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MAN SAHUR

USIM's Scariest Ramadan Advertisement
Targets 100,000 Views

USIM presents “MAN SAHUR,” its 2025 Ramadan advertisement featuring a horror genre that delivers a deep message about the realities of today’s youth. Produced by USIM’s Strategic Communication Centre with creative ideas from students, the ad went viral, garnering over 30,000 views on USIMTV’s YouTube channel within a week of its release on the first day of Ramadan.

The story revolves around Aiman Sodiqin, a passionate streamer who becomes overly immersed in the world of online gaming, neglecting his responsibilities during Ramadan. However, everything changes after a mysterious incident begins to haunt him. Who was in his room last night? Will this Ramadan be the turning point that transforms him into a better person?

Inspired by real-life experiences of today’s youth, the ad illustrates how digital addiction can distract one from their obligations to Allah. More than just entertainment,

“MAN SAHUR” carries an important message about awareness, self-reflection, and the spiritual value of Ramadan, which is often taken lightly.

The production involved five actors, three leads and two supporting roles and a crew of 12, comprising USIM staff and students. The advertisement successfully delivered a spine-chilling viewing experience.

The ad didn’t just achieve high viewership, it also received overwhelming reactions from viewers. Many were surprised that USIM dared to adopt a horror genre that left some viewers too scared to finish watching.

This advertisement aims to open the public’s eyes to the importance of balancing digital life with spiritual awareness. Technology should be used for good, not as a source of helplessness. Don’t let technology control us instead, let’s use it as a tool to bring us closer to Almighty.

It took us three months to complete this from scripting to editing. It wasn’t easy, but seeing the incredible response on USIMTV made it all worthwhile.”

- Habib Halim
Director, 3rd year FPQS student



From Kota Bharu to Auckland

USIM Student Leads Tarawih Prayers in New Zealand

At the age of 24, Muhammad Hanif Zakaria, a student from the Faculty of Quranic and Sunnah Studies at USIM, made history by being entrusted to lead Tarawih prayers at the Manukau Islamic Youth Centre Mosque in Auckland, New Zealand. He departed from Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) to New Zealand on February 26th.

The Kelantan-born youth, enrolled in the Qiraat program, described his selection as surprising due to the intense competition during the interview session. "I was shocked but very grateful. This is a golden opportunity, once in a lifetime," he said.

Armed with strong determination and high spirits, Hanif began his duties as the Tarawih Imam from March 2nd to 26th. In addition to leading prayers, he also taught the Quran to the local congregation, making his experience in Auckland even more meaningful.

Serving in a foreign country was no easy task. Hanif had to ensure his memorization was fluent to lead the prayers properly. He also managed documentation requirements such

as visa and passport, considering New Zealand's strict entry policies. "I also practiced speaking English to ease communication there," he said.

Interestingly, this was his first international experience, which made the responsibility more challenging yet filled with valuable lessons.

As the first USIM student to serve in New Zealand, Hanif hopes his involvement will pave the way for other students in the future. "I want to be a pioneer. Hopefully, more USIM students can serve here, and collaboration between USIM and mosques in New Zealand can continue," he added.

Hanif also heeded the advice of his parents, both retired teachers, to take care of himself, respect the local community, and uphold the good name of both his family and USIM at the international level.

Muhammad Hanif's inspiring journey proves that the knowledge of the Quran knows no borders. From Kota Bharu to Auckland, he now carries the great responsibility of being a young ambassador of USIM, spreading the message of Islam abroad.



Ramadan in the Land of the Rising Sun

The Journey of Five USIM Students on a Da'wah Mission

Five students from USIM were given a special opportunity to undergo industrial training in Japan while also being entrusted to lead Tarawih prayers throughout the month of Ramadan. This invaluable experience not only allowed them to refine their knowledge and skills but also strengthened Islamic da'wah in a country with a growing Muslim community.

These five students are all enrolled in the Qiraat Studies program at the Faculty of Quran and Sunnah Studies (FPQS), USIM. They arrived in Japan on February 27, 2025, and will be undergoing their training until mid-April. During this period, they are assigned as imams at several major mosques around Osaka and are also involved in various community programs organized by the local Muslim community.

For Muhammad Aidel Mohd Yassin, 24, this opportunity is a truly valuable experience in the pursuit of knowledge and in spreading the message of Islam.

"I am very grateful for this chance. In addition to leading Tarawih prayers, I also deliver short religious talks and help enliven the mosque. It is a great responsibility that must be carried out with full integrity," he said.

Meanwhile, Afif Syahmi Azman admitted to feeling both excited and nervous upon being chosen to lead Tarawih prayers in Japan. "This is my first time experiencing Ramadan abroad. I need to be prepared physically, mentally, and spiritually. More importantly, I want to ensure that the Muslim community here can feel the spirit of Ramadan like in Islamic countries," he explained.

Afif and Aidel are stationed at Shiga Mosque, Higashiyagura, Kusatsu, while Anas Azmi and Wan Muhammad Amiruddin Wan Othman are based at the Japan Da'wah Centre in Osaka. They acknowledged that serving as imams abroad poses a significant challenge but also provides valuable experience in building confidence and skills in delivering Islamic teachings.

"I want to represent USIM internationally and hope that more students will have opportunities like this in the future," Anas expressed.

In addition to leading prayers, they also engage in indirect da'wah by demonstrating good character and sharing Islamic knowledge with Japanese individuals interested in learning about Islam.

"This is a golden opportunity to foster a better understanding of Islam among the Japanese community," said one of the mission participants.

Before departing for Japan, they prepared extensively reinforcing their Quran memorization, reviewing fiqh knowledge, and learning about Japanese culture and language to ease interaction with locals. Besides their duties as imams, they also help prepare iftar and sahur meals for the Muslim community there.

Muhammad Luqman Nurhakim Mustafa, who is undergoing training at the Osaka Islamic Centre, shared that the atmosphere of Ramadan in Japan is vastly different from Malaysia.

"The Muslims here deeply appreciate the presence of imams from abroad because they rarely get to experience the Ramadan ambiance found in Islamic countries. Therefore, we strive our best to enliven the holy month with meaningful activities," he said.

For these students, this experience is not just about contributing during Ramadan, it is an important step in their journey of da'wah and academic growth. They hope such opportunities can be extended to more USIM students in the future.

The mission of these five students clearly proves that USIM students can promote Islam wherever they go. May their experience inspire others to continue serving and advancing Islamic knowledge on a global stage.



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Helmets and Awareness

USIM Strengthens Road Safety Campaign

To raise road safety awareness ahead of the festive season, USIM organized the “Observe Safety, Arrive Safely” Campaign at AEON Mall Nilai on March 25, 2025. The event, which received overwhelming participation from over 200 community members, aimed to promote responsible behavior among road users.

The campaign was organized in collaboration with the Negeri Sembilan Road Transport Department (JPJ), Nilai District Police Headquarters, and the Nilai District Crime Prevention Foundation. Key activities included safety briefings, free vehicle inspections, and distribution of safety brochures to the public.

USIM Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dato’ Ts. Dr. Sharifudin Md Shaarani, expressed appreciation to all strategic partners involved. He emphasized that this campaign is not merely a seasonal reminder, but a continuous effort to promote road safety awareness among the public.

“A total of 60 helmets were distributed through contributions from several parties, and I hope all road users remain courteous, responsible, and cautious while traveling, especially during the journey back to their hometowns,” he said.

“USIM hopes this campaign will help reduce accident rates and ensure a safer trip home for everyone,” he added.

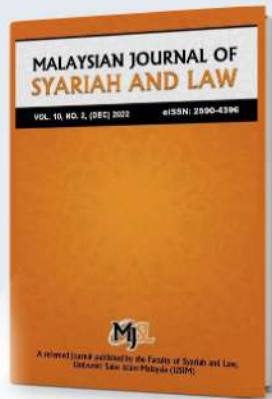
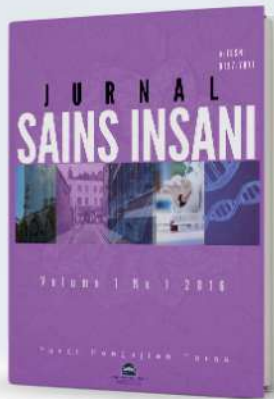
In addition to promoting road safety, the campaign also highlighted crime prevention strategies to help the community stay alert to potential threats. The Nilai District Crime Prevention Foundation shared safety tips, including precautions to take when leaving home during the festive season.

Attendees had the opportunity to engage directly with safety officers

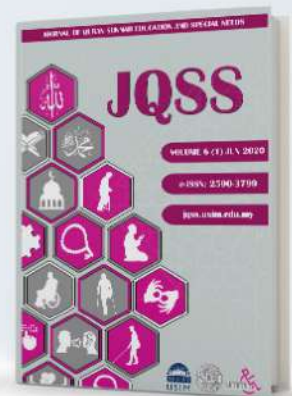
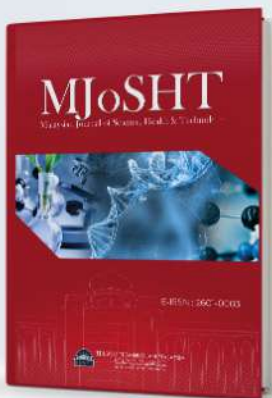
and receive advice on legal compliance and road safety practices. Given the strong response, USIM plans to make this campaign an annual initiative to instill a culture of safety within the community.

The event was also attended by Datuk Segar a/l Raman, Chairman of the Malaysian Crime Prevention Foundation (MCPF) Nilai District; Tuan Hanif Yusabra Yusuf, Director of the Negeri Sembilan Road Transport Department; Mr. Wan Kefli Hamid, Director of the Social Security Organisation (PERKESO) Negeri Sembilan; Superintendent Abdul Malik Hasim, Chief of Nilai District Police; and Ms. Azah Sulaiman, Government Relations Manager of AEON Co. (M) Bhd.’s Corporate Communication Department.





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