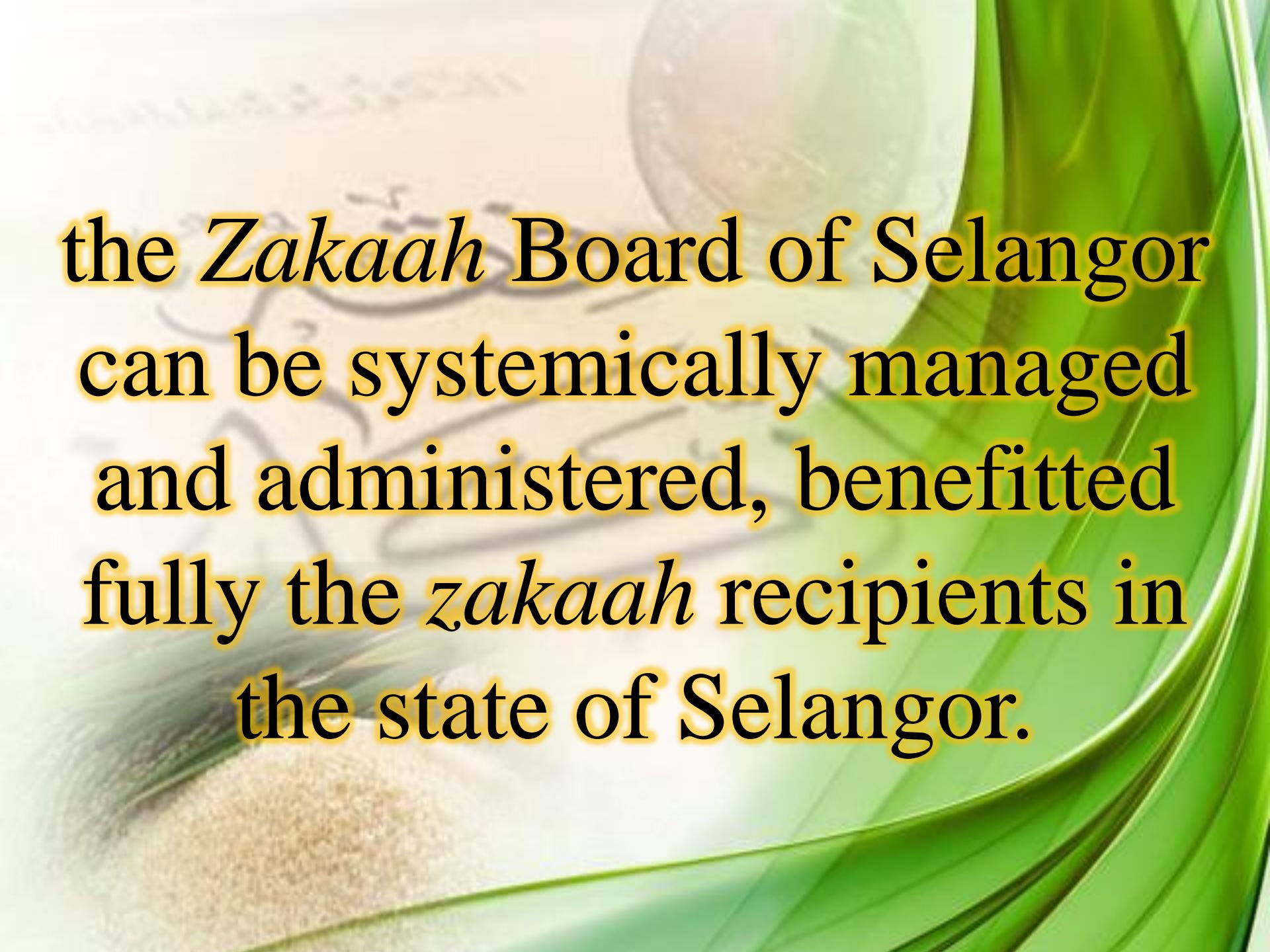
by night and by day,
secretly and publicly – they
will have their reward with
their Lord. And no fear
will there be concerning
them, nor will they grieve.”

(al-Baqarah 2:274)

For your very information, the
Zakaah Board of Selangor
provides numerous facilities for
the Muslims to fulfil their
zakaat al-fitr, *zakaah* of
property, commerce, income,
and

many more. Take advantage in fulfilling your *zakaah* with the Zakaah Board of Selangor at any of their 24 *zakaah* counters, operating in nine districts in Selangor for seven days a week.

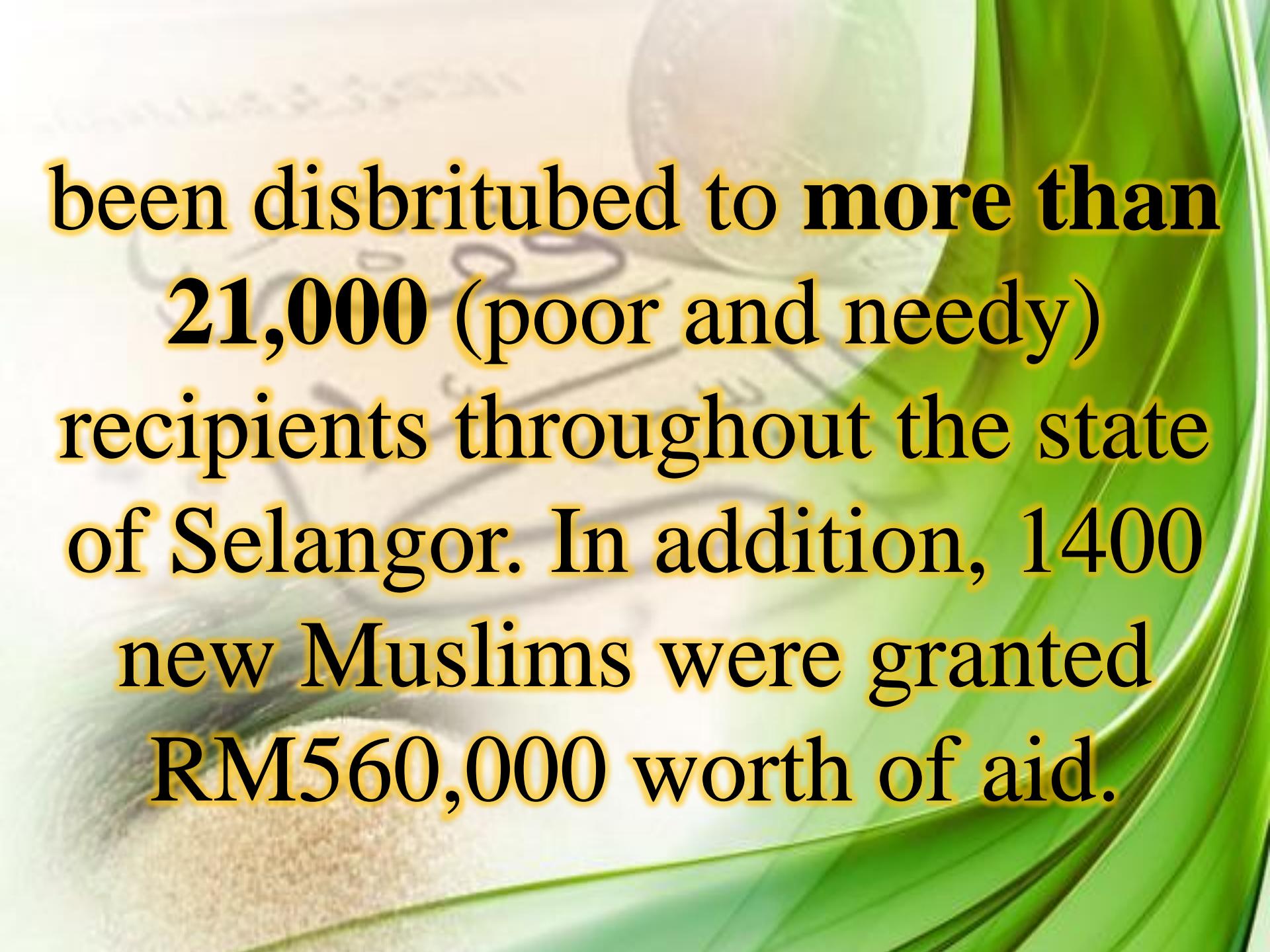
Zakaat al-fitr can also be paid to the *zakaah* collectors appointed by the *Zakaah* Board of Selangor that are assigned to the nearest mosque or surau. Indeed, the *zakaah* funds collected by



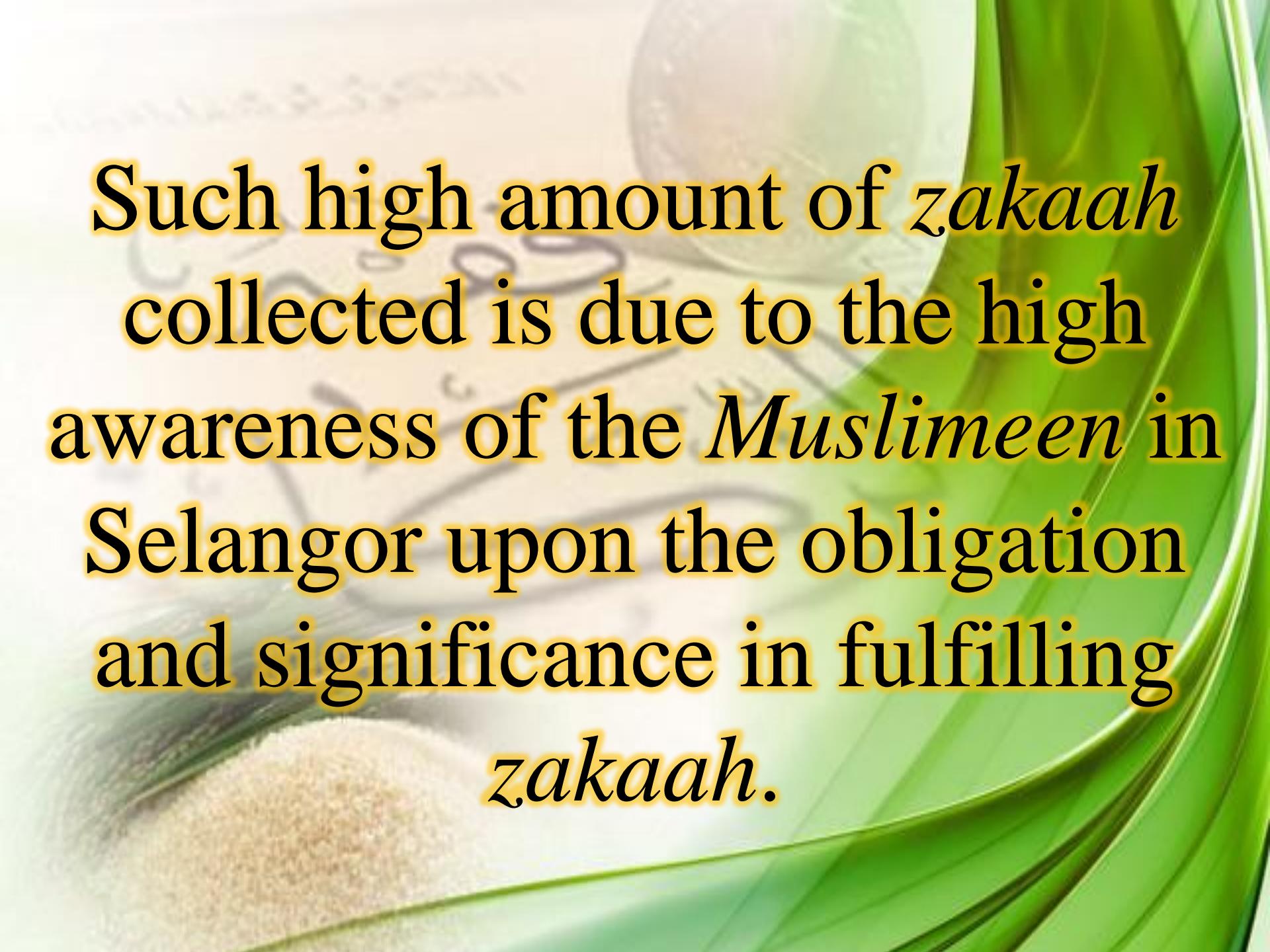
the Zakaah Board of Selangor can be systemically managed and administered, benefitted fully the *zakaah* recipients in the state of Selangor.

Also for your information, in every *Ramadaan*, it has become a priority for the *Zakaah* Board of Selangor to distribute and disburse the *zakaah* funds from early on to ensure

that the poor and needy can truly enjoy and benefit their *Ramadaan* and *Shawwaal* with joy and comfort. With the coming of *Ramadaan* and *'Eidulfitr* this year, more than **RM15 million** has



been distributed to more than 21,000 (poor and needy) recipients throughout the state of Selangor. In addition, 1400 new Muslims were granted RM560,000 worth of aid.



Such high amount of *zakaah* collected is due to the high awareness of the *Muslimeen* in Selangor upon the obligation and significance in fulfilling *zakaah*.

It is truly hoped that with the *zakaah* disbursed to those rightly entitled, Allah will shower His Mercy, blessings, and prosperity to those that fulfilled this obligation.

We are truly grateful that by the mercy of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* and His love, we are given the opportunity to again enjoy and benefit the blessed *Ramadaan* this year.

Let us strive to make this
Ramadaan as a festival of
'ibaadah by multiplying our
'ibaadah until its end, not as the
festival of food. Therefore, let
us emulate our beloved Prophet
sallAllahu

‘alayhi wasallam based upon the narration mentioning that he *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* would multiply his good deeds including *salaah*, *zakaah*, and *sadaqah* during *Ramadaan*.

This was relayed to us by ibn
‘Abbaas *radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma*
that:
“Allah's Apostle *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* was the most
generous of all the people, and
he used to

reach the peak in generosity in
the month of *Ramadaan* when
Gabriel met him. Gabriel used
to meet him every night of
Ramadaan to teach him the
Qur'an. Allah's Apostle

sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam
was the most generous person,
even more generous than the
strong uncontrollable wind (in
readiness and haste to do
charitable deeds).”

(al-Bukhaari)

Therefore, let us seize the very opportunity to diligently perform righteous deeds and servitude in ‘ibaadah in the best manner possible, be they *fard* or *sunnah* acts,

increase in making *tawbah* and seeking forgiveness from Allah.

May we return to meet Allah with full security and victory, carrying along our good deeds that are to be presented to Him.

Hence, with our presence and existence in early *Ramadaan*, with strong determination and willpower, let us make this *Ramadaan* better than those preceding it.

Let us ensure that our *zakaat al-fitr* is fulfilled so that we shall attain perfection of our ‘ibaadah and blessings from Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala.*

“The example of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah is like a seed [of grain] which grows seven spikes; in each spike is a hundred grains.

**And Allah multiplies [His
reward] for whom He wills.**

And Allah is all-

Encompassing and Knowing.”

(al-Baqarah 2:261)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِبَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ
وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ
الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ
لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ
وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ
وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

**O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord,
we are grateful unto You for having
bestowed upon us Mercy and
Blessings, nourishing us to strive
to continue in strengthening the
Muslim nation especially the state
of Selangor, as an advanced,
progressive, peaceful, and
benevolent state.**

We beseech and beg You, Ya Allah, to strengthen our *imaaan*, increase our good deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our provision, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, nourish our soul with beautiful *akhlaaq*, guide us to the Path that is Pleasing to You,

protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.

Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim *ummah* especially in Selangor, to fulfill their *zakaat* obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their *zakaat* obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.

**Purify their wealth and soul so
that they will live according to
that which pleases You. Protect
the poor and needy from
disbelief and everlasting poverty.**

Allaahumma ameen



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