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Address by the Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Sarawak

Dearly loved friends,

The Spiritual Assembly would like to wish all the Dayak friends a belated **'Selamat Hari Gawai, Gayu Guru Gerai Nyamai, Lantang Senang dalam semua pengawa.'**

It is such a joy to know that the friends have indeed being able to abstain from alcohol during the Gawai festive season, which has always been celebrated with the consumption of alcoholic drinks by the society at large. The friends have indeed been empowered to undergo a transformation that will later affect the society at large. If our vision is to transform the world, we are now taking the first step of transforming ourselves first.

We would like to share with you all a response from the Universal House of Justice to a message sent by the delegates who assembled in Kuching for the 14th Baha'i National Convention in Kuching:

"The message from your National Convention rejoiced our hearts, and we were greatly pleased to learn of the delegates' focused and purposeful deliberations. It is our ardent hope that the spirit of enthusiasm and dedication engendered at that gathering may spread throughout your Baha'i community, strengthening the resolve of the friends to play their part in advancing the aim of the current series of global Plans. We will offer prayers in the Holy Shrines that their consecrated exertions in the path of the Almighty may be confirmed with manifold victories."

Now we are already entering the second month of the first year of the Five Year Plan. The beloved Universal House of Justice have once again addressed the Baha'ís of the World in their 23 May 2011 letter, wherein they bring us back to the 28 December 2010 message which refers to the unfoldment of the process of growth in a cluster as a result of a single homefront pioneer who enters into meaningful conversation with local residents. The beloved Universal House of Justice reiterates that:

"There is no doubt that the movement of pioneers remains an indispensable feature of the spiritual enterprise which the community of the Most Great Name is engaged. In the next five years, the successful prosecution of the Plan will require the services of several thousands consecrated souls who, spurred on their love for the Blessed Beauty, will forsake their homes to settle in villages, towns and cities in order to raise to 5,000 the number of clusters with programmes of growth. From time to time, the friends are welcome to arise at any time and from any place to settle in any area where they feel they can best contribute to the advancement of the Cause.

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It is the hope of the Universal House of Justice that the believers will arise rank upon rank, with a clarity of vision born of experience and with complete reliance on the confirmation of God, to offer His Life-giving Message to every eager soul, to every receptive population.'

Friends, this is the most recent call of our beloved Supreme Body. Sarawak is indeed fortunate as we have youth who arise every year to give a period of their time to serve as pioneers in areas where their services are needed. Nevertheless, we wish to remind that the Universal House of Justice do not limit the service of pioneering specifically to youth only. Let us seriously give that a thought and think of what arena of service that each and everyone of us can serve in.

Make it a joy and a privilege to serve, an opportunity not to be missed!

With loving greetings,
Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Sarawak.



KUCHING, RIDVAN 2011:-
Participants of the 14th National Convention held at Penview Inn Hotel. And members of the newly elected National Assembly (with the exception of Mr. Tipik Ladi) with member of the Board of Counsellors for Asia, Mr. George Soraya.



ANNOUNCEMENT
FROM THE REGIONAL
BOARD OF THE TRUSTEE
OF THE HUQÚQU'LLÁH FOR
SOUTHEAST ASIA

“The Board would like to draw your attention with regards to the receiving anonymous payment for Huqúqu'lláh. In the Manual for Auditors of 19th January 2010, The Universal House of Justice advised that “no payment to the Huqúqu'lláh Fund should be accepted for which a receipt in the name of the donor is not issued”, hence a payer must be identified on the receipt even if they do not wish to receive the receipt. ... anonymous payment is not acceptable and will be transferred to the International Fund.

