

Speech by Mr Nor Shahrizan Sulaiman, Deputy CEO, Maybank Islamic Bhd

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1. Assalaamu'alaikum and a very good afternoon.
2. It is indeed a great honour for me to be here amongst such a distinguished audience on this significant day for this 16th International Shari'ah Scholars Forum today.
3. On behalf of Maybank Islamic Berhad, I am pleased to present the English translation of "An Introduction to the General Theory of Obligation in Islamic Jurisprudence", a remarkable work by Professor Muṣṭafā Aḥmad al-Zarqā. It is noteworthy to highlight that the highly distinguished scholar whose most significant work were in the field of fiqh and legal reform, was also ranked among the top ten Islamic scholars of the twentieth century.
4. With the collaboration with our esteemed partner, ISRA, the translation of this seminal work has been completed successfully.
5. The book presents some groundbreaking ideas relating to the theory of obligation and other intangible properties, which have stimulated discussions and debates among Muslim jurists and Islamic finance practitioners on the subject until today.
6. This is what contemporary academic research demands. I am confident that this effort will make a significant contribution to the English-language literature on Islamic banking.

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7. Maybank Islamic Centre of Excellence's mission to enhance Islamic finance literacy and understanding in the local and global arena is reflected in this translation initiative. Our Centre of Excellence, is a research-based initiative focusing on knowledge as well as talent development, and I trust that the book's translation will allow it to reach a wider audience across nations and borders, insyaAllah.
8. At Maybank Islamic, we believe that the Islamic finance industry will continue to thrive through high quality research and publication, and to achieve this milestone, we are working collaboratively with prominent researchers and institutions, locally and globally.
9. Via our Centre of Excellence, we aspire to be a thought leader in Islamic finance particularly in the field of Shariah compliance, product innovation, and sustainability, all of which are important aspects of Islamic finance.
10. I believe that we can all benefit from Professor Muṣṭafā Aḥmad al-Zarqā ideas, and I would like to thank our valued partner, ISRA, and the Maybank Islamic team for making this possible.
11. May Allah S.W.T. reward us for our efforts. Insya Allah

Thank you