

# PROPHETIC LEADERSHIP

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## PREFACE

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

**In the name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.**

Praise be to Allah the Lord of the worlds, and peace and blessings be upon the messenger of Allah (SWT), his family, and his companions.

In difficult times, like the one we have been living through, people look for role models and leaders to get them out of the confusion and misery.

This book started from the project works from the course of Sirah and Early Islamic History, which is one of the courses under the Postgraduate Diploma in Islamic Studies (PGDIS) offered by the Center for Islamisation (CENTRIS). This course deals with some of the important dimensions of the Prophet's (peace and blessings be upon him) biography, prophethood, mission, struggle, and leadership.

Besides the project works of the above course, the book welcomed more contributions from other scholars, and we managed to receive a total of 17 chapters. We make *Dua* that this book will be a beneficial book, not only to IIUM or the Muslim nations but to the whole world.

Editors

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Praise be to Allah (SWT) the Lord of the worlds, and blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad, regarding whom Allah the Almighty said: In the Apostle of Allah there is certainly for you a good exemplar, for those who look forward to Allah and the Last Day and remember Allah greatly. (Al-Ahzab: 21).

قَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِمَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُو اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ  
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## Chapter 15: PROPHETIC LEADERSHIP: QUALITIES AND VALUES

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### Definition of Leadership

Leadership can be defined in various ways, depends on the nature, functions, and aspects of the leadership. Leadership can be referred to as a position, such as the head of an organization who is responsible to lead and manage the team to be effective. Moreover, leadership can be seen as a process which has an ability to guide, organize and influence people to achieve a goals. Also, leadership includes directing and coordinating the work of a team. Based on these definitions, leadership will include the human interaction and behaviour between leader and followers which is affected by several factors such as culture, education and religion.

Another point of view, some Muslim scholars have been given their perspective of leadership in Islam. For example, Ibn Khaldun says: *“One of those people must be a leader who has superiority among them. He is singled out as leader of all the various group feelings, because he is superior to all the others by birth. When he is singled out for (leadership), he is too proud to let others share in his leadership and control or to let them participate in it, because the qualities of haughtiness and pride are innate in human beings”.*

From this statement, Ibn Khaldun mentioned that the leadership during his era was being inherited; it is passed on from one family member to another. Moreover, Ibn Khaldun described the attitude of the leader who is egoistic which can affect the followers.

Prophet Muhammad S.A.W described leader as “shepherd” of a flock, as a caretaker and guardian who occupies position of leadership (Faris and Parry, 2011). For example, a leader during a trip. an leader (imam) for solah, a husband is a leader in the family. As stated by Ibn Omar that the Prophet Muhammad S.A.W mentioned:

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