

## Halal entrepreneurship from *Maqasid-al-Sharia'h* perspective: inseparable concept for *Halalpreneurs*

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### Abstract

Entrepreneurship has become one of the vital activities for economic development. It is synonymous with job creation, innovation, improvement in the societal well-being and economic growth in developed and developing countries alike. There is great interest in entrepreneurship globally as well as in Malaysia. Over the past few years, many individuals, as well as families, are actively engaged with the small business. Also, in light of the 2013 GEM study, 12.7% of Americans are effectively occupied with beginning a business or are the proprietor/director of a business that is under three years of age. Simultaneously, the Halal industry, that represents the global Islamic economy, is the fastest-growing market in the world with \$2.3 trillion market value. Halal entrepreneurs (*Halalpreneurs*) are the major contributors to this achievement as they constitute a significant portion of the total establishment in most of the Muslim countries. That is the reason Entrepreneurship has turned into a conventional term that depicts a wide range of practices that include being innovative, devilish and tricky. Entrepreneurship has been defined by many scholars, researchers, industry players, and academicians globally which have also been perceived in the same way by most of the economies around the world. However, the Islamic economy looks at the concept of '*entrepreneurship*' in a different way and perceives it as '*Halalpreneurship*'. To define entrepreneurship in the halal industry, although, the term '*Halalpreneurship*' is being used, surprisingly the term has not been defined properly yet. It is essential for the Muslim entrepreneurs to have a proper understanding of *Halalpreneurship* from *Maqasid-al-Shariah* perspective. Such point of view is crucial to justify the term in the Halal industry and differentiate from conventional entrepreneurs. On this context, this paper provides concept and definition of *Halalpreneurship* justifying from the perspective of *Maqasid-al-Sharia'h*. It also identifies the differences between *Halalpreneurs* and entrepreneurs using secondary resources available in the forms of literature, research papers, journal papers, articles, conference papers, online publications, etc. The findings of the study will clarify the concept of *Halalpreneurship* from *Maqasid-al-Sharia'h* perspective and recognize *Halalpreneurs* distinguished from conventional entrepreneurs.

## 1. Introduction

Islam bases its communities on principles that distinguish it from other systems. Islam integrates construction and laying the sound foundations: contractual, economic, political and social. All of them are a coherent and cohesive structure that helps the community to achieve the best results. The Qur'an not only permits but encourages business, trading, and entrepreneurship. For Muslims, business and entrepreneurship are considered to be the high esteem as it was also the profession of the Prophet (PBUH) (Solaiman and Yasmin, 2012). Entrepreneurship has been defined by

many scholars, researchers, and organizations because of its significant contribution to the economy and society. Simultaneously, it has been explained from a different perspective by different researchers to integrate high standards of ethics because of some big financial scandals, recently (Oukil, 2013). Interestingly, Emami and Nazari (2012) argued that entrepreneurs who have higher faith and commitment to their religion are more ethical in their business conduct. However, all these ethical guidelines and business conduct behavior in entrepreneurship have been revealed in Islam 1400 years back through the Prophet (PBUH). All it requires is to do some critical investigation and analysis of the different source of

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Islamic law. Every business activity for any economy are based on three concepts in Islam, namely livelihood (*al-rizq*), permissible (*Halal*), and prohibited (*Haram*) which are also founded by the five objectives of *Maqasid-al-Shariah* (Faizal et al., 2013). Global halal industry, which also represents the global Islamic economy, has been identified as the fastest-growing market in the global economy as the consumers around the world are becoming aware of the concept 'halal' which is not anymore confined to food only (Thomson Reuters, 2018). The industry is growing at 20% per year estimating a value of US\$560 billion (Elasrag, 2016). As of 2017, the total estimated value of the global halal market was US\$4.54 trillion and expected to reach US\$9.71 trillion by 2025 (Thomson Reuters, 2018). The joining of moral qualities alongside religious qualities opens up the limit of the halal industry from 2.8 billion Muslim shoppers to non-Muslim customer also around the globe.

Therefore, it is the essence of time for all entrepreneurs, especially Muslim entrepreneurs, to know the concept of *Halalpreneurship* and looking into it through *Maqasid-al-Shariah* perspective. Such point of view of *Halalpreneurship* explains how *Halalpreneurs* differ from conventional entrepreneur, what, how and for whom to produce in the economy, who are the stakeholders, what are the motivations, and what is the scope of knowledge in *Halalpreneurship*? On this regard, the aim of this paper is to investigate the history of entrepreneurship in Islam and clarifies the concept and definition of *Halalpreneurship*. Another objective is to justify *Halalpreneurship* through *Maqasid-al-Shariah* perspective as an inseparable concept for *Halalpreneurs*. Simultaneously, it tries to differentiate *Halalpreneurs* from conventional entrepreneurs by examining the different aspects of entrepreneurship from *Maqasid-al-Shariah* view. This paper fulfills the urgent demand of the global Halal industry, as stated in the report Thomson Reuters (2018), clarifying the concept and definition of *Halalpreneurship* which will help the business ventures in the Halal industry differentiate themselves from conventional entrepreneurs. This perspective will motivate them to subscribe for more halal business and contribute to the Islamic economy. It can also be useful for policymakers providing effective and suitable policies to develop training programs on *Halalpreneurship*, halal marketing and other areas of Halal industry.

## 2. Methodology

To achieve the objectives of this paper, content analysis was adopted. The content analysis comprised of an extensive literature review from previous studies that

comprised of a research paper, thesis, journal articles, books, explanation of Al-Quran and Hadith, online articles, and secondary data from different statistical website and research papers.

Adopting the methodology, as mentioned above, the following sections of the paper start with reviewing the literature on the definition of entrepreneurship and *Halalpreneurship* followed by the review of *Halalpreneurship* from *Maqasid-al-Shariah* perspective. Additionally, before drawing the conclusion, the paper discusses the differences between *Halalpreneurs* and entrepreneurs by reviewing literature from different aspects.

## 3. Review on definition

To achieve the objectives of the study this part of this paper reviews the works of literature to provide a comprehensive definition of *Halalpreneurship* or halal entrepreneurship. It starts with reviewing the conventional definition of entrepreneurship in brief followed by reviewing the definition of *Halalpreneurship*.

### 3.1 Entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship stems from the originates from the French word *entreprendre* signifying 'to embrace or to take in one's very own hands. Business enterprise can be depicted as a procedure of activity a business person attempts to build up his venture. It is a creative activity that is based on the ability to create and establish something from nearly nothing. Entrepreneurs are risk-takers who react to opportunities, bear uncertainty and balance the supply and demand in the specific market (Kuratko, 2016). As per Peter Drucker, Entrepreneurship is characterized as 'a methodical advancement, which comprises in the deliberate and sorted outlook for changes, and it is the orderly examination of the open doors such changes may offer for financial and social development.' The field of entrepreneurship is likewise characterized by Shane and Venkataraman (2000) as the investigation of chances to make future item and administrations including the methodology, the general population in control and what is being delivered. Rindova et al. (2009) have characterized business entrepreneurship as the endeavors to achieve novel cultural, social, monetary and institutional conditions through the activities of an individual or gathering of individuals. Low and MacMillan (1988), Gartner, (1988) and Lumpkin and Dess, (1996) defined entrepreneurship as the creation of new enterprises or organizations. Entrepreneurship may also mean taking advantage of opportunities by novel combinations of resources in ways which affect the marketplace. This is regardless of

the resources that the entrepreneurs are controlling.

The word 'entrepreneur' immediately conjures up images of business icons like Steve Jobs or Bill Gates. While these rich, famous and successful individuals can be inspirational for some, most of us would find it difficult to associate our own lives, personalities or abilities with them. Business Dictionary characterizes enterprise as the limit and eagerness to create, compose and deal with a business adventure alongside any of its dangers so as to make a benefit. In Investopedia, an entrepreneur is a person who, as opposed to filling in as a worker, establishes and maintains a private company, expecting every one of the dangers and prizes of the endeavor. The business entrepreneurship is normally observed as a trend-setter, a wellspring of new thoughts, products, administrations, and business/or methods. Also, in financial matters, business enterprise joined with the land, work, regular assets, and capital can deliver a benefit (Schaper et al., 2011).

It has been realized from the above reviews of entrepreneurship that the definition is more or less similar. The conventional entrepreneurs are more focused on market demand and supply while taking risk and uncertainty (Kuratko, 2016). They intend to make social development deliberately without considering the specific need and specific target consumer i.e. focused on making a profit (definition of Peter Drucker, and Shane and Venkataraman). Additionally, entrepreneurs are to take the advantages of available resources only while affecting the market in case of scarcity of the resources (Lumpkin and Gartner definition). Moreover, scholars have tried to make ethical integration to the definition for entrepreneurs to become honest, socially responsible, and not to focus making profit only by any means (Emami, 2012; Oukil, 2013). Therefore, the following look into the definition of *Halalpreneurship* to see the differences from the conventional one.

### 3.2 Halalpreneurship

*Halalpreneurship* is holistic in Islam entails entrepreneurship as an element that is not separated from Islam. *Halalpreneurship* is the entrepreneurship that is within *Shari'ah's scope (Aqidah, Fiqh, Akhlaq)* so that its activities are not alienated from obligations in Islam. *Halalpreneurship* includes the role of the human being as a *Khalifah* (Caliph) in the world, to develop and prosper the world; means the activities of entrepreneurship should contribute to the good and prosperity of society, *Ummah* and humanity.

*Halalpreneurship* is a recently created idea that joins halal advancement to business exercises that are executed as *halalpreneurial* activities. It includes the

majority of the capacities, exercises, and activities related to the view of chances and formation of associations to seek after them. The halal innovative procedure is a complex phenomenon; be that as it may, this procedure is significant in comprehension *halalpreneurial* development.

*Halalpreneurship* is an essential part of the Islamic religion. Moreover, it is considered as *jihad fi sabilillah* (done in earnest in order to uphold the teachings of Islam and elevate its symbol), to be a source of livelihood to the community (produce goods, provide services, create jobs, eradicate poverty, eradicate social, criminal and all wrongdoing. On top of that, worship and righteous deeds are deeds to bridge the relationship between mankind and Allah *Subhanahu Wa Taala (SWT)* (Kedah et al., 2015).

Imam Al-Ghazali has written in his *Ihya Ulum al-Din*:

*It is compulsory upon every Muslim who is involved with it (business and trading), to study the laws of buying and selling because the seeking of knowledge is a duty upon every Muslim. When we say the seeking knowledge is such a duty, we also mean knowledge of all those affairs of trade and business. Those in service and employment should know the laws applying to them and those who work for a living should know the laws (as related to them), no matter what occupation he is in. In such a way, they will become aware of the things which cause their acts to be illegal according to the shari'a; and they will be able to avoid these acts. When there are some rare or uncommon cases or instances which one does not know whether is halal or haram, one should not act upon it until such time he has the opportunity to inquire the matter from the learned scholars (of Islam).*

From the above quotation it is very clear about the ethical and moral responsibilities prescribed in Islam for any Muslim entrepreneur (*Halalpreneur*). Moreover, it is the consensus of the Muslim scholars that is not permissible for a Muslim person to start an affair until he or she identifies what Allah has obtained in the matter. This is also applicable for those who would like to be engaged in business and trading, or accept an offer from an employer, which to make a loan or invest. *Halal* earnings bring the love of *Allah SWT*, enlightenment, knowledge, righteous thoughts, courage and attentiveness. A *Halalpreneur* is supposed to take care of these matters in his/her *Halalpreneurship*.

Additionally, *Halalpreneurship* also avoids any matter which is *haram* (not permissible) in Islam. *Halalpreneurs* perceive the *haram* (prohibited) earnings as irreligiousness, bring overwhelmed by one's own

desire, the absence of courage and destruction of one's faith in Allah SWT. It is mentioned in Al-Quran-

*“O you who have believed, fear Allah and give up what remains [due to you] of interest if you should be believers”.* (Al-Qur'an, 2: 278)

From the above reviewed works of literature, references from Quran and Hadith, and quotation of Islamic scholars, the concept of *Halalpreneurship* is well defined and understood, which was the first objective of this study. The following section looks into this concept of *Halalpreneurship* from *maqasid-al-Shariah* perspective.

#### 4. Review of *Halalpreneurship* from *Maqasid-al-Shariah* perspective

As section-3 provides the definition and a clear concept of *Halalpreneurship*, this section of the paper tries to look *Halalpreneurship* from the perspective of *Maqasid al Shariah*. Firstly, it reviews on *Maqasid al Shariah* and its objectives. Secondly, a short review of Halal and Haram is done. And finally, the definition of *Halalpreneurs* is provided based on the literature and interpretations.

##### 4.1 *Maqasid-al-Shariah*

*Halalpreneurship* is the profession of earning a livelihood, living life on earth, and serving the whole ummah while representing oneself as a good Muslim. On this regard, *Halalpreneurs* must know the rulings of Islam and the objectives of these rulings. The Arabic word *Maqasid* [singular *maqsid*] implies the meaning of objectives or purposes and when it refers to *Shari'ah* [*Maqasid Al Shari'ah*] it specifically means the goals and purposes of *Shari'ah* (ibn Ashur, 2006).

Most Muslim researchers are of the assessment that a definitive goal [*Maqasid Shari'ah*] which are a need [*daruriyyah*] for humankind to have the option to live calmly in this world, as per al-Quran and al-Sunnah, incorporate five fundamental zones:

1. **Protection of Religion**-the leader must be able to pay attention to all the needs and financial support for all religion, not only Islam, and provide and protect their rights to practice their ritual. This is applied to develop a Muslim-friendly ecosystem.
2. **Protection of Life**- In Islam, homicide is not permitted. The same applied to not consume or produce harmful products and goods.

*“And do not kill the soul which Allah has forbidden, except by right. And whoever is killed unjustly - We have given his heir authority but let him not exceed*

*limits in [the matter of] taking life. Indeed, he has been supported [by the law]”.* (Al-Qur'an, 17: 33)

3. **Protection of Lineage or Offspring**- Islam strongly recommend people to get married. It also prohibits any sexual relationship before marriage. This applies during traveling where Muslim-friendly tourism comes into action.
4. **Protection of Intellect or Faculty of Reason, and, lastly**- Any material that might damage the brain and intellectual ability is totally prohibited in Islam, like intoxicant and alcohol. The same applies to produce and trading with them.
5. **Protection of Material Wealth or Property**- Islam liberates people to seek their wealth in a positive manner. Therefore, there are few unjust transactions that have been prohibited in Islam such as usury (*riba*). Also, there is exacting discipline for the individuals who take somebody's property.

*“Allah destroys interest and gives increase for charities. And Allah does not like every sinning disbeliever”.* (Al-Qur'an, 2: 276)

Besides having a clear understanding and knowledge of *Maqasid Shari'ah*, *Halalpreneurs* should also know about what is permissible (*halal*) and what is not permissible (*haram*) while conducting their businesses.

##### 4.2 *Halal and haram*

**Halal**-or in some contexts '*Halalan*'- is an Arabic word which means “permissible”, “legal” or “allowed”. Prescribed as a guideline for Muslims to observe in their daily practice, the concept of *halal* or permissibility includes all aspects of justice and equality for all, including acceptability by non-Muslims.

**Tayyib**-or in some contexts '*Tayyiban*'- means good, wholesome or safe. Muslims are obliged to consume safe and non-harmful goods.

*“O you who have believed, do not prohibit the good things which Allah has made lawful to you and do not transgress. Indeed, Allah does not like transgressors (87). And eat of what Allah has provided for you [which is] lawful and good. And fear Allah, in whom you are believers (88).”* (Al-Qur'an, 5: 87–88)

*Haram* is the antonym to Halal. The word *haram* means ‘prohibited’ and ‘unlawful’. In business conduct, any activity that includes *Haram* foods or ingredients is prohibited to every Muslim including that product or service. While deciding on halal and haram for anything there are certain principles in Islam. For example, Natural permissibility of things created by GOD (*Allah SWT*), unless explicitly forbidden; The decision of *halal* and *haram* is the right of *Allah SWT* (Al-Qur'an, 5: 87–

88); What is *halal* is enough and what is *haram* is redundant; Islam does not limit the Muslim's options, instead it makes wider choices and alternatives. For instance, *Allah SWT* prohibits *riba* (usury) but encourages the profitable trade; Falsely representing *haram* as *halal* is prohibited (Sahih al-Bukhari, 5590); Good intention does not make the *haram* acceptable (Sunan Abi Dawud, 59); Doubtful (*shubhah*) should be avoided as mentioned in the *Hadith* (Jami` at-Tirmidhi, 1205) that is highlighted earlier in this section; Compelling necessity (*darurah*) dictates exception; Islam is not unmindful to the necessities of life, to their magnitude, nor to human weakness and capacity to face them. Therefore, on the occasion of necessity, the prohibition is removed to suit the situation (Al-Qur'an, 2: 173).

Now, that the objectives of *Maqasid Shari'ah*, as well as *halal* and *haram*, have been explained, entrepreneurs can be defined as *Halalpreneurs* while fulfilling the *Shariah* requirements and other Halal standards, which are also set in line with *Shariah*, for respective countries.

#### 4.3 Halalpreneurs

Based on the reviewed works of literature and analogy of different references from Quran and Hadith as mentioned earlier sections of this paper, it can be asserted that any Muslim entrepreneur who produces goods and services that follow and comply with *Maqasid-al-Shari'ah* is known as *Halalpreneurs*. However, Non-Muslim entrepreneurs are allowed to be *Halalpreneurs* by Islamic scholars based on *maslahah* 'Public Interest' for the benefit of *Ummah* and mankind, if they comply with the *Sahri'ah* laws in the products and services provided.

*Halalpreneurs* are 'khalifah' and have the responsibilities to develop prosperity and see business as part of 'ibadah' or good deed through the fulfillment of *fardhu kifayah* (communal obligation). While the Western business person is driven towards enterprise for the most part independent from anyone else intrigue and the longing for individual benefit, the Muslim business visionary begins a business with the expectation of satisfying The Almighty *Allah SWT* (Kedah et al., 2015).

In other words, a *Halalpreneur* regards his or her activities as *ibadah* in the frame of earning a *halal* living, as declared in Surah Al-Juma'ah:

*O you who have believed, when [the adhan] is called for the prayer on the day of Jumu'ah [Friday], then proceed to the remembrance of Allah and leave trade. That is better for you if you only knew (9). And when the*

*prayer has been concluded, disperse within the land and seek from the bounty of Allah, and remember Allah often that you may succeed (10).* (Al-Qur'an, 62: 9-10)

This encourages Muslims to be engaged in business and trading while not neglecting the *ibadah*. Hence, the guiding principles of *Halalpreneurs* are from the Al-Quran and Hadith that are in coordination with the five objectives of *Maqasid-al-Shari'ah*. The first objective of Protecting the Religion can be addressed by coming up with ideas, products, and services that facilitate the practice of religion, calling to it, teaching it, providing freedom of religion and other incentives for proper spiritual development (Kayed and Hassan, 2011).

*Halalpreneurs* aims to achieve the second objective by enhancing human life, protecting it, avoiding harmful or toxic products. Simultaneously, Protection of Lineage or Offspring can be addressed by encouraging marriage, forbidding haram relationships, selecting a healthy family to minimize dangerous diseases, healthy upbringing. *Halalpreneurs* can also play a significant role in the development of education, the prohibition of intoxicant and alcohols that might damage the brain and intellectual ability. Finally, Protection of Material Wealth or Property- To be preserved and enriched through opening alternative sustainable ways for its generation, utilization, distribution and growth on one hand and also blocking means that hinder its generation, circulation, consumption, and growth. The entrepreneur focuses on the profit and the county law in the practice of their business. The five pillars are not propriety, nor in the description of the scope. While on the other hand, *Halalpreneurs* must fulfill these pillars first for their products or services to be *halal*.

The concept of and definition of both *Halalpreneurship* and *Halalpreneur* have been explained till this point of this paper. Moreover, a close observation of the concept *Halalpreneur* was also made from the perspective of *Maqasid-al-Sharia'h*. The following section provides more understanding of *Halalpreneurship* by identifying the differences from conventional entrepreneurs and stating the characteristics of *Halalpreneurs*.

#### 5. Halalpreneurs VS entrepreneurs

The holistic characteristics and objectives of *Halalpreneurs* make them unique and different from entrepreneurs. With the differentiated motives and aims, *Halalpreneurs* are expected to manage their venture successfully and demonstrate a better performance regarding trust and belief towards Islam (Hamid and Sa'ari, 2011). *Halalpreneurs* can be deviated raising a number of questions; such as, what to produce, how to

produce, for whom to produce, what are the motivations, and what are the personal characteristics of *Halalpreneurs*?

### 5.1 What to produce

Entrepreneurs offer and produce what people want and make profits, while on the other hand, *Halalpreneurs* produce what is permissible (*halal*) by *Shari'ah* and is needed by humanity. Goods and services are based on product priorities such as necessities, comfort, luxury, not harmful and non-haram. In other words, *Halalpreneurs* produce what complies with *Maqasid-al-Shari'ah* priorities and classifications:

*Daruriyyat* (essentials): Required and considered as essential for the establishing of prosperity in this world and the Hereafter.

*Hajiyyat* (needs): Serve as complementary to the essentials. Without the needs, people will face hardship. Nonetheless, non-presence of the requirements won't make total disturbance of the typical request of life.

*Tahsiniyyat* (embellishments): Relate to matters which bestow enhancement in the society and guide to an improved life.

*Mubahat* (Luxury): It is not prohibited but not a basic need cannot be own by everyone

*Haram* (prohibited): It is not allowed and should not be produced nor consumed.

For instance, a *halalpreneur* cannot be selling wine and anyone who does is deported from the mercy of Allah SWT.

### 5.2 How to produce

Entrepreneurs seek efficiency and productivity in their production line. They desire maximized profits and any cost and using any approach. On the other side, we see the awakened soul in the *Halalpreneurs*, as they do not approach the *haram* product nor the process to make it. They, however, can naturally aim to maximize their profit. In other words, the process of production and generating the income and the profit must be *halal*. This is where we can distinguish the two categories. This is certainly by complying to *Halalan Tayyiban* Concept and Standards. For instance:

The item does not contain any parts or results of creatures that are non-halal to Muslims or results of creatures which are not butchered by *Shari'ah*.

During its planning, handling, bundling, stockpiling or transportation, the item is physically isolated from whatever another item that does not meet the prerequisites of *Shari'ah*.

*Halalpreneurs* decide how to produce efficiently keeping in view their profit and motive. Resources are plentiful. If the resources are scarcity, it is either ill-advised utilization of assets, unequal dissemination of assets, or absence of learning.

That is why *Halalpreneur* should have the proper knowledge in both *Shari'ah* and business to be able to operate efficiently. The Prophet (PBUH) said,

"A time will come when one will not care how one gains one's money, legally or illegally." (Sahih al-Bukhari 2067)

### 5.3 For whom to produce

The target customer or serving consumer for *Halalpreneurs* is an important aspect to differentiate from entrepreneurs. Entrepreneurs offer their services and products based on the market's demand. There is no particular group to be served as long as the profit is obtained in the process. *Halalpreneurs* on the other hand, have the view of production to fulfill human needs to discover new horizons and uncover new opportunities for the benefit of humankind. A *Halalpreneur* realizes that his or her prime duty and responsibility is to distinguish between what is *halal* and what is *haram* as determined by *Shari'ah*. Only *halal* good, therefore, can be produced. By complying *Maqasid-al-Shari'ah* priorities, everyone in the society is provided with basic needs by the state, and *Halalpreneurs* shall provide goods and services according to product priorities such as necessities, comfort, and luxury. However, as innovative and creative individuals, *Halalpreneurs* should not focus on luxury goods and services before covering the needs of Muslim *Ummah* and Humanity.

In 1955, Ray Kroc established the McDonald's® Corporation and opened the primary café in Des Plaines, Illinois. Today, there are more than 33,000 McDonald's® cafés in 119 nations. Ray Kroc kicked the bucket in 1984 yet his heritage is particularly alive. His example of overcoming adversity proceeds with McDonald's® groups of workers, franchisees, and suppliers. His responsibility, devotion, and accomplishments keep on living on at McDonald's® cafés over the world. In 1995, McDonald's® is the primary Quick Service Restaurant in Malaysia to get the Halal Certification from JAKIM. And in 2016, Saudi Arabia's Lionhorn Pte Ltd becomes the owner of McDonald's® Malaysia through the McDonald's® Developmental Licensee franchising structure. Although the owner was non-Muslim, the restaurant chain is Halal-certified and is a good example of *Halalpreneurship*, providing food for all levels in society.

#### 5.4 What are the motivations

The conventional entrepreneur is seeking profit before everything else. Though profit maximizing is not forbidden in Islam, profit is not the main motive of *Halalpreneurs*. *Halalpreneurs* should look for God's favor over every other factor. A *Halalpreneur* performs business isn't exclusively for the benefit, yet most importantly, to satisfy the 'fardhu kifayah'. Subsequently, *Halalpreneurs* ought to vary from different business people in their thought processes and points. It is trusted that on the off chance that they can deal with their business effectively, they ought to likewise have great execution as far as confidence and conviction towards *Allah SWT*, as they are aiming for *al-Falah* in the hereafter (Soltanian et al., 2016). Business in Islam is exceptionally respected, and Islam gives the motivators as well as the helpful system for financial and enterprise advancement in the light of the elucidation of the Qur'anic refrain and on the numerous customs of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). *Allah SWT* says:

“And We have made for you therein means of living and [for] those for whom you are not providers.” (*Al-Qur'an*, 15:20)

#### 5.5 Who are the stakeholders

In the conventional entrepreneurship, stakeholders include the supply chain: owners, suppliers, manufacturers, workers, financiers, customers, community and the whole nation affected. Islam looks at the ownership differently from either capitalism or socialism. For instance, in capitalism, there is unrestricted private ownership of property that leads to monopolies. While socialism has no private ownership at all.

From the perspective of *Maqasid-al-Shari'ah*, Islam protects the right of property without interference with the good of community '*maslahah*' and while the property is achieved in a *halal* way. Having said that, the concept of stakeholders in Islam recognized that everything belongs to *Allah SWT* and He distributed the wealth and prosperity among His creatures with wisdom and reasoning that we, human, do not understand. And as *khalifah*, we are entrusted to manage and develop the resources that *Allah SWT* has created and offered according to the *Maqasid-al-Shari'ah*. In this context, stakeholders in *Halalpreneurship* are the same as the conventional one, with the focus of all holders being under the umbrella of the provision of *Allah SWT*. Therefore, *Halalpreneurs* here is fulfilling the '*fardhu kifayah*' by serving the *ummah* and humanity and provide extra attention to all details of the supply chain from manufacturing to the end products with the *Ihsan*.

#### 5.6 Characteristics of Halalpreneurs

A number of religious, moral and ethical characteristics, that are developed from the Islamic values, significantly distinguishes *Halalpreneurs* from entrepreneurs. Firstly, *Takwa* is the most important attribute of *Halalpreneurs* that lead them towards success making lots of profits through their business activities. In line with this faith, *Halal* becomes the first priority for *Halalpreneurs*. As Allah recommends consuming *Halal* (Al Quran 5:88) as well as earn *Halal* (Al-Quran 2:168). *Halalpreneurs* are also expected to behave responsibly both for consumption and expense as business activities are influenced by the prescription of not wasting by Allah (Al-Quran 7:31). Another characteristic of *Halalpreneurs* was mentioned by Faizal et al. (2013) in his study is to prioritize worship to *Allah SWT* which was also identified Sadeq (1977) on the basis of Quranic verses where entrepreneurship (worldly affairs) is encouraged but after praying (Al-Quran 62:10, 15:67). While prioritizing worship to *Allah SWT* *Halalpreneurs* become trustworthy in terms of both social and their business conduct. Thus, trustworthy is another characteristic of *Halalpreneurs* which has been mentioned by the Prophet (PBUH) himself. The Prophet (PBUH) encouraged truthful and trustworthy merchant to be with him together with martyrs on the day of Judgement (Al-Tirmidhi, 14: 1213).

*Halalpreneurs* are also philanthropists. They contribute to social welfare by providing *Zakat*, which is one of the five obligations for all Muslims. Being concern about social welfare through charity activities and providing *Zakat* has been stated in many places in Quran (Al-Quran 2:3, 43, 83, 177, 7:156, 19:31, 19:55, 21:73, 22:35, 41, 78, 23:4, 27:3, 30:39, 31:4, 41:7 and more). Therefore, *Halalpreneurs* are expected to consider themselves in the position of an Islamic business organization and fulfill their philanthropic responsibility as prescribed in *Sharia'h*.

Last but not the least, an additional requirement is the knowledge of Islam and *Shari'ah* concept, *halalan tayyiban* concept and the categories of *Maqasid-al-Shari'ah* for an individual be a *Halalpreneur*. In other words, a *halalpreneur* is not necessary a Muslim, as non-Muslims could be *Halalpreneurs* if they possess the required knowledge. For instance, the *halal* concept should be implemented in the procurement process, production, packaging, storage, logistics, and others. In this manner, *halal* learning is crucial to be one of the criteria for *Halalpreneurs*. Non-Muslim *Halalpreneurs* is allowed under the condition of public interest '*Maslahah*'. *Maslahah* is an Arabic expression that, in law and social morals, signifies "the basic social great or

welfare." *Maslahah* in contrast to its antonym, *mafsadah*, which means "that which causes or constitutes harm." As indicated by authentic and legitimate writings, it was the second caliph, 'Umar ibn al-Khattab (r. 634-644), who connected the standard of seeking after open approaches that add to the benefit of everyone over those that don't. Imam al-Ghazali and other medieval scholars held that, while the general welfare of Muslims regarding requirements and enhancements ought to be connected to shari'ah through lawful thinking, what was esteemed in setting to be important to the welfare of the network required no other support for usage (Kamaluddin et al., 2005).

## 6. Conclusion

Entrepreneurship is the vital component of any economy has been defined by many scholars and institutions. Some of the characteristics of an entrepreneur have been identified in this study are risk-taker, innovator, opportunity seeker, an agent to economic, social, and cultural changes. However, in Islamic economy entrepreneurship has been viewed from the perspective of *Maqasid-al-Shariah*. Integrating the five principles of *Maqasid-al-shariah* into entrepreneurship defines *Halalpreneurship* and reveals the characteristics of *Halalpreneurs*. *Halalpreneurs* are *khalifah* and are responsible to develop the world where *Maqasid-al-Shari'ah* is the umbrella of all *Halalpreneurs*. *Halal* products and services are the prime goals for being *Halalpreneurs* aiming to please *Allah SWT* before any profits. In business production, *Halalpreneurs* are unique and differ from conventional entrepreneurs in terms of what to produce, how to produce, and for whom to produce. Unlike entrepreneurs, the motivation that works for someone to become *Halalpreneur* is to have the blessings of *Allah SWT* which will bring reward both in this world and the world hereafter. Moreover, *Halalpreneurs* possess the characteristics of *Takwa*, trustworthiness, prioritizing Halal products and services and worship to *Allah SWT*, philanthropic responsibility, and knowledge of both business and shariah. Entrepreneurship that does not comply with *Shari'ah* is not *Halalpreneurship*. Therefore, *Halalpreneurs* are different from conventional entrepreneurs regarding their purpose, and intention of business, and the religious, moral, and ethical characteristics they possess. In conclusion, *Maqasid-al-Shariah* is the ruling of every conduct of human life based on the Quran and Hadith as primary sources. Thus, this becomes an inseparable concept for entrepreneurs to be justified as *Halalpreneurs*. An extensive discussion and review on *Maqasid-al-Shariah* were beyond the scope of the paper which has, however, already been detailed out by a number of previous

studies. Future study may enhance the concept '*Halalpreneurs*' itself with detail deliberation.

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