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Multi-Culturalism

A Nation-Building Principle Long Upheld By Jamiyah Singapore

The Islamic view of living harmoniously with all, irrespective of race or religion:

 Let there be no compulsion in religion; Truth stands clear from error. (Al-Quran: 2-256)

If it had been the Lord's Will, all who are on earth would have believed. Will you then compel mankind against their will to believe?

(Al-Quran: 10-99)

Say, the Truth is from your Lord, let him who will believe, and let him who will reject.
(Al-Quran: 18-29)

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Since Independence in 1965, 'Multiculturalism' was adopted by the Government as one of the key pillars of our nation-building agenda. Although the original policy was then described as 'Multiracialism', the intent was similar, that is, how to bring the different races (Malays, Chinese, Indians, Eurasians, Others) together towards making this Republic a stable and prosperous country.

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FoodBank held its JamPacked Food event at the warehouse and at Jamiyah Headquarters on the 24th and 25th February 2018.

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The official opening ceremony - based on the theme "Community of Blooms" - for *Global Child Development Centre @ Tampines* was held on Saturday, 27th January 2018.

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Jamiyah @ West Coast held its New Year celebrations on 10th February 2018. In collaboration with LASELLE College of The Arts crafts such as Chinese calligraphy, fan-making classes and were made available for students.

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Some of the activities of *Jamiyah Home For the Aged* (Darul Takrim). This particular Home is a manifestation of Jamiyah's commitment to serve the varying needs of the community.

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Dear Readers

Alhamdulillah!

Today, technological advances, the extent of which has not been experienced before, aided by the force of globalization, have made our world not only more complex but a manifestly plural and diverse village. Living in such a varied and ethno-religious world, offer us no other viable option but to manage this harsh reality wisely.

As is known, Singapore has a long history of struggles to sustain its multicultural soul. Fortunately, over the years, this Republic has managed to transform itself, albeit gradually - from a 'multiracial state' to a 'multicultural nation'. Obviously, the difference between multiracialism and multiculturalism is more than nuance. The former views a society's plurality and heterogeneity as liabilities to be calibrated; the latter looks upon such plurality as assets to be celebrated.

While the government is doing its part through numerous integration policies, we too as Singaporeans must rally behind this quest. Only then can we sustain the welcoming ethno-religious haven that we enjoy in this Republic, a haven the envy of many countries the world over. Here in Jamiyah Singapore, we more than embrace this multicultural principle in all our activities and initiatives. We adopt this inclusive approach not only in our dealings with our own diverse Muslim community but in our relations with fellow Singaporeans of other ethnic and religious backgrounds. In fact, this commitment towards "unity in diversity" - characterized by our accommodation of "others" into our fold - has been with Jamiyah Singapore ever since our foundation years in the 1930s. And we are committed to continuing this mission, more so at a time when ethno-religious turbulence seems to inflict many countries.

In this particular issue, for our Cover Story, we like to share with our readers some examples of our events, projects, and activities that demonstrate our commitment towards this noble and worthy pursuit. Of course, we also want to update you on what we have done since the previous publication of this VOI. Hence, our highlight of the numerous activities and developments in our Departments, Homes, and Centres – Community Outreach & Development, Dakwah, Education, Fundraising, FoodBank, Homes & Halfway House, Training & Development, etc.

In the coming weeks and months, many more events and activities are being planned, both locally and with our international partners. These will certainly keep our staff, volunteers and supporters busy, and we plan to share with you, all these activities in the next issue. Meantime, do let us know via email - hussin@jamiyah.org. sg - what you think about our VOI and about our activities and services.

Happy Reading!





Multi-Culturalism:

A Nation-Building Principle Long Upheld By Jamiyah Singapore

 \mathbf{O} O ince Independence in 1965, 'Multiculturalism' was taboo for any Muslim organisation to work closely adopted by the Government as one of the key pillars of our nation-building agenda. Although the original policy was then described as 'Multiracialism', the intent considered as somewhat 'unIslamic'. But times have was similar, that is, how to bring the different races (Malays, Chinese, Indians, Eurasians, Others) together towards making this Republic a stable and prosperous and inclusive multicultural society. A close study of country. In the early years, different integrative models Jamiyah's multicultural leaning will indeed reveal that were tried and over time, the earlier approach in trying to merge the different ethnic and cultural into a common citizenship mould was reviewed. This new inter-faith relations way back during colonial times, experiment not only allowed the different races to enjoy and celebrate their particularistic cultural ethos and traditions, but to embrace these diversities and of the Inter-Religious Organization (IRO). differences as assets to Singapore.

Jamiyah too adopted a similar cautious multiracial approach in its early relations with other ethnic and religious communities. This was understandable since Singapore, at his residence at No 41 Chancery Lane on in the early 1960's, there was little racial and religious 15 January 1949. collaboration in this Republic. As an example, it was

with a Buddhist or Taoist Temple or an Indian Temple or a Christian Church; such collaboration was then changed and Singapore society itself has changed, albeit gradually, to become a more accommodationist our association – now entering our 86th anniversary - has in fact been a pioneer in inter-ethnic and predating Singapore's Independence. An example was the meeting and discussions that led to the formation

Historical records shows that a lunch party was initiated by Syed Hashim Omar Alsagoff, the then President of the Muslim Missionary Society of

At that party, given in honour of Maulana Abdul Aleem Siddique, the Founder of the Muslim Missionary Society (and one affectionately called the 'Roving Ambassador of Peace'), the idea of the IRO was mooted by the Maulana. That meeting was also attended by His Excellency Mr Malcom McDonald, the British Commissioner-General for Southeast Asia and leaders of all the major religions in Singapore.



By the 1990s, Jamiyah Singapore was already known for its outreach programs with other racial and religious groups. Thus, it was not a surprise that in 2006, the Ambassador of US-Mexico's Chamber of Commerce, Mr Ramos Gomez, conferred a Special Award to the former President of Jamiyah Singapore, the late Haji Abu Bakar Maidin. This was in recognition of his 'exceptional example to humankind, as promoter of universal values aimed at building a better world based on respect to each others' race, faith and culture'. A decade later, seeing the consistency of Jamiyah's multicultural activities, the Ambassador helped Jamiyah in launching the 'Touch of Harmony Programme' with New York University.

Since then, and after a series of similar inter-racial and interreligious events and projects, many Government Ministers lauded Jamiyah's contributions to the national effort to better integrate the Republic's diverse population. Even the first Prime Minister of Singapore, the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew, went public to congratulate Jamiyah for building bridges to other communities and as one of the 'Force of Moderation' in this country. Mr Lee remarked that Jamiyah "had reached out to other religious groups promoting understanding and goodwill". Echoes of similar sentiments were similarly declared by the former President of Singapore, the late Mr SR Nathan, when Jamiyah celebrated its 70th Anniversary, adding, "Not only reflect Jamiyah's recognition of the multiracial and multi-religious nature of our Society, but more importantly its commitment in playing its part towards our efforts to develop national social cohesion in our society".

From 2007, Jamiyah hosted a series of annual peace and educational seminars with ISESCO (Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) starting with a 5-day Seminar (21-15 June 2007) on the theme of 'Role

In May 2010, Jamiyah initiated a 2-Day 'Dialogue on Buddhism & Islamic Perspective' in Cambodia, together with the Cambodian International Youth Association (CIYA). As recent as October 2017, this ISESCO-JAMIYAH seminar was expanded to include participants from more than 20 countries on the theme of 'Role of Muslim NGOs in Promoting the Culture of Peace'. In all of these seminars, conscious efforts were made to invite and include participants and observers from all races and faiths.

The list of Jamiyah's collaboration with fellow racial and religious communities in Singapore is long. The following are some examples of such multicultural collaboration, usually in the field of social welfare and inter-faith understanding, and the benefits accrued from such efforts:

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of Community and Faith Leaders Towards Promoting The Culture of Durable and Lasting Peace'. On 22-23 November 2008, Jamiyah organised a 2-Day Seminar on 'Harmony, Peace and Universal Values: Buddhism & Islamic Perspective'.

> Singapore Buddhist Lodge's bursaries for students of Jamiyah's Children's Home and children of families in Community **Outreach & Development Department**

The SOKA Association conferred the 'Universal Botherhood Award' to the former President of Jamiyah Mr Abu Bakar Maidin

The Church of The Latter Day Saints invited Jamiyah's representatives to attend an international conference in Utah, United States

The Catholic Archdiosce invited Jamiyah to some of its activities and events

The Hindu Endowments Board invited Jamiyah to some of its social and cultural events

From the above collaborative endeavours and many more of such initiatives, hopefully, Jamiyah Singapore can continue to play its part in buttressing the multicultural environment in Singapore.

COMMUNITY **OUTREACH &** DEVELOPMENT (\mathbf{I})

Diary of Events (Jan-March 2018)



Appreciation Lunch

Staff from the various residential homes and centers were invited to the Appreciation Luncheon at Marina Bay Sands. The aim is to reward staff for their relentless effort and sacrifice in making Jamiyah's many 85th Anniversary projects and events a success.

Visits to **Beneficiaries**' Houses

Community Outreach & Development Department (CODD)organized two home visits in the North West area. The first was to Mr Idris' house which is a 1-room rental flat. Jamiyah's pack of food rations were handed to the family. These visits provides an excellent opportunity for Jamiyah to be aware of the living conditions of Jamiyah's food ration beneficiaries.



From left: Officials from Jamiyah Singapore, Mr Rafiuddin (Secretary General), Mr Halim (Director, Community and Outreach Development) and Dr. Mohd Hasbi (President of Jamiyah) with Mr Idris and his family



Visit to newly renovated house

The house visit to Mr Idris' house was followed by one to Ms. Maszlina's 3-room flat. Her flat was newly renovated thanks to sponsorship from Interior Diary Pte Ltd.

The renovation company had proposed to fully sponsor a home renovation for one of the food ration beneficiaries who really requires it. In late November 2017, the renovation was finally completed.

FU DAI Chinese New Year gift hampers & Hong **Bao giveaway**

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Jamiyah's Foodbank organised the Annual Fu Dai Distribution. A duffle bag containing basic food items such as hot beverage packets, biscuits, and canned food was given to 40 selected food ration beneficiaries along with a Hong Bao with \$150. These items were sponsored by the Heartwarmers volunteer group.



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Chef Ummi Abdullah interacting with one of our beneficiaries

Family Excellence Circle (FEC) Alumni – 6 **Group Support Session**

CODD kicked off the FEC programme for 2018 with a group support session in the form of a Forum Theatre organised by Asiawerkz Communications.

It focuses on positive parenting skills in this tech-savvy age. Participants were encouraged to voice out their opinions on the skit and acting out their ideal scenarios. After the programme, the participants collected their food rations.

COMMUNITY **OUTREACH &** DEVELOPMENT (1)

Mass food ration/ filming for "Projek Hulurkan Tangan"

Jamiyah's Communications and Studio department organised the filming for 'Projek Hulurkan Tangan'. Various artistes such as Gloria Tan, Ummi Abdullah, and Sarah Agilah distributed the rations to selected food ration beneficiaries and even interviewed some of them.

The first event was held at Foodbank Warehouse. A total of 53 out of 59 beneficiaries collected their food ration, 8 of them are Indians and Chinese who were invited by the Foodbank team from Jalan Minyak.

The second event was held at Jamiyah HQ. 40 out of 42 beneficiaries collected their food rations and again, 8 of whom are Indians and Chinese.

The footage that was taken will be edited into short clips and posted on Facebook and Instagram.

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COMMUNITY **OUTREACH &** DEVELOPMENT (2)

al celebrities, Mr Ahmad Stokin and Mr Zainal Ihim, helping to load up trolleys with food supplies during the Celebrity Bank Even

JamPacked FoodBank with Celebrities

oodBank held its JamPacked Food event at the warehouse as well as Jamiyah

families receiving their food ration packs.

These celebrity teams were filmed as they interaction with the beneficiaries. Many of these celebrities - all of them did not know as they listened to the plights shared by the beneficiaries. They didn't realise there were pockets of people in Singapore who could not even afford proper meals, even though these people looked 'normal'.

Celebrities Resolved: To do more for the less fortunate

One of the celebrities, a Real-Estate agent, would like to provide free talks and property advices to our beneficiaries. He feels that with more grants and schemes provided by the government, more low income families should be able to afford to finance their own flat, such as a 2 room flexi flat, or a flat with a shorter lease of say 30 years instead of 99 years.

Another team of celebrities, who are chefs and owned a few restaurants island wide, would like to conduct cooking demonstrations and lessons for our low income mothers so that they can use this skill to provide some form of small catering services from home, and assist with their families' income.

Foodbank will be liaising with our Community Outreach and Development Department (CODD) on the offer of help from these good souls and hopefully, CODD could provide follow up programmes which will benefit our beneficiaries and recipients.

For The Love of the **Prophet:** A Forum and a Feast

n collaboration with the Pasar Gevlang Merchant Association, Jamiyah Singapore held a forum on Saturday, 17 March 2018 entitled "Membuka Pintu Rezeki" (Opening the Doors of Prosperity). The forum involved a panel of popular and well-loved speakers like Dato' Ustaz Badli Shah bin Alauddin from Malaysia and Ustaz Omar Maulana, leader of the Qafilah Zikrullah Qasidah ensemble. Ustaz Muhammad Nuzhan, a graduate from Egypt's Al-Azhar University (in Ouranic Exegesis and its Sciences) who is currently an Executive Officer at Jamiyah Ar-Rabitah Mosque in Dakwah and Youth Development, was also part of the forum held in the heart of Geylang Serai, 17 March 2018.

In the spirit of commemorating the Maulid, a "Selawat" session was conducted by Qafilah Zikrullah. The episode united the audience in expressing their love for Rasulullah (pbuh).

The joyous celebrations continued onto the next day with a 'Mass Makan Briyani' event to which Jamiyah's Darul Ma'wa residents were also invited. Besides practising the sunnah of eating together as a means of strengthening feelings of brotherhood and conviviality among the community, the 'Mass Makan Briyani' was also in line with the Islamic practice of giving food to others, especially the needy and less fortunate - and who doesn't like Brivani?







GLOSSARY

DAKWAH

of the Prophet.

*Selawat: salutations and praises upon the Prophet. *Maulid: Remembering the birth of the Prophet. *Pbuh: abbreviation meaning 'Peace Be Upon Him', a

common phrase uttered every time the name of the Prophet is mentioned.

*Sunnah: a recommended act practised by the Prophet and for which Muslims are enjoined to follow suit.

Dr. Mohd Ghazali bin Mohd Said

Ms Sitti Uzaizal Beefing Up Jamiyah Education Centre (JEC) Zahidah Yusoff

L he beginning of 2018 brought with it new and exciting Additionally, together with existing JEC staff which consists changes to JEC, Jamiyah's very own educational learning centre, which offers both full-time and part-time classes from kindergarten to degree level. In its endeavour to produce progressive Muslims whose existence and contributions benefit all, three new staff were brought in to beef up and reinvigorate JEC as a whole.

The new staff are all graduates and have a wealth of knowledge in the field of (Islamic) education: Dr. Mohd Ghazali bin Mohd Said, a lecturer with a PhD in Islamic Education and two young graduates from Malaysia's leading universities. Ms Shahidah Osman has a degree in Usuluddin & Comparative Religion from International Islamic University Malaysia and has also completed memorizing the whole Quran, while Ms Sitti Uzaizah Zahidah Yusoff graduated with First-Class Honours in Quran and Sunnah Studies from Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia. As programme coordinators cum lecturers, they will be in charge of current JEC courses like Little Huffaz and the JEC-KUIM Diploma in Syariah Islamiyyah and Diploma in Tahfiz wal Qiraat respectively.

of graduates from Egypt's renowned Al-Azhar University and other Malaysian universities - Ustazah Susilawati and Ruwaida - the whole team are determined to work towards strengthening existing programmes and introducing new signature Quran programmes. While also striving to upgrade the professional (academic) courses currently offered at JEC, they also intend to upgrade our Madrasah programs. This is in line with the vision charted by JEC's Chairman, Dr. Hussin Mutalib (whose experience include serving the NUS for more than 3 decades) and the able support of Ms Nurzakiah Jumathi (our longest-serving team member) who is now the new Vice-Principal.

Ms Shahida

It is hoped that their combined expertise and experience will help raise JEC to new heights and turn JEC into one of the leading providers of Islamic education, both in the academic and religious fields.

"This is what me & my husband 👋 have been waiting for"

- Mdm Jannah, Parent of Muhammad Ilham (N2), Nur Natisha (K1) and Nur Fiffy Qalesya

The young kids of the Little Huffaz Pro with the guidance of their teachers.

Arabic Language **Enrichment Programme**

• amiyah Childcare Centre offers an Arabic Language Enrichment Programme meant to instil effective learning of the Quran for young children aged 4-6 years. The programme aims to introduce the Arabic alphabets and its proper pronunciation through a distinctive method that has been proven to be guite successful.

Participation is open to all Jamiyah Childcare students from Nursery 2 to Kindergarten 2 (4 years to 6 years of age). The classes are conducted every Monday to Friday from 4pm to 5:30pm (except Fridays which end at 5pm), classes commenced on the 12th of February 2018.



little Huffaz students concentrating in their lesson.

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Classes: Every Monday - Friday Time 4pm - 5.30pm (Mon - Thurs) 4pm – 5pm (Fri)

The Chinese New Year Celebration (CNY) at GCDC Woodlands was held on 23rd February 2018. The objectives of this year's celebration were to expose children on the Chinese culture and traditions practiced during CNY and allow them to participate in various activities with great festive joy.

During the celebration, boys and girls of all levels were dressed up with their Chinese traditional attire while some wore red shirts and tops. The celebration started around 10:00 in the morning wherein the children were gathered at the Music Room to watch a video about "The Story of Nian". The video was used to helped children understand the history behind CNY as well as the meaning and significance of the celebration. Likewise, the song, "Gong Xi, Gong Xi" and other famous CNY songs were played for the children to sing along.

We are the first Muslim Voluntary Welfare Organisation (VWO) to have achieved the SPARK Accreditation in 2015 and also achieve SPARK Commendation in 2018. Kudos to the Centre's staff!

GCDC@ **Tampines:** Official Opening

EDUCATION

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L he official opening ceremony - based on the theme "Community of Blooms" - for Global Child Development Centre @ Tampines was held on Saturday, 27th January 2018. Our Guest-of-Honour Mr Masagos Zulkifli Bin Masagos Mohamad, Minister for the Environment & Water Resources, officiated this event, attended by Dr. Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar, President of Jamiyah Singapore, Senior Management, Executive Council Members of Jamiyah, Parents and other Guests.

Mr Masagos Zulkifli with kids from GCDC Tampines, while accompanied by Jamivah's V/P I. Dr. H.M Saleem

Mr Masagos stated that he was "delighted upon learning" that GCDC @ Tampines is deploying the use of 'I STEAM' approach i.e. Innovative Science, Technology Engineering, Arts, Mathematics, integrated with the MOE Pre-School Curriculum for nurturing early learners". Through its curriculum, the Centre is trying to imbibe the spirit of entrepreneurship, by introducing project works where the children, plan, design and market items for sale. The other objective is to inculcate the importance of moral education to nurture a holistic and compassionate individual at a young tender age. Mr Masagos was also impressed with the team spirit among staff of GCDC@ Tampines.

Jamiyah is thankful to the Tampines Town Council for sponsoring a garden space to be adopted by GCDC @ Tampines. This is a wonderful opportunity for nurturing our young learners to be as eco-friendly and appreciative of nature and its wonders and benefits to us. As part of the ceremony, Mr Masagos and Dr. Hasbi planted a tree in our garden. Highlights of the event included face painting, balloon sculpting, magic show and mini-potted money plant grown by the children, which were later distributed as door gifts.



The students in their cultural attire for the Lunar New Year Celebrations

On 3rd February 2018, GCDC Woodlands organised the

Breakfast Club at the Childcare Centre. The event focused

on updating parents of the latest changes to the childcare

sector and to get their feedback. The Breakfast Club and

Focus Group was open to the public and about 10 parents

attended. During the discussions, parents and teachers

shared opinions, thoughts and suggestions for future

projects such as Parent Support Group (PSG). Miss Rahimah

and Mrs Zuraini were on hand to greet and share the details

with the parents' of upcoming projects and get them to be

part of the PSG and organizing playdates in the centre.

Breakfast Club & Focus Group

GCDC

Woodlands:

For the first part of the event, parents had discussions with the respective teachers to receive more updates regarding the curriculum and the Centre's upcoming events and projects. The second part of the event, conducted by Mr. Hosni and Mr. Siraj, both Jamiyah's EXCO, was a Focus Group discussion. Parents and teachers work together to discuss the topics and develop recommendations. The topics include: Communication, Learning Environment, Collaborating with the Community and Volunteering.

New Year Celebration

SPARK ACHIEVEMENT

On 14th Feb 2018, a SPARK Assessor came to the Centre to conduct the SPARK Developmental Visit. From 2016, the validity period for SPARK certification is extended to six years and the practice is for the SPARK certification, Developmental Visits to be conducted during the third year.

It was a half-day visit and the focus was on the centre's teaching and learning practices and improvements made over the past 3 years. The Assessor toured the centre. observed K1 and K2 lessons and had a discussion with Miss Rahimah to provide guidance for centre quality improvement. On 1st March 2018, the centre received the happy results for the Developmental Visit: The Centre has achieved Sparks Certification (Commendation) standard and the certification is extended for another 3 years. Alhamdulillah!

EDUCATION (5)

Jamiyah Kindergarten **Back To School 2018**

school and rearing to go on the 2nd of January 2018. Alhamdulillah. Jamiyah Kindergarten (JK) welcomed over fifty new children and their families to a brand new school year, packed with funlearning and stimulating experiences. So far, we have had the following events, with more in the pipeline, inshaAllah.



Read with Phonics

Phonics reading books for Jamiyah Kindergarten children were presented by H. E. Dr. Mohamed Omar Abdulla Balfageeh, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates Embassy on 12th January 2018.

The books will be used to instill the significant and benefit of phonics reading to these young children.

Parent Support Group

Our first parent support group meeting for the year was held on Saturday 10th February 2018. Madam Nurull, Principal of JK, chaired the meeting and together with parents, a main committee and sub-committee was set-up. The Parent Support Group (PSG) serves as an internal committee of JK and is tasked to devise programmes and activities that will help enhance the quality of our Early Childhood Education programmes.

With the setting up of these committees, we hope to encourage a closer network between the school, families and communities. During our first session, parents brainstormed about possible events and activities for the school year.

Kids learning about Chinese New Year

On the 15th February 2018 children from all levels in JK got together in our multi-purpose room to learn about the customs and traditions associated with the Chinese New Year. They watched a show that explains more about the origins of this celebration. Children were awed by a dragon dance performed by our very own teachers and also took home treats of oranges contributed by our goodly neighbour, the Pi Ji Si Buddhist Research Centre.



Mr Rafiuddin Ismail, Secretary-General of Jamiyah Singapore, presented Certificates of Commendation to volunteers of Jamiyah @ West Coast. Student participants and volunteers also enjoyed a special Lion Dance performance by NTU CAC Dragon and Lion Dance Troupe.

Jamiyah @ West Coast has also been conducting a Basic Hatha Yoga Course for adults & youths. This basic course was conducted once a week on every Wednesday for 10 weeks. The programme has received a favourable response and we hope to conduct more beneficial programmes for the residents of West Coast in the near future!









Darul Syifaa's Participation With Community Partners

Jamiyah Nursing Home (JNH)

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he first weekend of February 2018 was an eventful one for Jamiyah Nursing Home. Two projects were organized on consecutive days, together with our service partners and stakeholders. On 2nd February 2018, JNH had a unique opportunity to participate in the Opening Ceremony of a Global Conference on Integrated Care, focusing on the theme of caring for seniors and the elderly in Singapore. On 3rd February 2018, Ng Teng Fong General Hospital (NTFGH) organized "Healthy Home - Happy Family Carnival 2018" for the residents /clients of JNH and their families.

The Global Conference on Integrated Care, organized by the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) from 2nd to 4th February 2018, brought together health and social care experts, practitioners, professionals and policy makers from around the world under one roof, to present and discuss an array of topics related to integrated care. It provided a platform for the sharing of best practices and experiences that participants could bring back to their organisations. Preparations for the performance at the Opening Ceremony started much earlier with a theatre workshop held at Jamiyah Nursing Home on 28 November 2017. Conducted by US practitioner, Ms Debra Campbell, the workshop was an interactive session in which over 20 residents of the Nursing Home and clients of the Senior Care Centre participated. Ms Campbell is the Founder and Executive Director of Arts & AGEing KC and a creative ageing specialist with a Masters of Science degree in Social Gerontology. She has over 20 years' experience working with diverse populations of older adults and has been implementing ageing programmes that were inspired by life storytelling across generations. The workshop also accorded the Nursing Home staff the opportunity to learn techniques of engaging the elderly and getting them to share memories and views.

After the workshop, a few of the residents were shortlisted and trained at follow up sessions to fine-tune their presentations and roles in the final performance, staged before the Guest of Honour, Mr Gan Kim Yong, Minister of Health, along with 5 other service providers. The performance was enjoyed and much appreciated by all present.



Ms Debra Campbell demonstrating one of the programmes for healthy ageing

On 3rd February, the Ng Teng Fong General Hospital's "Healthy Home 2018" health carnival, was held at JNH. The aim was to raise the health literacy and awareness of residents and clients of JNH and their families, and empower them to better take charge of their health. More than 160 elderly residents and clients of JNH and their families, and 200 staff volunteers from NTFGH, participated in the activities. Various health education booths were erected to help the residents understand health information and services to enable them make appropriate health-related decisions and create more awareness on such matters. In addition to the fun booths for photography, popcorn and balloon sculpting, information booths were also set up. Information was made available about Oral Hygiene by the Dentistry team, Advanced Care Planning by Medical Social Workers, Healthy Eating for the Elderly by the Dietetics and Nutrition team, Interactive game booths by the Rehabilitation team, and the Hearing test facility by the Audiology team of the NTFGH.

NTFGH also raised funds from their staff amounting to \$15,000 in donations which was used to purchase wheelchairs, commodes and television sets for the residents. These were presented at the carnival by the CEO of NTFGH, Mr Foo Hee Jug to Mr Shaick Fakrudeen s/o S Ali, Treasurer General of Jamiyah Singapore. The event was also witnessed by Exco members and senior management of Jamiyah Singapore and NTFGH and received positive feedback from the participants.

HOMES (1)

More than 160 elderly residents and clients of JNH and their families, and 200 staff volunteers from NTFGH, participated in the activities. Various health education booths were erected to help the residents understand health information and services to enable them make appropriate healthrelated decisions and create more awareness on such matters.



Jamiyah Home For The Aged (JHA)

The granting of this extension illustrates the Government's confidence in Jamiyah to continue manage its Welfare Homes. By the same token, it illustrates our compliance to the strict requirements as stipulated by the Ministry of Health. JHA complements the work of Jamiyah Nursing Home (Darul Syifa) by adding meaning to the life of the aged at the Home, who are either restricted in their physical movement due to ageing or on wheel-chairs or walking sticks.

To help the aged involve themselves in useful daily activities, the staff of Darul Takrim organise interesting and exciting programs and activities that suits the particular requirements of the aged in the Home. Festivals such as the celebrations commemorating New Year, Chinese New Year, Hari Raya, Deepavali and Christmas, are celebrated with much fun and joy.

Endorsement of Darul Takrim's services



The Homes are often visited by schools, mosques, churches, Chinese and Indian temples as well as voluntary organisations. Outings for the residents are also being conducted to places like the zoo, Jurong Bird Park, Gardens by the Bay, and so on.

May the Home continue to be a nice sanctuary for the aged as they go about their old age with a sense of being cared and looked after by quality staff. These staff are trained to make their stay in the Home as pleasant and as beneficial as possible. The elders in the Home should have fond memories of their family, children, grandchildren and friends who visited them, together with their newly found family members at Darul Takrim.



Jamiyah Children's Home (JCH) **Routines & Rituals in Darul Ma'wa**

amilies make use of "routines" to organize themselves, get things done, spend time together and have fun. In the same way, the residents at Darul Ma'wa also do practice routines. Daily life is often smoother with a few routines, but there is more to routines than this. Routines also let our residents know what is important in the Home, such as the ritual of performing solat (prayers). Performing solat in a group (jemaah) can help not only a Muslim's brotherhood with each other but also strengthen our shared beliefs and values, and build a sense of belonging and togetherness within the Darul Ma'wa family.

Children: Why routines are good for them

Some children like and need routine more than others. In general, though, routines have the following benefits for children:

Safety and Belonging

An organized and predictable Home environment helps children and teenagers feel safe, secure and looked after, particularly in stressful times or during difficult stages of development, like puberty.

Skills and Responsibility

Having chores to do within the framework of Home routines, helps children and teenagers develop a sense of responsibility and some basic skills like the ability to manage time. And

toilet.

when the residents can do their parts of the routine with less help or supervision from staff, it also helps them become more independent.

Healthy habits

Routines can be a way of teaching younger children healthy habits, like brushing their teeth, taking medicine regularly, getting some exercise, or washing their hands after using the

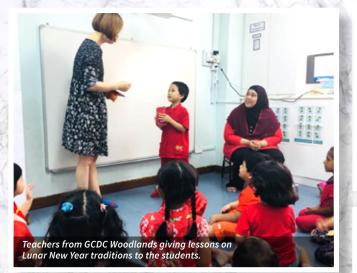
Routines at Darul Ma'wa

The residents of Darul Ma'wa wake up at 5.30 every morning and prepare to perform their solat Subuh in congregation. After solat they have their breakfast and proceed to go to school. Upon returning, they perform their solat Zuhur or Asr and have their lunch or dinner. Completing homework or school projects take up the rest of the afternoon. After dinner, the residents perform their Jemaah Maghrib prayers before engaging in programmes (tuition, Silat, soccer, etc). After that, its solat Isyak before having their night snack. Bedtime is at 10pm when it is time for lights off.

The introduction of routines has made the managing of the Home to be more efficient and organized. InshaAllah, with routines and rituals firmly entrenched, the environment at Darul Ma'wa can be a conducive place for the positive development of the residents.

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Jamiyah Singapore: Events & Happenings









Guest of Honour, Mr Amrin Amin, Parliamentary Secretary for Ministry of Home Affairs & Ministry of Health graced the event and joined the march along with officials of Jamiyah Singapore





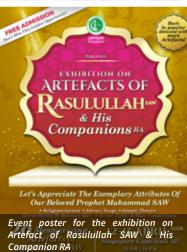
Chefs from Spize giving the children a basic showdown on how their signature dishes are prepared



United Arab Emirates Embassy with Dr. Mohd Hasbi, Jamiyah President









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Singaporean public figures, Ms Yuslina Yussof and Ms Azlina Ibrahim, mingling with one of the food ration beneficiaries

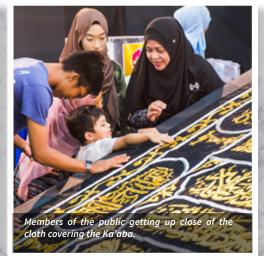


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Staff volunteer from Ng Teng Fong General Hospital demonstrating the interactive games with our resident.





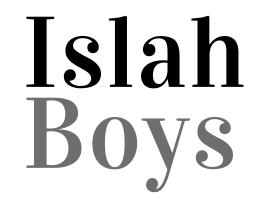
President of Singapore (Mdm Halimah Yacob) - in red attire - flanked by (From left): Mdm Sharifah Nooraini (Wife of Dr. Mohd Hasbi), Dr. Benarafa, Datin Seri Asmah Ab Rahman (wife of Dr. Tan Sri Haji Ali Rustham), Dr. Tan Sri Haji Ali Rustham (President of DMDI), (Whe of Dr. fair Sh Haji Ali Rostiani), Dr. fair Sh Haji Ali Rostiani (Fresident of Dimbi), Mr Mohamed Abdullah Alhabshee (Husband of Mdm Halimah), H E Dr. Abdulaziz Twaijri (Director General of ISESCO),H E Dr. Mohammad Karim Al-Issa (Secretary-General of RABITAH), H E Saad Saleh I. Alsaleh (Ambassador of Saudi Arabia) and Dr. Mohd Hasbi (President of Jamiyah) during a visit to Jamiyah Headquarters Many things have been said about the "Islah Boys". Hardworking, rough, tough, accommodating, even quiet and unassuming. Many also know them to have been through a lot – the "been there done that" mantra visibly hanging in the bubble above their heads. The scars and lines on their bodies and faces and for some, tattoos on their arms and backs add to the aura of a life well worn out.

The Jamiyah family knows all too well the hardiness of the "Islah Boys". They are there during events. Usually the first to arrive and to start work, way before others begin theirs. They are also still hacking away, stacking chairs and packing equipment, cleaning and tidying making sure the place is as tidy as before the event happened, long after the last guest has left.

The Ever-Ready Brigade

Jamiyah Halfway House (JHH)





These hardworking and highly dependable helping hands are individuals who are in their last leg of their journey towards rehabilitation from substance abuse. They are sons, brothers, husbands, fathers, even grandfathers who are tenaciously fighting the scourge of drugs that have engulfed their lives and isolated them from their families. Darul Islah is where they get reintegrated into the community. Started in 1995, when the then Prison-run Clementi Drug Rehabilitation Centre was handed over to Jamiyah, residents immersed themselves in work programmes reinforced by individual and group therapeutic sessions which can either be peer or professional-led. Taken as a Learning Centre, the halfway house operates under the Halfway House New Service Model (HSM) administered by the Singapore Prison Service (SPS). These individuals acquire the skills and knowledge necessary for them to be economically productive and responsibly contributing members of the community.

Darul Islah also represents a reconnection with the individual's spiritual self. The reflection of their past deeds and the impact these had on the lives of their family members and their loved ones, done during the serenity of the Fajr prayers at the break of dawn or the Tahajjud during the quiet of the night, reaches and touches the core of their spiritual being.

Staff of Darul Islah - from the Head, through the Social and Case Workers, all the way to the Programme, Care and Support Staff - work continuously, 24/7, to ensure the "Islah Boys" maintain their continued sobriety. Through a behavioristic system of rewards and consequences, the molding and establishment of new coping skills meant to be applied to triggers and dangerous situations, the "Islah Boys" inch ever closer to their families and inch ever further away from the illegal substances. This highly potent combination of tenacity from the residents and dedication from the staff is really the stuff that can make Darul Islah be the agent that turns the "Islah Boys" to be sons, brothers, husbands, fathers and even grandfathers once again. InshaALLAH.



For 45 years, Mdm Zainab Khamis, or more fondly known as "Mak Nab" channelled her cooking skills towards contributing to the community. The wife of former Jamiyah President, Allahyarham Haji Abu Bakar Maidin, actively involved herself as a volunteer for the Women's Department in Jamiyah, before retiring her cooking classes some 5 years ago.

Through the encouragement of her late husband, and passion for serving the community, Mdm Zainab, now 82 years old, conducted cooking classes as part of a Jamiyah programme. Mdm Zainab told us the story of how she got involved. "At first, my husband, Haji Abu Bakar, advertised about cooking classes on the newspapers".



"Suddenly, there were 120 individuals who registered for the first class. So, we had to split them into two classes- one day for the homemakers and another day for those who are working".

Mdm Zainab lovingly explained, her love for cooking has always been there since she was very young. Before starting her cooking classes in Jamiyah, Mdm Zainab previously organised cooking classes for her own friends. A variety of Malay dishes, cakes and biscuits were taught by her for all the participants of the cooking classes in Jamiyah.

She charged a token fee to the participants of her classes. The fee collected was then channelled towards Jamiyah, until this charity organization, then led by Allahyarham Haji Abu Bakar, subsequently managed to introduce various community programmes for the betterment of Singaporeans.

Mdm Zainab's recipe book Aneka Kek & Biskut, published by Jamiyah Singapore Mdm Zainah lovingly explained her

WOMEN & FAMILY

The Commitment of a Stalwart Volunteer



Down Memory Lane. Left to Right: Ms Zainab Sidek, Ms Mahani Mohd, Mdm Zainab and Ms Saripah Kasmani

What Others Say about Jamiyah Singapore

We have citizens with various needs, from the young children to the elderly. With Jamiyah's effort, we have a one-stop centre for all. It is a well-rounded service centre for all West Coast residents as well as all Singaporeans" Mr Mohd Razali Aimain - in Mass Circumcision Exercise 2017

We (PEYATIM) were impressed by the Early Childhood Centres we saw, and how the students attended and concentrated during the classes"

Dr. Mohd Suhaimi Shamsudin, Director of University College Bestari - MOU between Jamiyah and Pertubuhan Kebajikan Anak Yatim Malaysia (PEYATIM) – in Nov 2017 Jamiyah really helps lift the burden of lower-income families by giving the students free tuition in the Project Lend-A-Hand. It's better because it is for everyone, regardless of race or faith and targeted for students who need the help"

> Mdm Meliana Mother of 'Project Lend-a-Hand' beneficiary, Imelda – in Feb 2017.

Jamiyah's efforts in promoting inter-religious harmony is laudable as it showcases the inclusiveness of the Singaporean Muslim community, and we should never take the strong bonds that we have built for granted"

> Dr. Yaacob Ibrahim, Minister for Communications and Information, Minister-in-Charge for Cyber Security and Minister-in-Charge of Muslim Affairs – Jamiyah's 85th Celebration Wishes – in 2017

 I enjoy seeing the good relationship between Jamiyah and our Institute in Thailand. I hope the relationship continues to foster into something great for a brighter future between both nations"

> Mr Halim from Fathoni University HQ - in Dec 2017

Jamiyah's approach in spreading Islam is beautiful, because they offer their services to everyone, regardless of race or faith, which is relevant to the context of today"

> Dr. Mohamed Omar Abdulla Balfaqeeh, United Arab Emirates Ambassador on occasion of Zakat Distribution event - in June 2017

I am very grateful to Jamiyah Singapore for identifying the importance of religious education in life and has continuously played a proactive role in encouraging the community to acquire knowledge"

Mdm Halimah Yaacob, President of Singapore - JEC Convocation Ceremony – in Dec 2015

Today we still see some interreligious disagreements and conflicts that have made its way into our country. Efforts by organizations such as Jamiyah are greatly appreciated in protecting the religious and social harmony here in Singapore"

> Mr Teo Chee Hean, Deputy Prime Minister - 85th Anniversary Gala Night – in October 2017

66 The classes provided by the Islamic Centre is a good option, for anyone who doesn't have much knowledge on Islam to attend"

Mr Abu Bakar Harun - in August 2017

FEATURE

• It is good that they (Jamiyah) provide this service (mass circumcision with MHPA and MUIS). It is for our own health after all"

Mr Mohd Razali Ajmain - in Mass Circumcision Exercise 2017

66 Very peaceful Mosque. MashaAllah. Very hygienic and spacious

Mr Mohamed Asif - in Jan 2018

66 Mashallah tabarakallah. I'm overwhelmed with the professional infrastructure and its team of committed council members. May Allah abundantly bless Jamiyah, accept their services and make Jamiyah an exemplary model to the world Muslims. Ameen."

Ms Fatima Muzzafar - in Dec 2017

OUR **STAFF** (1)

New Arrivals

Long Service



Teacher (Global Child Development Centre @Tampines) Length of service: 8 months

I was looking for a career in early education and I came across the job advertisement of Jamiyah. I decided to go for the interview and was offered the position as Child Care Teacher for GCDC@Tampines.

Now I am teaching in Nursery 1 class. My first teaching experience taught me a lot about what it means to be a teacher and a lot about myself, as a future educator. For example, I always knew that coming up with lesson plans was not easy, so I'm glad that I was able to have this experience to prepare me for it in the future. I also learned the important of time management when I am teaching, so I now make sure to devise a schedule of what will be done at what time.

I have always loved children, so I am very excited about my position. My colleagues are friendly and helpful. We work as a team in our Bay to cater to the children's learning needs. Our parents are from different cultural backgrounds and it is very interesting to work with families from diverse cultural backgrounds. I am keen to upgrade further in my profession and I am sure Jamiyah will provide me the opportunity to excel in my career.



NURUL JANNAH BINTE ISMAIL

Communications Executive (Communications Department) Length of service: 8 months

Before working with Jamiyah, I was working at an educational institute doing post production for educational materials. I was not exposed to the social and welfare industry based on my background of experiences. I came across a job advertisement as a Communications Executive and applied. Hence I was offered to come for an interview and subsequently the position. I decided that it would be a good experience for me to make use of my media skills to curate useful content of social services to the public especially to the Malay/Muslim Community.

During my stint at Jamiyah, it has been an eye-opening experience for someone new like myself. I have learnt more about reaching out to the needy in different ways. Through this, it has motivated me to go further to get stories of people from all walks of life be it face to face or via social media. Thus this allows me to contribute to the service mission. Although there are ups and down in the job, my teammates have been very supporting, dynamic and it has been a great pleasure working with them. I hope that in the years to come I would be able to reach and convey the services of Jamiyah to an even wider audience.



Programme Coordinator cum Lecturer (Jamiyah Education Centre) Length of service: 3 months

I graduated from an Islamic University and am currently coordinating Quranic programmes at Jamiyah Education Centre. Before serving Jamiyah as full-time staff, I worked with Jamiyah Education Centre and other religious institutions as a parttime religious teacher for a year and couldn't be happier to work with the children. My experiences taught me the best way to engage with students of different ages and backgrounds and to keep myself updated on the current issues that our community are facing.

Although new working with Jamiyah, it has been a great experience working together with all the staff and teachers here as all of them are showing great support in building our Muslim community in Singapore. Working with Jamiyah has really showed me how much the community appreciates learning Islam and that motivates me to contribute more to the society. If God wills, I hope I can continue to make Jamiyah Education Centre a better place to explore Islam, and to be able to keep going further in spreading the beautiful and universal message of Islam to the community.



Personal Care Officer Of Darul Takrim Length Of Service: 13 Years

Some have reservation about modern technology. In fact, it has changed many aspects of our lifestyle.

Of course today, there is a growth in anti-social behaviour and indifference. But with technology, everybody are connected through smart phones and internet in addition to benefits to education. These are important factors in the development of the nation and self, which are what I value too.

Decades ago, I struggled with my financial problems after losing my spouse, who left me with a teenage son studying in lower secondary. My life began to turn-around for the better after I was interviewed by the late President of Jamiyah Singapore, Almarhum Haji Abu Bakar Maideen, who offered me a position in Darul Ma'wa. After four and a half years, I was transferred to Darul Takrim in 2004 and since then, never looked back.

Darul Takrim is a special home with special residents. All through the years, my fulfillment and confidence grows.



NURUL ASHIDAH BTE ISMAIL Head of Department (Malay Language), Senior Teacher (Jamiyah Childcare Centre)

Length of service: 9 years

I was eager to start my job and to apply the knowledge that I have gained during my 3 years course @ Ngee Ann Polytechnic. I loved creating malay language educational resources and thinking of different ways to make my lessons interesting and engaging. It warms my heart to see my students singing malay songs and being able to speak, read and write with confidence. Also, I felt proud when my previous batch of students are doing well and receiving top awards for the language.

Recently, an ex-parent informed me that her son was one of the top pupil for Malay and she thanked me for all my efforts in instilling a strong Malay foundation for him. Also, her daughter is now a good reader and loved malay books so much. "Cikgu Shidah, thank you once again for your passion and effort in keeping your excellent lessons so interesting which spurs them to be good. Semoga dirimu sentiasa menjadi pembakar semangat untuk setiap murid." Here, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to both Mdm Faridah and Ms Watie for their constant support and encouragement throughout these 8+ years. Also not forgetting my close colleagues who have made my working experiences a memorable one. It has been a very rewarding and fulfilling journey.

OUR **STAFF** (2)



RAHIMAH BEEVI

Principal (Global Child Development Centre @ Woodlands) Length of service: 10 Years

My journey in Jamiyah Singapore started back in April 2007. I was assigned to work in Global Child Development Centre @ Woodlands prior to its launch and have seen the Centre grow successfully over the years. I am glad to be part of many meaningful projects throughout my tenure in the centre. Kids give back, Intergenerational programme, NEA plant a tree programme, beach cleanup and appreciation day for community workers are some momentous projects that allowed me to instil the love of community work in children.

Jamiyah provided opportunities to enhance my teaching skills by sending me to various professional development courses. In 2010, I was awarded a scholarship award by Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) to study in a degree programme, Bachelors of Science in Early Childhood Education with a focus in Literacy. Apart from industry related courses, Jamiyah also exposed me to other courses such as basic accountancy course. There were good prospects for career advancement in the organization. I started off as a senior teacher and then went on to become a Vice Principal. Now I have the opportunity to lead a centre as a Centre Leader. Working at Global Child Development Centre has changed my life tremendously.

JAMIYAH CONNECTS (1)

Jamiyah and the Magic of Networking & Goodwill **Relations**

amiyah's founder, Maulana Abdul Aleem Siddique (1892-1954) would not have been called "Roving Ambassador of Peace" in three separate books published in Mauritius, South Africa and Singapore respectively if he had not been endowed with the qualities of Peace. He had been trained and disciplined by his parents and his teacher Imam Ahmad Reza Khan, acclaimed by top scholars in pre-Saudi Mecca and Madinah, and across the Muslim world. His teacher had thousands of students in Mauritius, South Africa and India which provided our Maulana with moral support as and when needed in his 40-year global journeys for World Peace and Inter Faith Harmony.

Realizing the need for unity within the Muslim community, Maulana brought his vision to the Egyptian Leader Muhammad Allouba Pasha. The latter then brought together the leaders of the different schools of Islam enthusing them



The Late Haji Abu Bakar Maidin spending time with residents of Darul Takrim

with his vision of World Peace which had been shattered by World War I. His contacts were not merely the top ranking Church, Jewish, Buddhist, Taoist, Hindu, Sikh leaders, etc but skeptics and agnostics as well. As an example, George Bernard Shaw met him at Mombasa and said, "This will be the most memorable part of my journey.....He is truly a sage". Then there was the nuclear physicist Dr. Antonoff and the creative thinker Marya Levinskya who were inspired to write Reverent Science or Scientific Religion especially when they came under the influence of Maulana's protégé Hafiz Fazlur Rahman Ansari. Mr Ansari later became an Editor at the Singapore headquarters of All Malaya Muslim Missionary Society (AMMS) whose international Genuine magazine enthused many civil servants and Britishers. Among them was Singapore's first Olympian Valberg, the future Attorney General Dr. Ahmad Ibrahim, and the Gandhian peace entrepreneur, Rev. C.F Andrews.

Maulana had been in contact with Dato Syed Ibrahim Omar Alsagoff, President of the AMMMS (now known as Jamiyah Singapore) and the latter had gathered around him the leaders of the Malay/Muslim community including the Aljunied, Mattar, AlHabshi, Alsagoff clans. The Indian Chulias and Salleh and Ibrahim Ma from a long line of Chinese Muslims also joined. They gained the support consecutively of Governors Franklin Gimson and Robert Black and in particular, the British Commissioner for South East Asia Malcolm MacDonald. With Dato Syed Ibrahim's powerful links with diplomats, non-Muslim leaders and philanthropists such as Dato Lee Kong Chian and the "Cattle King" Kader Sultan, it was the right time to establish the world pioneering Inter-Religious Organisation of Singapore and Johore Baru in early 1949.

It was crucial to have Church leaders such as Rev. Olcomendy and Rev Amstutz, the Buddhist leader Ven Sek Hong Hoon, Kartar Singh, Parsi Behram Vakil leader A.K. Isaac and Swami Vamadevanda. Muslim leaders such as the Mufti of Johore Syed Alwi Al-Hadad and Chief Kathi of Singapore Haji Ali Hj Mohd Said were also involved.

With leaders of Jamiyah's branches in peninsula Malaya and the complete support of the Sultan of Selangor, Dato Syed Ibrahim worked with his organising committee and established the Kolei Islam after obtaining the donation of the Istana from the Sultan himself. Not only was he able to bring down the top graduate of Al Azhar Muhammad Abdul Rauf, to head the College but secured the co-patronship of Genuine Islam by the Shaykh Al Azhar, Sh.Muhammad Mustafa Maraghi himself. All these was due to the magic of sincere and solid networking. King Faisal also donated large sums for the maintenance of the College.

Grabbing the Bull by its Horns

In August 1965 Singapore was politically separated from Malaysia. The independent Republic of Singapore was progressing tremendously particularly in the public sector. The Malay/Muslim community could use the tripartite principle involving the Government, the NGOs and the public to speed up progress in the community. It was left to Haji Abu Bakar who had succeeded Dato', to give the words "balanced education, charity and interfaith harmony" a greater relevance. With the cooperation and support of the relevant Government departments, he set up separate Welfare Homes such as Jamiyah Children's Home for less fortunate children (especially orphans) Jamiyah Home for the Aged (generally for the homeless elders) Jamiyah Nursing Home (for those requiring protracted nursing care) and lastly Jamiyah Halfway House (for recovering addicts) under the Community Based Release Programme of the Prison Dept. Meanwhile, balanced educational classes proliferated at Jamiyah and at its centres. With the recommendation of Jamiyah hundreds of scholarships and financial grants for primary, secondary and tertiary education locally and abroad were given by the Lee Foundation, Singapore Buddhist Lodge and the Shaw Foundation who helped substantially in the welfare field together with the Kwan Imm Thong Hood Cho Temple and the Mini Environment Services.

In 1999, the late Haji Abu Bakar set up the Jamiyah Business School to provide tertiary education in Languages, Halal F&B, Computer Science and other disciplines with the complete support of the Education Department, then under Dr. Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar. Several regional and international organisations worked hand in hand with Jamiyah during his tenure of office including ISESCO, RISEAP, Dunia Melayu Dunia Islam, Motamar Al Alam Al Islami, Rabita Al Alam Al Islami and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB). For the building of the 4 storey Islamic Centre Jamiyah and the addition of another 3 storeys, the IDB, the Rabitah hundreds of mosques in peninsula Malaysia came forward to support Jamiyah, not to forget the generous Malay / Muslim community of Singapore.

Jamiyah Singapore, the Singapore Buddhist Lodge and the Hindu Endowment Board worked with their partners in the IRO to gather funds for disaster relief in the region such as in Myanmar, Pakistan and Indonesia. Jamiyah garnered the support of the Malay Muslim community of Singapore to set up a hundred solid wells for the impoverished community in Cambodia together with a building for the provision of a school. Earlier it accommodated their orphans for three months in Singapore to teach them English, Maths and Computer Literacy in addition to practical morality.

More Networking Initiatives

Jamiyah later launched an Inter Faith Studies Programme at the Jamiyah Business School to provide greater understanding of the ten different faiths and this was continued for a time at the OneSingapore.com premises. This facilitated networking and camaraderie. Even though Jamiyah Business School had become privatised as JBS International College Jamiyah continued to support it because it was set up to prioritise the education of the poor and needy. It was not surprising that the Abu Bakar Maidin Memorial Scholarship Fund was set in honour of Haji Abu Bakar Maidin's contributions.

Secretariat for the Dunia Melayu Dunia Islam for Malay/ Muslim cultural and educational purposes while regular sports events were arranged with Jamiyah Selangor and Jamiyah Malacca etc to build upon the fraternal relationship with our former branches. Signing the Memorandum of Understandig with the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) was a logical progression. Jamiyah also contributed to the setting up of the Muslim College in Klang, Malaysia. It had brought down Dr. Muhammad Abdul Rauf from Egypt to head the College which precipitated the setting up of the IIUM and not suprising, Dr. Muhammad Abdul Rauf became the first Rector of the IIUM. Equally not surprising was the MOU signed with the International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT)which focused on contemporising Islamic Thought within the paradigm of the Quran and the Sunnah. It was within this same strive for excellence that Jamiyah signed an MOU with yet another prominent educational institute namely the Sharif Hidayatullah Islamic University in Jakarta.

JAMIYAH CONNECTS (1)



Distinguished guests at the 2017 Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultura Organization (ISESCO) Conference. From left: Tan Sri Haji Mohd Ali Mohd Rustam (President of DMDI), Mr K Shanmugam (Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law), H.E. Dr. Omar A. Balfageeh (Ambassador to United Arab Emirates) and Dr. Mohd Hasbi (President of Jamiyah Singapore)

The poor and needy always came first. A Food Bank followed in 2016 to render the support to hundreds of impoverished families and to hep them focus their time on acquiring new skills. As was the policy of the Jamiyah Medical Clinic and the Jamiyah Legal Clinic, it was open for all who qualify, regardless of race or religion. Jamiyah became the local

Inter-faith and intra-faith activities continue to be emphasised given their peace dividends. The Muslim Youth Peace Ambassadors in Singapore was expanded to become Muslim Youth Ambassadors of Peace International. These networking and goodwill relationships at governmental, NGO and other levels will continue to be pursued by Jamiyah in years to come.



Jamiyah Singapore's Official Visit to Egypt & Kuwait

Visiting Kafrelsheikh University

Kecently, President of Jamiyah, Dr. Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar, accompanied by Chairman of Jamiyah Education Centre, Dr. Hussin Mutalib and Senior Executive, Ustaz Andi Kitta, made an official visit to Kafrelsheikh University in Cairo. They were warmly received by the Chancellor (President) of the University, Prof. Dr. Maged ElKemary and other professors from the university. A Memorandum of Agreement was then signed between Prof Maged and Dr. Mohd Hasbi for both Kafrelsheikh and Jamiyah to collaborate on programs and projects of mutual benefit. Subsequently, Jamiyah President also visited Kuwait.



Dr. Mohd Hasbi and Prof Maged exchanging the Memorandum of Agreement

Signing of Agreement between Kafrelsheikh and Jamiyah Singapore



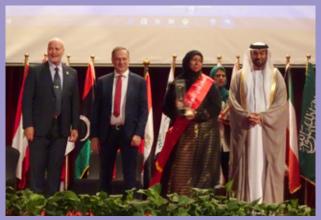
Prof Maged and the Jamiyah team in front of the Nanoscience & Nanotechnology Institute

Although a relatively new university if compared to Al-Azhar and Cairo Universities, Kafrelsheikh's University is equipped with modern facilities, including state of the art language centers, Nano Labs, engineering and medical faculties, and other facilities – including a full-fledged hospital - all located within a large, sprawling campus, about two hours' drive from Cairo city.

Jamiyah Singapore invited His Excellency Prof Maged and two professors of Arabic Language from his University's Centre of Languages to visit us to conduct a one-week Arabic language program in Singapore. The program would involve a series of workshops, lectures and training sessions involving Arabic language teachers in particular and the asatizah community in general. Both Public Seminars and private workshops with Arabic language teachers are being planned, insyaAllah.

Other than familiarizing the public about Kafrelsheikh University, we hope that using Kafrelsheikh's Arabic language curriculum will enable our teachers/students to receive some form of accreditation from the University.

JAMIYAH CONNECTS (2)



On stage receiving the Award Jamiyah's nominee, Dr. Bibijan Ayub

Ideal Mother Award

The other itinerary in our visit to Egypt was to accompany Jamiyah Singapore's nominee, Dr. Bibijan Ayub, to receive the Ideal Mother Award. This annual Award, held at the well-known Cairo University, was to honor mothers from different parts of Egypt and Middle East and others (including from Singapore) for their unstinting sacrifice and contributions to their family and society.



The proud mothers received their shields and plaques from Egypt's Minister of Social Affairs, while the President of Egypt, President Sisi, welcomed many of the delegates and congratulated their achievements.

Translations

Ringkasan Liputan Isu Terkini VOI

Hari ini, kemajuan teknologi, seluas dan secepat yang tidak pernah dialami dahulunya, ditambah pula dengan tekanan globalisasi, telah membuat dunia kita bukan sahaja lebih kompleks tetapi menjadi sebuah 'perkampungan' berbagai rumpun bangsa, kaum, agama dan budaya. Mendiami di dalam dunia sebegini memberi kita tiada lain pilihan melainkan untuk menangani hakikat baru ini dengan penuh bijaksana.

Seperti diketahui umum, Singapura mempunyai sejarah yang begitu lama dalam memperjuangkan semangat berbilang kaumnya. Mujur juga, di dalam jangkamasa tersebut Repablik ini telah berjaya untuk mentransformasikan negara ini - secara berperingkat - dari sebuah 'negeri berbilang kaum' kepada sebuah 'negara berbilang budaya'. Amat jelas bahawa perbezaan di antara kepelbagian kaum dan kepelbagian budaya lebih dari hanya sekadar nama sahaja. Pendekatan 'Berbilang Kaum' melihat masyarakat majmuk dan pelbagai kaum sebagai suatu tanggung-jawab yang perlu diwaspadai dan dikawal perkembangannya, sedang 'Berbilang Budaya', melihat kepelbagaian kaum sebagai suatu aset yang harus diraikan.

Justeru itu, khusus dalam edisi ini, bagi Cerita Utama (yang lambangnya kami coretkan di Muka Depan Majallah VOI (Suara Islam) ini, kami ingin berkongsi dengan para pembaca beberapa contoh peristiwa, projek dan kegiatan yang menunjukkan komitmen kami terhadap usaha murni dan bermakna ini. Tentunya, kami juga ingin memberi laporan terkini akan apa yang telah dilaksanakan sejak penerbitan VOI yang lalu. Maka dimuatkan juga sorotan pelbagai kegiatan dan perkembangan di dalam Jabatan-Jabatan, Rumah-Rumah Kebajikan dan Pusat-Pusat Pendekatan dan Pembangunan Masyarakat, Dakwah, Pusat-Pusat Pendidikan, Jabatan Pengumpulan Dana, Bank Makanan, Rumah-Rumah Kebajikan, Rumah Peralihan, Latihan dan Pembangunan, dan sebagainya.

Dalam minggu-minggu dan bulan-bulan mendatang, lebih banyak kegiatan dan peristiwa telah kami rancang, di Singapura mahupun di arena antarabangsa, bersama-sama rakankongsi kami yang lain. Ini pastinya membuat kakitangan, para sukarelawan serta penyokong-penyokong Jamiyah Singapura sibuk dengan tugas-tugas masing-masing yang telah diamanahkan - dan insyaAllah, kami bercadang untuk berkongsi sama dengan anda, semua kegiatan ini di isu yang akan datang. Hingga bertemu, silalah beritahu kami menerusi hussin@jamiyah.org.sg maklumbalas anda mengenai VOI ini serta kegiatan dan khidmat kami.

Selamat Membaca !

Sementara pemerintah menjalankan tanggung-jawabnya melalui berbagai polisi integrasi, tentunya kita sebagai rakyat Singapura juga harus mendukung usaha sedemikian. Hanya dengan cara begini, kita dapat mengekalkan hubungan mesra berbilang kaum dan agama yang kita nikmati di Republik kita ini yang merupakan sebuah taman kehidupan yang disegani banyak negara di serata dunia. Di Jamiyah Singapura, kita lebih dari mendukung prinsip berbilang kaum di setiap kegiatan dan aktiviti kita. Kita mengambil pendekatan yang inklusif, bukan sahaja dalam berurusan dengan masyarakat Islam kita yang majmuk, tetapi juga di dalam hubungan kita dengan rakan senegara Singapura dari latar-belakang bangsa dan agama yang berbeza.

Malahan komitmen terhadap prinsip 'Kesatuan Dalam Kepelbagaian'yang diabadikan dengan sifat kita menerima akan 'orang luar' kedalam masyarakat kita, telah wujud di Jamiyah Singapura sejak ianya diasaskan dalam tahun 1930an. Dan kita amat komited dalam meneruskan misi ini lebih-lebih lagi dalam gejolak kaum yang menjejas kebanyakan Negara hari ini.

TRANSLATIONS (TAMIL)



இவ்விதழில்

தொழில்நுட்பத்தின் வியத்தகு வளர்ச்சியும் உலகமயமாதலினால் ஏற்பட்டிருக்கும் சிக்கலான வாழ்க்கை முறைகளும் தனிநபர்களும் சமுதாயமும் பன்முகத் தன்மைமிளிரும் புதிய வாழ்க்கை முறைகளை கடைபிடிக்கும் பக்குவத்தினை நமக்கு ஏற்பத்தியுள்ளன. சிங்கப்பூர் அதன் பன்முகப் பண்பாட்டினையும் பல்லின நல்லிணக்க வாழ்க்கை முறையைக் கட்டமைப்பதிலும் கட்டிக்காப்பதிலும் ஒரு நெடிய வரலாற்றுப் பின்புலத்தினைப் பெற்றிருக்கிறது. கடந்த சில ஆண்டுகளாக நம் நாடு ஒரு பல இனங்கள் கொண்ட நாடு என்பதிலிருந்து பல பாண்பாட்டுக் கலவைகளைக் கொண்டு மிளிரும் நாடு என்னும் தகுதியினைப் பெற்றுச் சிறக்கக் காணலாம். பல்லினச் சமூகத்திற்கும் பல்வேறு பண்பாடுகள் ஒருசேர வாழும் சமூகத்திற்குமிடையே சில அடிப்படை வேறுபாடுகள் உண்டு. பல்லினச் சமூகம் வேறுபாடுகளை சமன்பாடு குலையாமல் நிர்வகிப்பதில் தொடர் கவனம் கொண்டிருக்கும். மாறாக பல்வேறு பண்பாடுகள் ஒருசேர வாழும் சமூகம் இந்த பண்பாட்டுக்கலவையை தமது நாட்டுக்கும் சமூகத்துக்கும் கிடைத்த வளமாகக் கருதி கொண்டாடும்.

நமது அரசாங்கம் இனங்கள் மற்றும் பண்பாடுகளிடையே சிக்கலில்லாத அணுக்க உறவுகள் நீடிக்க தக்க நடவடிக்கைகளை மேற்கொண்டு வந்தாலும் ஒவ்வொரு சிங்கப்பூரர்களும் இந்த உயரிய நோக்கம் நிறைவேற தத்தம் வழியில் வினையாற்ற வேண்டும். அத்தகு ஒருங்கிணைந்த பணிகளால் மட்டுமே நமது நாட்டை ஒரு பல இன மற்றும் பல்வேறு பண்பாட்டுக் கூறுகள் மிளிரும் ஒரு இனிய சமூகமாக மற்ற நாடுகளும் சமூகங்களும் கண்டு வியக்கும் பொன்னாடாக நம் நாட்டையும் சமூகத்தையும் கட்டிக்காக்க முடியும்.

ஜாமியா அறநிறுவனம் இந்தவகையில் நமது எல்லாச் செயல் திட்டங்களிலும் இந்த பல்லின மற்றும் பல பண்பாட்டு ஒற்றுமைக்கூறுகள் கடைப்பிடித்து மிளிர்வதைக் வருகிறோம் கவனமாகக் இத்தகு அணுகுமுறையினை ஜாமியா முஸ்லீம் மற்றும் இதர சமூகங்களுடனான வருகிறோம் தொடர்புகளிலும் கடைபிடித்து வேற்றுமையில் நமது ஒற்றுமை என்னும் நமது பாரம்பரியம் 1930 களிலிருந்த்தே ஜாமியா கடைபிடித்துவரும் பாரம்பரியமாகும்.

உலகில் பல்வேறு நாடுகளிலும் சமூகங்களிலும் இனம் மற்றும் பண்பாடுகளின் பெயரில் அரங்கேற்றப்படும் இழிசெயல்களைக் கண்டுவரும் தழலில் நாம் நமது இனங்கள் மற்றும் பல்வேறு பண்பாடுகளின் தனித்தன்மை குலையாது அவர்களிடையே நல்லிணக்கத்தினைக் கட்டிக்காப்பதில் உறுதிபூண்டிருக்கிறோம்.

இவ்வகையில் இந்த இதழ் நமது சில முன்னோடிச் செயல் திட்டங்கள் குறித்த பல செய்திகளை ஏந்தி வருகிறது. இந்த செயல் திட்டங்கள் ஜாமியா வின் பல்வேறு நற்பணி இல்லங்கள் , கல்வி மையங்கள் சமூகத்தில் நலிந்தோருக்கான சிறப்பு நலப்பணிகள் , நிதிச் சேர்க்கைப் பிரிவின் பணிகள் மற்றும் நமது சிறப்பு பயிற்சிப் பயிலரங்கங்கள் குறித்த செய்திகள் ஆகியன சுருக்கமாகவும் தெளிவாகவும் தந்துள்ளோம்.

வரும் மாதங்களில் ஜாமியா இன்னும் பல்வேறு நலப்பணித்திட்டங்களை நடைமுறைப்படுத்த திட்டமிட்டு வருகிறது. அதைப்பற்றிய விரிவான செய்திகளை அடுத்த இதழ்களில் தருகிறோம். இந்த இதழ் குறித்த உங்கள் கருத்துக்களை எங்களுக்கு <u>hussin@jamiyah.org.sg</u> என்னும் மின் முகவரிக்கு அனுப்புங்கள்

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السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

إن التطورات التكنولوجية اليوم والذي لم يتحقق مدى خبرتها من قبل -بمساعدة قوة العولمة- جعل عالمنا ليس أكثر تعقيدا فحسب بل أصبحت قربة متعددة متنوعة بشكل واضح والعيش في مثل هذا العالم متنوع العقائدية الدينية، لا يوفر لنا خيارًا آخر قابل للتطبيق ولكن إدارة هذا الواقع القاسي بحكمة.

كما هي معروفة، إن لدي سنغافورة تاريخا طويلا من الكفاح للحفاظ على روحها متعددة الثقافات ولحسن الحظ، تمكنت هذه الجمهورية عبر السنين من تحويل نفسها، ولو بشكل تدريجي، من "دولة متعددة الأعراق" إلى "دولة متعددة الثقافات". ومن الواضح أن الفرق بين تعدد الأعراق وتعدد الثقافات أكثر من مجرد فارق بسيط. ينظر المرء إلى تعددية المجتمع وعدم التجانس كالتزامات يتعين معايرتها : هذا الأخير ينظر إلى هذه التعددية كأصول يتم الاحتفال بها.

في الوقت الذي تقوم فيه الحكومة بدورها من خلال سياسات تكاملية متعددة، فيجب علينا السنغافوريون أن نقف وراء هذا السعي كي يمكننا أن نحافظ على ملاذ العرقي الديني الذي نتمتع به في هذه الجمهورية، وهو الملاذ الذي يحسد عليه العديد من البلدان في جميع أنحاء العالم وهنا نحن في جمعية الدعة الإسلامية بسنغافورة أكثر من تبني مبدأ تعدد الثقافات في جميع أنشطتنا ومبادراتنا فنعتمد على هذا النهج الشامل ليس فقط في تعاملنا مع مجتمعنا المسلم المتنوع ولكن في علاقاتنا مع الزملاء السنغافوريين من خلفيات عرقية دينية أخرى وفي الواقع، هذا الالتزام نحو "الوحدة في التنوع" - يتميز بإقامتنا "مع الأخرين" حيث إنه قد كان موجودا في الجمعية العديق منذ سنوات تأسيسها في الثلاثينات ونحن ملتزمون بمواصلة هذه المهمة، ويكون أكثر من ذلك في وقت يبدو فيه الاضطراب الديني العرق يلحق بالعديد من البلدان.

وبالتالي، بالنسبة لقصة تغطية هذا العدد، نود أن نشارك مع قرائنا بعض الأمثلة للأحداث والمشاريع والأنشطة التي تُظهر التزامنا تجاه هذا السعي النبيل والجدير بالاهتمام، وبالطبع نريد أن نطلعك على ما قمنا به منذ النشر السابق لهذه المجلة ومن هنا، تم التركيز على الأنشطة والتطورات العديدة في الإدارة والدُور الخيرية والمراكز والتوعية والتطوير الاجتماعي والدعوة والتعليم وجمع التبرعات وبنك الطعام وبرامج الإصلاح والتدريب والتطوير، إلخ.

في الأسابيع والأشهر المقبلة، يجري التخطيط لإقامة العديد من الفعاليات والأنشطة للجمعية سواء كانت محلية أو مع شركاء عالمية. وبالتأكيد هذا يجعل موظفينا ومتطوعينا وداعمينا مشغولين بالمهام المكلف بهم - فنود أن نشارك معكم هذه الأنشطة في العدد القادم. وبهذا الصدد، أرجو منكم إرسالنا رد فعلكم عبر - hussin@jamiyah.org.sg - ما رأيكم في مجلة صوت الإسلام وعن أنشطتنا وخدماتنا.

قراءة سعيدة!



TRANSLATIONS (MANDARIN)

愿真主保佑你平安!

今天,技术的进步,在多大程度上未能有经验之前,借助全球化的力量,使我们的世界不仅更为复杂,但一个明显的多元化和多样化的村庄。生活在这样一个不同的种族和宗教的世界,使我们没有任何其他可行的办法,但要管理这一严酷的现实明智。

众所周知,新加坡已有很长历史的斗争,以维持其多元文化的灵魂。 幸运的是,过去 几年来,这一共和国已管理的转变,尽管是逐步——从一个'国家'的多种族多文化的 一个'国家'。 显然,多种族主义之间的差异和多元文化主义是超过细微差别。 前视 图一个社会的多元性和多样性作为负债,进行校准;后者视这种多元化的资产进行庆 祝。

同时,政府正在尽自己的努力通过各种融合的政策,我们也为新加坡人必须共同支持 这一追求。只有这样,我们才能维持了欢迎民族宗教的天堂,我们享受在这个共和 国,一个天堂的嫉妒,很多国家都在世界各地。在这里,在 Jamiyah 新加坡,我们多 拥抱这个多元文化的原则在我们的所有活动和倡议。我们通过这种包容性的做法,不 仅在我们的交往与我们自己的多种多样的穆斯林社区,但在我们的关系而同新加坡人 对其他民族和宗教背景。事实上,这一承诺实现"统一中的多样性"的特点是我们住宿 的"其他人"纳入我们的折页-已与 Jamiyah 新加坡自从我们的基础年,在1930s。同 时我们也致力于继续执行这一任务的,更是这样的时候,种族-宗教动荡似乎是造成许 多国家。

因此,在这一具体问题,为我们的封面故事,我们想与大家分享,我们的读者一些例 子,我们的活动、项目和活动,表明我们的承诺为实现这一崇高的和有价值的追求。 当然,我们也要更新您对我们所做的自前公布此 VOI。因此,我们重点介绍了众多 的活动和发展情况,我们的部门、护理院、和中心-社区推广和发展,伊斯兰教推 广、教育、筹款、粮食存行、福利及疗养院、过渡教习之家、培训与发展等

在今后几周和几个月里,更多的事件和活动正在计划中,在本地和与我们的国际伙伴。这些必将使我们的工作人员、志愿者和支持者忙忙碌碌地分配给他们的任务--我们计划与您分享,所有这些活动在下一个问题。同时,请让我们知道——hussin@jamiyah.org.sg ——你想想我们 VOI 和关于我们的活动和服务。

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- Jamiyah Halfway House (Darul Islah)

Women and Family Services

Missionary and Public Relations Services

Community Outreach & Development :

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- Jamiyah Welfare Services
- Jamiyah Counselling Centre

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- Jamiyah Legal Clinic
- Jamiyah iCounsel

- Jamiyah Medical Clinic
- Jamiyah Volunteer
- Jamiyah Foodbank

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