## RAMADHAN 2012 MESSAGE FROM DR ANWARUL GHANI, PRESIDENT OF FIANZ



In the name of Allah, The Most Merciful, The Most Beneficent. May His Peace and Blessing be upon our beloved Prophet Muhammad (Sallalaahu Alaihi Wasallam), his family, companions and all his ummah until the Day of Judgment.

On this auspicious occasion of the holy Month of Ramadhan, I am most pleased to express my heartiest Ramadhan Al-Kareem Mubarak to my fellow Muslim brothers and sisters.

Ramadhan is a month-long fasting for Muslims around the world. It is a month of prayers, charity, forgiveness and protection from hellfire. For Muslims all over the world, the holy month of Ramadhan is of very special importance. From dawn to dusk, observant Muslims abstain from eating, drinking and seeking bodily pleasures. The fasting we observe during Ramadhan is essentially the self purification of our physical body and spirituality.

Ramadhan is marked by a sincere desire to devote ourselves to Almighty Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala, our Creator, for His endless Blessing on us for so many things and for giving us the health and the strength to observe the fast in this Blessed month, perform pious deeds so as to receive more of His Mercy and Bounty. If we observed the fasting with patience, perseverance and sincerity, it is sure to instill discipline and steadfastness in us so that we can continue to perform good deeds for ourselves, our families, our communities and our country.

The onset of Ramadhan means revalidating our common values of tolerance, brotherhood, patience, perseverance and unity for our community. The key messages of selflessness, charity and compassion are true values that will unite Muslims and non-Muslims.

While we enjoy this special time with family and friends, we should also remember our brethren suffering from war and persecution and other calamities around the world. We should be constantly concerned for the deprived and the distressed.

With all sincerity and piety, we thank Allah Azzawajal for His mercy and benevolence showered upon us, and for the opportunity given to us to observe the fast yet again, and may He accept our fasting and good deeds and keep us united on the true path and reward us abundantly. May Ramadhan bring goodwill, peace, tranquility and progress for the entire humanity.

As the new moon is sighted, the Holy month of Ramadhan begins. I pray that Almighty Allah Azzawajal Bless all of you and your family with happiness and grace your home with warmth, peace and prosperity.

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