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PERGAS' RESPONSE TO THE WUHAN CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK IN SINGAPORE

In reference to the news of the outbreak of the Wuhan coronavirus in Singapore, Pergas is equally concerned about the situation that has affected our country thus far.

2 In this regard, Pergas supports the religious advisory on managing the coronavirus outbreak which was issued by the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (Muis) on 30th January 2020; and calls upon all Singaporean Muslims to be vigilant and take the precautions that have been advised by the Ministry of Health (MOH) as detailed in their statement dated 25th January 2020 in controlling the spread of the epidemic.

3 In line with the teachings of Islam, the Muslim community is urged to take precautions in ensuring a clean environment and to constantly monitor their physical health. Individuals are also advised to seek medical attention immediately if they experience any of the symptoms that can worsen the situation. They are also reminded to take the precautionary measures that has been recommended by MOH when seeking treatment, such as wearing a mask in public places.

4 Besides taking these preventive measures, Pergas also encourages the Muslim community to always remember Allah and to always pray for His assistance in difficult times such as this, in the manner that had been taught by Rasullullah s.a.w. Narrated from Khawlah binti Hakim r.a. – Rasululllah s.a.w. said, "Whoever comes to a place, then says:

أَعُوذُ بِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ التَّامَّاتِ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ

"I seek refuge in the complete words of Allah from the evil in what He has created"

He will not be hurt by anything until he leaves that place." (Muslim)

5 At the same time, Pergas also urges the Muslim community to continuously verify the authenticity of any news and to not disseminate any uncertain information in order not to spread any confusion among members of the community.

6 Pergas also wishes to remind the Muslim community particularly, to increase patience in these difficult times and to not do anything that may aggravate the situation such as attributing any unfortunate incident that has happened to the actions of any party, regardless of whether it be a fellow believer or otherwise. It is best to seek protection from Allah s.w.t. for He offers the best form of protection. This is in line with the hadith of the Prophet s.a.w. which means:

"And surely Allah will always help His servant, as long as His servant always helps his brother." (Muslim)

7 May the Muslim community here be spared from this epidemic and be protected by Allah s.w.t. under any circumstances.

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