



The end of June 2016 marks the coming of Eid Al-Fitr at the end of Ramadan or the month of fasting for the many Muslims worldwide. Living from a predominantly Muslim nation I have been witness to the perseverance of my Muslim friends and colleagues who stoically go about their duties despite not eating from before sunrise to sunset. Some even play squash very energetically with me before settling down for a well deserved rest and a long cool drink as the fasting for the day ends.

The purpose of fasting and celebration is of course to remind Muslims of the Majesty of Allah and his compassion. It is an important event in every Muslim's calendar. For non Muslims such as myself it is also very important as we get the opportunity to partake of our friends and relatives hospitality which is generous to the extreme. The best food is prepared and served on the best crockery by splendidly dressed hosts on open house day. Needless to say it is a day that I greatly look forward to.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Muslim Fellows and friends in Selamat Hari Raya which is the Malaysian greeting for Eid Mubarak or Bayramınız kutlu olsun. May the peace and humility that Muslims experience be shared by all of us



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