

Pemimpin Agama: Model Ejen Pelaksana Dialog Antara Agama di Malaysia

Religious Leader: Model Agent for Inter-Faith Dialogue Implementation in Malaysia

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Abstrak

Pemimpin Agama merupakan kumpulan yang paling penting dalam memastikan pelaksanaan dialog antara agama berjalan dengan lancar sama ada dialog luaran komuniti (inter-dialogue) mahupun dialog dalaman komuniti (intra-dialogue) terutama dalam konteks dialog penyelesaian konflik. Walaubagaimanapun dalam konteks Malaysia kumpulan Pemimpin Agama yang seharusnya berperanan sebagai ejen dalam konteks penyelesaian konflik tidak wujud dan dialog antara agama yang berperanan sebagai platform untuk berbincang secara serius dan mendalam berkaitan isu antara agama tidak berlaku. Maka kesannya, isu-isu hubungan antara agama tidak pernah surut bahkan ada di antaranya berulang semenjak tahun 80 an lagi. Oleh itu berdasarkan kajian-kajian model dialog di peringkat antarabangsa didapati kumpulan pemimpin agama sangat relevan dan signifikan untuk menjadi ejen dialog penyelesaian konflik. Maka dengan berdasarkan kajian-kajian tersebut penulis membangunkan satu model di mana kumpulan pemimpin agama dijadikan ejen utama dalam pelaksanaan dialog antara agama dalam konteks

Malaysia dengan mengenalpasti kualiti dan ciri-ciri utama berdasarkan empat rasional iaitu (a) Rasional Normatif (*Normative Rational*), (b) Rasional Sumber Maklumat (*Resources Rational*), (c) Rasional aspek Pentadbiran (*Governance Rational*) dan (d) Rasional Ejen Penyatuan (*Integrative Rational*). Data awal dikumpul melalui edaran Soal Selidik terhadap dua kumpulan responden Pemimpin Agama Islam dan Kristian iaitu menggunakan kaedah Persampelan Bertujuan (Purposive Sampling) iaitu seramai 73 orang kesemuanya. Dari segi analisa data kajian menggunakan Kaedah Perbandingan Tetap (*Fixed Comparative Method*) dan Kaedah Analisis Matriks (*Matrix Analysis Method*) dan huraian adalah bersifat deskriptif. Hasil utama yang diperolehi adalah, kualiti dan ciri-ciri utama yang perlu ada dalam kalangan pemimpin agama untuk diangkat sebagai ejen pelaksana dialog antara agama di Malaysia bersama gabungan Empat Rasional berdasarkan kajian antarabangsa adalah, (1) Berilmu (*Knowledgeable*): terutama dalam memahami dan mengaplikasi konsep dialog antara agama. (2) Berpengalaman (*Well Experienced*): terutama

dalam aktiviti dialog antara agama. (3) Personaliti yang baik (*Good Personality –Religious*): terutama mempunyai tahap keagamaan yang tinggi terhadap agama yang dianuti. (4) Mempunyai Hubungan Sosial yang baik(*Good Relationship Building*): terutama mampu membina hubungan yang baik dalam konteks masyarakat plural seperti di Malaysia.

Katakunci: Pemimpin Agama, Model Dialog Antara Agama

Abstract

Religious leader is a vital part in ensuring well implementation of inter-faith dialogue be it external (inter-dialogue) or internal (intra-dialogue) particularly those aiming to resolve conflicts. However, the role of religious leader as agent of conflict resolution within the Malaysian context does not exist, and inter-faith dialogue supposedly serves as discussion platform also share the same fate. An immediate impact was the unending inter-religious issues and some prolonged cases even from the 80's. Following research of dialogue model initiated at international level, it was found that religious leader has profound significant and particularly relevant to serve as agent of dialogue towards conflicts resolution. Through those research, the authors developed a model focussing on religious leaders as agent of inter-faith dialogue implementation in Malaysia. The authors identified expected qualities and features of religious leaders from four basis: (a) normative rationale, (b) resources rationale, (c) governance rationale, and (d) integrative rationale. Data gathered uses purposive sampling from questionnaire distributed to 73 respondents consisting of two groups, religious leaders of Islam and Christianity. The authors' employs fixed comparative method and matrix analysis in analysing research data, while its composition is descriptive in nature. Regarding the qualities and characteristics expected from religious leaders to become agent of inter-faith dialogue in Malaysia (accompanied with the four basis stated earlier) the main findings were, (1) knowledgeable: understanding and applying the concept of inter-faith dialogue, (2) well-experienced: active participation in inter-faith dialogue activities, (3) good personality-religious: good religiosity, (4) good relationship building: ability to cultivate good relation with Malaysia's plural society.

Keywords: Religious Leader, Model of Interfaith Dialogue.

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