

The Singapore Mosques Korban Committee (JKMS) is pleased to announce that a total of 3,700 livestock from Australia will be offered for Korban at 25 mosques island-wide for 2017.

Prices of sheep is set at **\$485**.

Registration for Korban 2017 is open from **Tuesday, 11 July 2017** to **Tuesday, 15 August 2017**, while stocks last. Members of the public who wish to perform Korban can register their names at the 25 mosques listed in **Annex A**.

Please refer to these FAQs regarding Korban 2017.

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### **What can I expect if I register for Korban through JKMS?**

The service offered by JKMS through the Approved Korban Vendor (AKV) comes with some guarantees:

#### **Quality of Animal**

If the animal is found to be small or suffering from any abnormalities, it can be replaced at no additional cost.

#### **Security of Payment**

Should a crisis occur, the Sohibul Korban can obtain a full refund of the sum paid.

#### **Compliance to Standards**

The AKV is regulated and has to strictly comply with the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA)'s regulations so as to maintain internationally accepted animal welfare and food hygiene standards.

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### **Will there be enough livestock to meet the demand for Korban in 2016?**

The number of animals imported for Korban in Singapore for previous years are:

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of livestock imported</b>
2011	4,050
2012	2,500
2013	2,500
2014	3,500
2015	3,700
2016	3,500
<b>2017</b>	<b>3,700</b>

This year, JKMS through the AKV will supply 3,700 livestock for Korban. This is expected to meet local demand by *jemaah*, which has also been supplemented by other alternative channels, e.g. carrying out Korban overseas and in the region as well as internationally, helping to ease humanitarian suffering overseas.

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### **Why are there only one source of livestock this year?**

Since 2013, JKMS has been exploring alternative sources of livestock as part of its risk management plans for korban rites. JKMS has conducted trial imports of livestock from Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA) approved countries, Ireland and Canada. JKMS has evaluated the trials and concluded that these alternative sources are less viable as compared to our traditional source of livestock from Australia due to longer freight times.

For 2017, JKMS has decided to import from a single source, Australia. JKMS will continue to work closely with AVA to ensure continuity of the korban ritual.

Separately, JKMS has explored the option of performing the ritual overseas in the case of total disruption of supply.

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### **How is the price of the animal determined?**

There are 5 main contributing factors:

- (a) selling price of animal from the farm source
- (b) air freight
- (c) local logistics and transportation
- (d) operating costs at mosques
- (e) Goods and Service Tax

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### **Is this the price of overseas livestock that we can expect in the future?**

We will continue to work with suppliers to provide economies of scale and ensure the best price.

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### **In lieu of high Korban costs, is JKMS considering importing livestock from the SEA region?**

If there are suppliers who are able to meet the export conditions of the country of origin and meet the conditions and meet AVA's import condition of livestock into Singapore, JKMS will consider this option.

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### **How can we be sure that Korban is done annually in Singapore?**

The act of performing Korban is *sunnah* and is highly encouraged. By performing it locally, *jemaah* are able to witness the rites and reflect on the meaning and lessons behind the rites

together with their family. In addition, he is able to celebrate the *gotong-royong* spirit (spirit of togetherness) at the mosques, partake in acts of compassionate giving by sharing the meat with his neighbours and less fortunate families. This will in turn uphold the virtues and teachings of Islam here in Singapore.

We are confident that our *niat* (intention) to hold annual Korban in Singapore will be protected through the community's support and understanding. JKMS will continue to facilitate supply of livestock for the Korban and is working closely with the AVA on this aspect.

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<p><b>Masjid Omar Salmah</b> 441-B Jalan Mashhor Singapore 299173 Tel: 6250 0120</p>	<p><b>Masjid Jamae Chulia</b> 218 South Bridge Road Singapore 058767 Tel: 6221 4165</p>	<p><b>Masjid Kampung Siglap</b> 451 Marine Parade Road Singapore 449283 Tel: 6243 7060</p>	<p><b>Masjid Assyakirin</b> 550 Yung An Road Singapore 618617 Tel: 6268 1846</p>	<p><b>Masjid En-Naeem</b> 120 Tampines Road Singapore 535136 Tel: 6287 9225</p>	<p><b>Masjid Darul Makmur</b> 950 Yishun Ave 2 Singapore 769099 Tel: 6752 1402</p>
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			<p><b>Masjid Hang Jebat</b> 100 Jalan Hang Jebat Singapore 139533 Tel: 6471 0728</p>	<p><b>Masjid Haji Yusoff</b> 2 Hillside Drive Singapore 548920 Tel: 6284 5459</p>	<p><b>Masjid Assyafaah</b> 1 Admiralty Lane Singapore 757620 Tel: 6756 3008</p>
			<p><b>Masjid Al-Khair</b> 1 Teck Whye Crescent Singapore 688847 Tel: 6760 1139</p>		<p><b>Masjid Ahmad Ibrahim</b> 15 Jalan Ulu Seletar Singapore 769227 Tel: 6454 0848</p>