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Assamu'alaikum Wr. Wb.

First of all, let us express our gratitude to Allah SWT with His grace/ **blessing** that allows us to gather in this 1st International Conference On Contemporary Issues And Maqasid Al-Shari'ah (ICCIMS) organized by Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah International Islamic University (UniSHAMS).

On behalf of the Organizing Committee of this Seminar, I would like extend my thanks and gratitude to our Sahib al-Samahah, Dato 'Mufti of Kedah, Dato' Shaikh Haji Fadzil bin Haji Awang on officiating/**on his willingness to officiate** this Seminar.

My many thanks to the Chief Executive of the Kedah State Zakat Board, Tuan Sheikh Zakaria bin Othman, for the moral support and financial contribution in the success of this Seminar. Jazakumllah Khaira al-Jaza '.

I would also like to record my thanks for the presence of Datuk-Datuk and the Kedah Government Officers and Staff of various Departments, scholars, ladies and gentlemen.

To all Seminar participants especially writers and presenters of 117 foreign papers (written in Arabic) and 17 locals (who wrote in English and Malay), I would say Selamat Datang or Welcome (Ahlan Sahlan wa Marhaban Bikum) and thank you for the presentation of paperwork, though coming from as far as Masyriq (East) and Maghrib (West). These papers are written by specialists from various areas of specialization in different/**various** languages. Therefore, these discussion sessions will be divided into three languages: Arabic, English and Malay.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The question on contemporary issues arising in the lives of Muslims at the national and international levels, lately with various forms and questions require the guidance and answers of Islamic scholars and intellectuals in the context of fiqh adjustment (fiqh law) and ijtihad based on syariat objectives (ijtihad maqasidi). There are local contemporary issues and issues shared among the populations of Muslim countries. Hence, this is what can be classified as contemporary issues (al-qadaya al-mua'sirah), even hypothetical issues (al-qadaya al-iftiradiyyah). Reflecting the above stages, Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah International Islamic University has relied on the responsibility of the Kulliyyah of Syariah and Law assisted by other kulliyyahs this year to prepare for a Conference or Seminar which deals with the Contemporary Issues and Maqasid al-Shari'ah.

Alhamdulillah, today December 23, 2018 /15 Rabiul Akhir 1440H, with the cooperation of all parties, we have made history by gathering more than 100 scholars from most Islamic world regions in a conference which is expected to provide concrete views and solutions to contemporary issues and issues either in the areas of sharia, akidah, Arabic and Islamic thought that have not been answered.

Dear Respected Guests,

In terms of timing, this Seminar is very appropriate as the institution has been upgraded from the INSANIAH University College to full university bringing the new name of Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah International Islamic University (UniSHAMS) almost a year on February 5, 2018 (19 Jamadil Awal 1439H). This is definitely an achievement leading to the contribution from its lecturers in exhibiting their intellectual capabilities in a university.

For your information, the objectives of this Seminar or Conference are as follow:

1. To assemble all Islamic scholars from all over the Islamic regions with various academic backgrounds in a scientific discourse.
2. To highlight contemporary issues and their solutions from the point of the theory of Shari'a and Islamic thought.
3. To provide participants with a solid Islamic knowledge on contemporary issues that can be used as a guide for their lives and communities in their homeland.
4. To promote UniSHAMS as the youngest internationally recognized academic institution and International Islamic University in Malaysia, in ASEAN and international regions.

Dear Respected Audience,

Muslims are the mediators (middle) who are not extremists based on the word of Allah SWT:

Which means:

"With that, we make you the mediator to be witnesses to the people and the Messenger is witness to you."

In order to realize this 'ummatan wasatan', this responsibility is placed on the shoulders of the ulamak and Islamic thinkers to plan all the plans/**necessaries** in prospering the universe based on the principle of maqasid al-shari'ah, namely: Keeping Religion, Life, Dignity (Nasab), Mind and properties/**possessions**. In addition, when adopted by contemporary issues (al-qadaya al-mu'asirah) based on the laws derived from the ijtihaad of the scholars, then will be the element of flexibility and realistic Islam in all areas:

Syariat, Usuluddin, Arabic, Technology, Medicine and Islamic Thoughts that can be practised at all times and places. Of course we are assembled here for two days as part of the party who assume this burden of responsibility with full trust and pleading for the blessing from Allah SWT to bless it.

To end this greeting,

I would like to thank the top management of UniSHAMS for their support in making this Seminar possible. In addition, congratulations are made to all Members of the Committees who have worked hard day and night over the past few months, including Scientific Committee, Valuation and Editing Committee Members who process paper work until they are produced in the form of seminar proceeding books, Implementing Committee & Public Relations, Promotion and Participation Committee, Protocol Committee, Invitation and **Welcoming** Committee, Technical and Preparations Committee, Transport & Security Committee, Registration Committee, **Hosting** Committee, Reporting & Resolution Committee, Banquet Committee and Student Representative Council and Syar'ie Representatives as well as all parties who have contributed material, energy and thought to the success of this Seminar.

As the organizer, I humbly apologize if there are any weaknesses and defects in the course of this Seminar. Meanwhile, my hope regarding this Seminar or Conference, in line with its topic, InshaaAllah in the future it will be followed by the Second Conference and beyond with Allah SWT willing.

Thank you,

Wassalamu'alaikum Wr.Wb.