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All the praises and thanks be to ALLAH SWT, the Almighty for with His innumerable blessings, we can savour the sweetness of worship in the holy month of Ramadan Mubarak 1440H.

Ramadan is not just the month for fasting but more importantly, it is the month that bears witness to the revelation of the Holy Qur'an as the main reference for Muslims. Allah SWT says in verse 185, surah Al-Baqarah:

"The month of Ramadan [is that] in which was revealed the Qur'an, a guidance for the people and clear proofs of guidance and criterion." (Surah Al-Baqarah, verse 185)

Apart from being known as the month of 'Nuzul Al Quran', Ramadan is also a month of worship for Muslims. Every Muslim should race to do good deeds like reciting the Quran, providing food and hosting people who break their fast, charity and 'Qiyam Al-Layl'. The Prophet Muhammad SAW (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), The Messenger of Allah, also encourages us to do good and he was found to be particularly generous during this holy month. The act was recorded in the narrative of Bukhari and Muslim:

Ibn Abbas RA reported, "The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, was the most generous of people and he was even more generous in Ramadan when Gabriel (Jibril) would meet him. He would meet him every night of Ramadan to study the Quran. Thus, the Prophet would be more generous than a nourishing wind."

Source: Sahih al-Bukhari 1803, Sahih Muslim 2308.

As a show of respect to this holy month, let us all take a resolute stand and abandon all the vain practices that can bring sins and wrath from Allah SWT and nullify our good deeds. We must abstain from all forms of bad practices such as bad-mouthing others and so forth. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) had warned about those believers who did fasting, but did not get any rewards from Allah SWT, except hunger and thirst due to their inability to change for the better, "There are people who fast and get nothing from their fast except hunger." (narrated by Abu Hurairah RA in Ibn Majah).

Finally, I urge all UUM Muslim denizens to keep true to the spirit of Ramadan Mubarak and the teachings stated in the Quran and make it the ultimate guide in fulfilling all the tasks entrusted. I also hope that the month of Ramadan Mubarak this year will usher in greater achievements to the university. Let us pray that the good deeds we perform during the holy month will continue until the next Ramadan, In Sha Allah.

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