# FRIDAY KHUTBA of TOKYO CAMII

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## THE SPIRIT OF UNITY AND SOLIDARITY

وَاطِيعُوا اللهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَلَا تَنَازَعُوا فَتَفْشَلُوا وَتَذْهَبَ رِيحُكُمْ وَاصْبِرُواْ إِنَّ اللهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَّ . وَاصْبِرُواْ إِنَّ اللهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَّ . وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

لاَ تَقَاطَعُوا وَلاَ تَدَابَرُوا وَلاَ تَبَاغَصُوا وَلاَ تَحَاسَدُوا وَكُونُوا عِبَادَ

اللهِ إِخْوَانًا.

Dear Believers, who are brothers and sisters by the grace and mercy of Allah (swt), who stand shoulder to shoulder in the same row in this mosque before Allah the Almighty (swt), and who are united by the same faith and consciousness! Jumu'ah mubarak! May Allah's (swt) peace, mercy, and blessings be upon you.

### Dear Believers!

Our sublime religion, Islam, is the religion of tawhid and wahdat. It is the religion of unity and togetherness; and the religion of solidarity and cooperation. Our religion enjoins us to establish relations with all members of society on the basis of goodness and fairness, to live as brothers and sisters based on love and respect, and to treat each other with compassion and mercy. It also forbids turning our backs on each other, withholding our care and concern from each other, breaking the bonds of brotherhood, as well as all kinds of unfavorable words and behaviors. In this regard, our Lord Almighty (swt) states, "Hold firmly to the rope of Allah. Do not be divided." The Prophet of

Mercy, Muhammad Mustafa (saw), warns us in one of his hadiths as follows: "Do not have estranged relations with one another. Do not nurse enmity and do not feel envy against one another. O servants of Allah! Be brothers."

## Dear Muslims!

We are Muslims who believe in the same religion, who are servants of the One God, Allah, who turn to the same qiblah, who follow the same book as a guide, and who are devoted to the same prophet. We are the representatives of a civilization that takes it as a principle to offer help without causing offense, without expecting anything in return, and regardless of one's ethnicity, faith, sect or thought. As members of such a deep-rooted civilization, it is our duty to embrace the ethics of brotherhood and to observe each other's rights with heartwarming words and behaviors.

#### Dear Believers!

The Qurbani Campaign has started in cooperation with the Presidency of Religious Affairs and the Türkiye Diyanet Foundation. We slaughter your Qurbanies, according to Islamic methods and distribute to those in need. You can transfer Qurbani fees to Tokyo Camii bank accounts or bring it directly to officials. The receipt will be issued in return. May Allah accept your good deeds.

i Al-i 'Imran, 3/103.

ii Tirmidhi. Birr wa Sila. 24.