

# RAMADHAN 2013 MESSAGE



**From Dr Anwarul Ghani, President of FIANZ**

In the name of Allah The Benificent, The Merciful. May His peace and blessing be upon Muhammad (SAW), his family, companions and all the good people until the Day of Judgment.

On this occasion of the Holy Month of Ramadhan, I am most pleased to express my heartiest Ramadhan Mubarak to the Muslim community in New Zealand.

Once again, we thank and praise Allah Almighty for offering us yet another opportunity to fast in this blessed month, perform pious deeds and to receive His Mercy and Bounty. May Allah SWT accept our fasting and good deeds.

For Muslims all over the world, the Holy Month of Ramadan is of very special importance. It is observed throughout the Muslim world with all sanctity and reverence that it demands. It is a time for extra worship and reflection and brotherhood. It inculcates patience, perseverance and everything good about the society.

If we observed the fasting with sincerity and dedication, it is sure to instill discipline and steadfastness in us that will keep us on the straight path for the next 11 months of the year. This month has been declared sacred in the Holy Quran wherein Allah Almighty says:

"O you who believe, fasting is prescribed on you as it was prescribed to those before you so that you may become pious." (Chapter 2 Verse 183). "The prescribed fasting is for a fixed number of days, but whoso among you is sick or on a journey, shall fast the same number of other days; and for those who are able to fast only with great difficulty, is expiation - the feeding of a poor man. And who so does well of his own accord it is better for him. And fasting is good for you, if you only knew". (Chapter 2 Verse 185).

The month of Ramadhan is also about doing good work for society. Muslims are enjoined to do good for their fellow human beings regardless of their faith. Helping the poor and the indigent, bringing relief to the needy and orphans, providing safety for weak members of the society are but few examples of good work.

During this special time, we should also remember our brethrens who suffers from war and persecution and other calamities in this world and sincerely supplicate to Almighty Allah to eradicate their sufferings and bless them with peace and goodness in their life.

Together with our families and friends, let us seize this golden opportunity from the blessed month of Ramadan to improve ourselves spiritually and socially and work towards creating a united, compassionate and just society and interact with our fellow New Zealanders to share the beauty of this blessed month and Islam.

May Allah SWT accept our fastings and bless us all. May He also keep us united and on the right path. Please remember me in your Duas.