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Let's spread the message of



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كان رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم، إذا انصرف من صلاته استغفر ثلاثا، وقال:  
”اللهم أنت السلام ومنك السلام تباركت يا ذا الجلال والإكرام“

Thauban (May Allah be pleased with him) reported,

Whenever the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) concluded his prayer,  
he would seek forgiveness from Allah thrice and then would recite:

"Allahumma Antas-salaam, wa minkas-salaam, tabaarakta ya dhal-Jalaali wal-ikraam"

'O Allah, You are the source of Peace and from You comes Peace, Exalted are You,  
O Lord of Majesty and Honor'





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## Dear Readers

*Bismillahirrohmaanirrohiim – and Assalaamualaikum.*

As we know, the only constant in life is change. In today's fast and changing world, if we do not change, we will be changed. Obviously, as we change, we should be mindful not to change for the sake of change but to do so for the better. This was indeed the advice from our beloved Rasulullah (pbuh): your life today must be better than yesterday, and tomorrow, better than today. Furthermore, when we change, we should not abandon our core principles and values. This is indeed the injunction from Allah (swt): change the laws of *Fiqh* but not the Law of the *Shari'ah*.

Such is also our spirit in Jamiyah Singapore, a spirit that we, the Editorial Board of this Voice of Islam (VOI) intend to adopt when deciding items to be covered in this Magazine. For this present issue, you will see a few changes. These include: an overall reformatted design, a clearer corporate identity, translations of major stories into four languages, new segments/columns (Staff Arrivals, The Muslim Ummah) and more coverage about our many Departments, not only showcasing their events and services but also the staff behind these events. We do this to reinforce the principal objective of publishing this Magazine, i.e., as a medium to reach out to readers (both local and overseas) in general and our donors and supporters in particular. We want all to know and be informed about the wide range of contributions and services that we render to others, especially the needful and the less fortunate.

Adapting to change also imply responding quickly and wisely to issues and events, both locally and globally. One issue that continue unabated is the global menace of extremism, which has often been exploited under the name of religion by zealots of all faiths. Muslims in particular have been unduly pushed to the defensive as the small groups of extremists in their midst continue to engage in violent acts, which mar the very meaning and essence of the word Islam itself, i.e., 'peace'.

Hence, for this current issue, we see the need to address this widespread clarion call for 'Peace'. At this time, we are privy to at least five events and activities that we hope will demonstrate Jamiyah Singapore's commitment to play its small part in fostering peace amongst all, irrespective of race, religion or creed. There is a story about helping kids to understand peace, another on goading youths to spread peace, and *insha Allah*, we shall host two international conferences where peace is the overriding agenda. In these trying times, we must do our part to talk about peace and to do more about peace.

Other than our focus on Peace, in this issue, we also feature the numerous activities and services of our Departments/Sections (CODD, Dakwah, Education Centres, Welfare Homes, and Women), plus our recently concluded AGM where our President reminded the new Committee of the tasks and challenges ahead, and loads of photos to update you about our range of programs, activities and services.

As always, we welcome your sincere feedback about this VOI Magazine and about Jamiyah Singapore as a whole. Do drop us an email at [info@jamiyah.org.sg](mailto:info@jamiyah.org.sg). We promise, *insha Allah*, to reply to all and every email.





Mr Amrin Amin, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs speaking to students from Global Child Development Centre (GCDC) flanked by President of Jamiyah Singapore, Dr Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar

## Peace Is Sweet Indeed

In conjunction with Racial Harmony Day, some 180 kindergarteners from six preschools-GlobalIndianInternational School, Jamiyah Kindergarten, Island Playhouse Child Development Centre, Jamiyah Childcare Centre, Little Dolphins Playskool, and Global Child Development Centre - distributed some 2,000 packets of candies at various locations across Singapore on 28th July 2016.

Project Leader 'for Peace is Sweet', Mr Shahul Hameed, explained, "Before the children spread the message of peace, we have to inculcate into them the importance of respect and tolerance for those who are different from them in terms of features, beliefs and backgrounds."

A week before the distribution of candies, teachers from the six preschools went through a Social Studies' lesson with the children for them to better understand people of other races and faiths. The lesson closed with an art session where the children drew and coloured their interpretation of the message, 'Respect Differences'. Their art works were printed on cards with a message by the Muslim Youth Ambassadors of Peace (MYAP) and enclosed in the packets of candies.

"Through the project, we hope to enhance the awareness of respect and peace in Singapore to our children. A country where people do not discriminate each other by their race, colour of religion, as well as the

kindness and sweetness of individual cultures brought to our (Singaporean) environment." said Ms Magdalen, Principal of Island Playhouse Child Development Centre who shared her thought. This initiative for the project 'Peace is Sweet' was organized by five MYAPs.

MYAP is a committee of 20 youths who were appointed by Jamiyah Singapore, Federation of Indian Muslims, and Indian Muslim Professionals, as a means of steering youths away from radicalism and promote world peace. They were each presented a Certificate of Appointment at the Muslim Youth Seminar on 17th October 2015. Plans are under way to widen the scope and representativeness of the MYAP.



In the wake of global protest against the Charlie Hebdo's caricature of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) in 2012, Muslim students of the Singapore Management University (SMU) conceptualised the 'Roses of Peace' (ROP) initiative to spread the peaceful message of Islam in Singapore. It began with a simple idea of giving out roses with attached greeting cards with quotes of Peace, Love and Unity from faith luminaries such as Prophet Muhammad (SAW), Jesus, Buddha and Bhagavad Gita amongst others. From the onset, it took shape as an inter-faith initiative, involving not just the Muslim tertiary students but also youth from other faith groups.

This ROP's initiative receives tremendous support from community organisations such as its founding partners, namely, Jamiyah Singapore, SimplyIslam, Singapore SOKA Association, Buddhist Lodge, Singapore Kindness Movement and SMU. They have greatly helped ROP to grow over the years, starting with the



## Roses of Peace



distribution of 3000 roses across eight locations in 2012, to 7000 roses across 14 locations last year in 2015.

The list of well-wishers for this peace project has also grown to now include notable figures such as Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, Mr Masagos Zulkifli, Senior Minister of State (Ministry of Defence & Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Dr Maliki Osman, Minister of State (Ministry of Communications and Information & Ministry of Education), Dr Janil Puthuchery, and President of Jamiyah Singapore, Dr Hasbi Abu Bakar.

This year marks ROP committee's fourth year organising this initiative and held on 2nd October 2016. Happily, this time round, ROP has more

partnering organisations - such as the Community Relations and Engagement Division at MCCY, South East CDC's Racial Harmony Youth Ambassadors, OnePeople.sg, Muslim Youth Forum Singapore and Rahmantan lil Aalamin. All these amazing organisations are looking forward to working with ROP this year. Efforts are also being taken to register ROP as a Non-Profit Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG), so as to have greater engagement with volunteers on a more sustainable, small-scale basis in the future.



# International Conferences on 'Religion & Peace'

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## 1. Initiatives by Muslim Organizations In Southeast Asia (October 2016)

'Peace' is such an elusive word for many of us today – whatever our faith, race or nationality. Daily, media headlines the world over feed us with news and views about environmental degradation, political tensions, ethnic violence, economic instability and other contentious socio-cultural issues besetting the global community. With globalization, no people or country is able to fully shield itself from these manifest realities.

Against this backdrop, of all faiths and communities, ironically, Islam and Muslims seems to receive the greatest attention. Surely, for the large majority of Muslims the world over, this state of affairs is indeed unfortunate and saddening; more so, because the very meaning of the word 'Islam' connotes 'peace'.

A similar predicament confronts Muslims in this region of Southeast Asia. While Muslims in this part of the world have been beacons of stability and progress in the past, the same cannot be said of the situation today. Within the ASEAN fraternity, considerable efforts have been taken by governments to mitigate this state of affairs. But more can be done by Muslims themselves, whether they are in Muslim-majority countries or Muslim-minority countries. The 'breakers of peace' must be boldly confronted by 'brokers of peace'. Thus, this particular International Conference by ISESCO (Islamic Scientific, Educational and Cultural Organization) and Jamiyah Singapore. Held on 20-22 October 2016 at the Mandarin Orchard Hotel, the primary aim of this conference is to bring together about

50 Muslim scholars, grassroots activists and other concerned leaders from especially the NGOs, to discuss and share their experiences in spreading the message of peace and goodwill in their own respective countries – amongst themselves and between Muslims and non-Muslims. However, appreciating the problems and prospects encountered by Muslims in performing their roles is only part of the puzzle. Thus, a more holistic understanding of what other 'partners of development', specifically non-Muslim co-religionists, perceive and contribute towards achieving the same goal of peace and progress for all in the country.

It is here that the conference will have the privilege to also hear what specific initiatives have been taken by other religions, which will be presented by representatives of Buddhist, Christian and Hindu communities. Together, it is hoped that these mutual sharing of Muslim-nonMuslim views and experiences will not only foster better rapport, goodwill and collaboration among Muslim NGOs in this region, but also an opportunity to consider new and more effective approaches in spreading the message of peace to all. This conference, officially declared opened by Singapore's Defense Minister, Dr. Ng Eng Hen, and 'closed' by the Republic's President, Dr. Tony Tan Keng Yam, also heard the Keynote Address by Dr. Abdel Illah Benarafa, Advisor/Expert of ISESCO's Cultural Policies and Civilizational Dialogue, and from Dr Mohd Hasbi, Jamiyah's President. Speakers and delegates came from every Southeast Asian country. Naturally, as host, Singapore provided many of the participants.

## 2. Peaceful Co-Existence in Asia Pacific (Tentative)

Given the importance of this theme of 'Peace' in today's world, more of these meetings, dialogues and collaborative endeavors involving a wider pool of stakeholders – the governments, private sector, NGOs, etc. It is with this realization in mind, Jamiyah Singapore is tentatively also planning yet another conference on a similar theme in the near future.

This time, this planned regional catchment is expanded to include the wider Asia-Pacific region and more than 20 country delegates will be invited to share knowledge and expertise on their experiences and challenges in fostering the peace agenda to all. The focus, however, will be on 'peaceful co-existence'. For this particular international conference, Jamiyah will collaborate with the Muslim World League (Rabitah al Alam al Islami) whose leaders and other prominent global peace ambassadors are expected to attend.



# Youth Action For Peace

*Strengthening community resilience and  
tackling issues of extremism*



*Selfie-Time: Minister for Defence, Mr Ng Eng Hen together with MYAP Youths and VPI, Dr HM Saleem and Mr Raj Mohd, Chairman, Im-Pro at the event reinforcing the need to spread peace*

On 17th October 2015, Jamiyah Singapore, together with Singapore Muslim Kadayanallur Muslim League (SKML), Indian Muslims Professionals Group (IM.PROF) with the support of Jamal Mohamed College Alumni Association (Singapore Chapter) and Federation of Indian Muslims, organized a youth seminar themed 'Cultivating a Culture of Peace: Challenges and Opportunities for Muslim Youths'. At the occasion, 20 youths were nominated as the Muslim Youth Ambassadors of Peace (MYAP).

It was during the planning of the Muslim Youth Seminar that Dr Mohd Hasbi, President of Jamiyah Singapore, suggested the setting up of MYAP. He envisioned the MYAP to empower youths to lead creative initiatives that will spread the message of peace in the community. To ensure this, Jamiyah Singapore and its partnering organizations have taken significant efforts to develop the competency of the Youth Ambassadors through dialogue and sharing sessions. This has helped the Ambassadors to plan and carry out projects that have contributed to the increasing of awareness about threats of extremism and self-radicalisation.

#ISISnot  
mySIS

*An Action of  
Peace  
by Amir Ashar*

#ISISnotmySIS is a social media campaign that spreads the message of peace by countering the narrative of ISIS and disassociating the religion of Islam from their acts of terror. #ISISnotmySIS is a video that captured the reactions of Muslims and non-Muslims from all walks of life reacting to the shocking headlines, their views on ISIS and why ISIS is not a representation of Islam. #ISISnotmySIS calls upon youth in the community to speak in unity, empower women and dispel Islamophobia through understanding.

The video was posted on Facebook on 16th March 2016 and has shared 14,000 views. It has also been shared by organizations such as Singapore Kadayanallur Muslim League, MENDAKI, SINDA, MUIS, IRCC, Jamiyah Singapore and the US Embassy in Singapore. Mr Tan Chuan Jin, Minister for Social and Family Development and Mr Amrin Amin, Parliamentary Secretary of Home Affairs also shared the video on their Facebook Pages.

#TheIslam  
I Know

*An Action of Peace  
by Hasan in Alabd  
Kader @-Amir  
Bakkar*

#TheIslamI know is a social media campaign that captured the traces of Islam from members of our community. The campaign aimed to bring to light, what Islam really means to many of us, against the perception that is posed by the mainstream media.

The campaign was launched on 27th April 2016 and has till today seen over 90 submissions by Muslims and non-Muslims from all walks of Singapore. The Facebook has over 1,000 likes with some posts receiving over 14,000 organic likes. For more information visit #TheIslamI Know Facebook Page

A multicultural Iftar on 17 June 2016 together with our friends from IM.PROF, Young Sikh Association - Singapore, Young Jains of Singapore and friends from all other ethnic communities of Singapore, who joined the Iftar gathering where Muslim friends broke their fast from dawn to dusk.

Everyone also had an opportunity to learn about the heritage of Indian Muslims in Singapore at the Nagore Dargah Indian Muslims Heritage Centre.

Come, Break  
Bread with  
Us

*An Action of Peace  
by Masnah Anisul*





Thumbs-up: Mr Masagos Zulkifli Masagos Mohd, Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, Dr Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar, President Jamiyah, Ms Joan Pereira, MP for Tanjong Pagar GRC and Mr Mohd Yunos Shariff, VP II at the Food Bank Launching

*The Way Forward: There is a need to Re-Think, Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle Food Waste*

**Mr Masagos Zulkifli B Masagos Mohamad**  
Minister for the Environment and Water Resources

## Launch Of Food Bank

**The** Food Bank project was launched on 26 May 2016 at 9.30am at the Henderson Community Club by the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, Mr Masagos Zulkifli B Masagos Mohamad. Through this latest initiative, our Community Outreach and Development Department (CODD) extends its outreach to more individuals and the families who are in need.

To make it more convenient for Jamiyah Welfare and Counselling Centre (JWCC)'s food-ration beneficiaries, the food ration distribution exercise have been decentralised to the various Community Development Council (CDC) areas in Singapore. As an added service, JWCC staff and volunteers also deliver the rations to the homes of beneficiaries who are immobile.

In his speech, Mr Masagos applauded Jamiyah for its efforts and said that this unprecedented initiative show the proactive approach Jamiyah is adopting in getting around its work to serve the community. According to research by the Food Bank Singapore Ltd, the National Environment Agency (NEA) and the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, Singapore was found to have generated 788,600 tonnes (715, 405,886 kg) of food waste in 2014. This is equivalent to every Singaporean throwing 2 bowls of rice every day with each person wasting about 130kg of food per year! It's a worrying trend: Singapore sees an increase of food wastage every year over 10 years; the amount has increased by nearly 10%.

Also present at the event was the President of Jamiyah Singapore, Dr Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar, and Ms Joan Pereira, MP for Tanjong Pagar GRC.



# Launch Of ECF: Empowering Families With Education

**Jamiyah** Singapore launched a 6-month long programme for families in need on 20 February 2016, entitled, 'Empowering & Caring for the Family' (ECF).

The goal of this initiative is to empower families in need by facilitating married couples to upgrade themselves for the workforce and maintaining healthy marriages, while inculcating positive parenting.

Director of Jamiyah's Community Outreach and Development Department, Mr Abdul Halim Aliman shared, "As a newly formed department of Jamiyah, we would like to enhance our approach to provide assistance to families in need by encouraging lifelong learning among parents.

Children are the future; thus, we also focus on the wellbeing of schooling children by ensuring that their parents are well equipped to provide for them better. Hopefully with this approach, we will be able to move these families out of the poverty cycle."

60 families with children, who are beneficiaries of Jamiyah Welfare's food ration and are from the low income group, participated in this programme, Assoc Prof Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education & Ministry of Social and Family Development, graced the event as Guest of Honour.



*Resolved to change their lives for the better, participants of the 'Empowering Families with Education' sharing their thoughts*





*Mr Saktiandi Supaat, MP for Bishan-Toa Payoh GRC distributing the Qurban meat to one of the Jamiya's welfare recipients. Looking on (clock-wise) L to R are Dr Isa Hassan, VP III, Dr HM Saleem, VP I and Mr Mohd Yunus Shariff, VP II of Jamiyah Singapore*

## Qurban At Darul Islah

**Jamiyah** Singapore organised the the yearly Qurban ceremony at Jamiyah Halfway House (Darul Islah) for Hari Raya Eidul-Adha on Monday, 12th September 2016. Staff and volunteers of Jamiyah Singapore gathered at the event to assist in the distribution of meat to Jamiyah's welfare beneficiaries.

"We have about 100 beneficiaries this year who collected the meat. We make sure that a portion of the meat from the sacrificial ceremony is being distributed to the less fortunate." shared Mr Rafiuddin Ismail, Secretary General to Jamiyah Singapore.

Staff of Jamiyah Singapore were also on the move, delivering the meat to houses of the beneficiaries. This is the fourth year that the Qurban ritual is done at Darul Islah,

and as in previous years, we saw the wonderful 'gotong-royong' spirit being embraced between staff and volunteers. Preparations for the Qurban rites began a month prior to the occasion, with the submission of the standard of operation and layout of the operation to the Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA). Staff and residents of the Home were also involved in the setup for the logistic needs in preparation for an audit by the AVA, conducted four days before the event.

"The Home always ensure a dry run of the entire Qurban procedure so that the assigned manpower know and perform exactly what to do during the event itself," said Mr Faizal Abas, Assistant Superintendent of the Home, who was also in charge of handling the animals at the event.



# Learn To Recite With JEC

In June 2016, Jamiyah Education Centre (JEC) expanded their programs with Kolej Universiti Islam Melaka (KUIM) for a new Diploma program, Tahfiz Al-Quran wal Qiraat. The three-year Diploma program equips each student with the ability to memorise the Holy Quran as well as recite the verses in various styles by their final year.

“Students will also learn the history of diacritical marks in the Quran, know of the differences in opinions among scholars with regards to the number of verses, and study the quranic scholars from the time of Prophet Muhammad (SAW).” explained Ms Susilawait Sumaat, Program Coordinator for the abovementioned Diploma.

Based on the research done by JEC, programs with Qiraat, which is the recitation of the Holy verses in different styles, is currently a field newly developing in other countries with only a few universities offering Degree programs for Southeast Asia, and Masters’ Degree in the Middle East.

“The Diploma program is the first step for JEC. As of now, Tahfiz Al-Quran wal Qiraat is not offered anywhere in Singapore. Ours is the first, and is intended to be a follow up of our other Quran-related programs, Learning Quran in 48 hours (LQ48H) and Little Huffaz that is meant for pre-school children.” said Mdm Zakiah Jumathi, Principal of JEC.

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Students attending the JEC new Diploma programme in collaboration with KUIM concentrating in their tahfiz Al-Quran Wal-Kiraat lessons



## Revamped Curriculum At JEC

**Our** Jamiyah Education Centre (JEC) recently had its curriculum developed and implemented for subjects like 'Aqidah', 'Fiqh', 'Akhlak' and 'Sirah', across all education levels. The Centre started its careful planning since 2012 involving a combined effort from its Academic team and selected weekend Madrasah teachers.

"The former curriculum was developed about 10 years ago. This new curriculum is more relevant and contextualized to present day and to current issues in Singapore," shared Ms Zakiah Jumathi, Principal of JEC.

Unlike the previous textbooks used during lessons that are text heavy, the current range enables a more visual and interactive learning experience for both students and teachers. The current textbooks are embedded with exercises that will also allow teachers to assess their students' understanding of every topic covered.

Ms Zakiah continued, "It will certainly help students in their learning because it is more simplistic, and the examples and values instilled in the curriculum are done in such a way to better relate to the Singaporean experience."



*Updating knowledge to remain relevant*

## Science Workshop For Children



*The beauty of science - children of Jamiyah Childcare Centre (JCCC) has a hands-on experience with science*

**In** an effort to inculcate the love for research and critical thinking in children as they grow up and mature, Jamiyah Childcare Centre (JCCC) collaborated with Dr Rufaihah Abdul Jalil, founder of Granada Academy, to organize an 8-session Science Workshop for this year, 2016. Held at JCCC's premises, the children undergone the first four sessions of the Workshop where they learnt about the life cycle of plants - from the beginning stage of planting through its growing processes. They were also taught by the staff of Granada Academy on the different parts of the plant and their attributes, along with what constitutes to growing a plant.

"We wanted to expose the children to the beauty of science and at the same time impart knowledge into them. Working with Dr Rufaihah and team was apt because of her expertise in the field of science and the Academy's aim to inspire children," shared Ms Nur Milawati Binte Sabtu, Vice Principal of JCCC. Dr Rufaihah is also Assistant Professor at the National University of Singapore (NUS), Department of Surgery. The one-hour per session Workshop sees the children going through a visual and hands-on experience as they experiment with the objects being studied. The remaining four workshops is set to be conducted in October and November this year.

# Celebrating Diversity @ Jamiyah Kindergarten

**Children** from Jamiyah Kindergarten enjoyed visual and gastronomic treats at their Racial Harmony Day celebration on 28 July 2016, as they learnt of the different ethnicities and cultures in Singapore. The Early Childhood Education Centre celebrated Racial Harmony Day with stations set for the traditional Malay, Chinese, Indian, Eurasian and Arabian cultures, displaying food, costumes and games.

There was even a “live” cooking demonstration of thosai, an Indian delicacy that saw the children lined up as they waited for their piece and watched Teacher Mubarak manning the pan. Clad in vibrant traditional attires, the children shuffled from station to station, studying the food spread laid out for them, each labelled its traditional name. There were sujee, chutney, kebab, ketupat and serunding, and an assortment of Malay kueh. A parade of costumes of the different ethnicities and demonstration of traditional instruments such as the abacus and tabla were also part of the programme lineup, along with games like congkak, batu serembat (five stones), and capteh. The children got to experience a gist of their parents’ childhood back in the day.

Teacher Haslinda shared, “It’s nice to see the children enjoying themselves while learning about the cultural and ethnic diversity in Singapore. The objective was to teach the children to accept and appreciate differences among themselves.”



Uniting through culture – Teacher Mubarak hands-over an ‘idily’, an Indian delicacy to a student of Jamiyah Kindergarten (JK)



Instilling love for technology from young tender age, Global Child Development Centre (GCDC) shows the way forward

## GCDC Does Tech Savvy Learning

**The** children of Global Child Development Centre (GCDC) are up for a technology treat as the preschool is participating in a one-year pilot programme by the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA) nicknamed ‘PlayMaker’. Technology-enabled toys are introduced to the children of preschool centres as a means to further enhance their learning experience. ‘PlayMaker’ aims to promote creativity among children, encourage problem solving, as well as to inculcate familiarity in the exploration of technology, as children get to figure out the toys and work together in small groups. “As part of early learning, it is essential that children learn a wide range of core skills such as communication, cognitive skills and creativity,” explained Ms Nor Jehan Salleh, Manager of GCDC.

“The current plan for GCDC is for teachers to create one lesson, and one learning centre activity with the toys.” The programme requires teachers to plan and conduct projects and lessons based on the technology-enabled toys provided by IDA. Throughout the length of the programme, teachers are also required to document their lessons through observations, photographs and videos. GCDC is among the 160 preschool centres in Singapore participating in the programme since its implementation in January this year.



# Preventive Drug: Educational Talk

**Jamiyah** Halfway House, in collaboration with Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB) held a Preventive Drug Education Talk at the Management Development Institute of Singapore (MDIS), Stirling Road campus on 12th August 2016. The Talk, aimed at empowering youth with the knowledge of common drug abuse and preventing them from falling prey, is part of the ‘Community Outreach Programme’ by both parties on drug prevention, especially among youths. “The attendees are made aware of the consequences to drug abuse such as the heavy punishment of death sentence for drug trafficking,” shared Mr Faizal Abas, Assistant Superintendent of Jamiyah Halfway House. He continued, “Even for first and second time abusers where they are detained in the Drug Rehabilitation Centre (DRC), they can get up to a maximum of 3 strokes of caning.”

Mr Faizal Abas was one of the speakers at the Talk, having formerly worked with Singapore Prison Service for ten years. His role is to educate the youths on prison regime and the caning process, other than answering prison-related questions. Other speakers from Jamiyah Halfway House included Mr Norwandi and Mr Ismadi, Welfare Officers and former residents of the Home. Both shared their personal experiences being involved with drugs and the struggle they went through before finally overcoming their addiction. The collaboration between Jamiyah Halfway House and CNB has been ongoing since 2015. Hopefully, such joint efforts will encourage students to cultivate a more positive lifestyle, thus improving their self-confidence and behavior towards school, family and others they come in contact with.

## Darul Takrim: Bhavana Rao



**Ms Bhavana Rao** has an engineering degree and a post-graduate degree in finance. Thus, it’s a wonder to some that, instead of working in the finance or engineering field, she is caring for the elderly and destitute as Superintendent of Jamiyah Home for the Aged (JHA), a home managed by a Muslim organisation. Ms Bhavana shares with us her experience.

### *What was your profession prior to Jamiyah?*

I worked for seven years in another Voluntary Welfare organisation for the disabled and elderly.

### *What is it like to manage a Home that is under the care of a Muslim organisation?*

Caring for every individual is the principal objective of any residential facility. At JHA we have multi-racial residents; hence, we need to be sensitive to the physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs of all residents. Since many are elderly destitute, we also have to look into their social and medical needs. Thus, for Muslim residents, we strive to cater to their spiritual needs through engaging Ustazah /Ustaz for religious classes and terawih/prayers on festive occasions such as Hari Raya Puasa and Hari Raya Haji.

### *What’s your vision for JHA?*

I envision a fun and happy scenario where staff would love to come to work and residents look forward to everyday with enthusiasm!

### *With one word, describe your overall experience at JHA.*

Enriching and educating – that’s 2 words! But yes, so far it has been an exciting learning journey ... every day is new!



Updating knowledge to remain relevant



## Residents Of Darul Ma'wa Performs At National Day Parade 2016

**Seven** residents of Jamiyah Children's Home (Darul Ma'wa), had the opportunity to participate in this year's National Day Parade at the National Indoor Stadium.

The residents were part of the martial arts contingent of Singapore Silat Federation. "Even though most of the residents do not have any background in Silat, the experience offered by the Singapore Silat Federation offered them an opportunity to know more about this traditional Malay martial art," said Mr Sabir, Senior Programme Manager for JCH.

Gladly volunteering themselves, the residents practiced hard ever since 11th May 2016, spanning from an hour and a half to about 13 hours as the event nears. Their positive attitude is a reflection of the mission of the extra-curricular programme launched by JCH last March - the Centre of Excellence (COE), where four academies were introduced as a means to instill discipline in the residents, besides enhancing their skills and talents.

The four academies are the Academy of Performing Arts, Academy of Batik, Academy of Music and Academy of Sports.



*'Spick & Span' as well as 'Fun & Joy' the SAF Volunteers enjoying their experience and exposure @ Jamiyah Nursing Home (JNH)*

## Home Improvement For Jamiyah Nursing Home

**The** Singapore Armed Forces' (SAF) 3rd Army Maintenance Base launched their Home Improvement Project for Jamiyah Nursing Home, a month-long community initiative from June to July 2016. Over their four visits, the service personnel worked towards making significant differences to the outlook of the main building. The physical makeover included a permanent anti-bird netting installation and cleaning of the big features around the facility such as the corridors, emergency ramps, windows, ceiling fans, and more.

On 15 July 2016, some 250 service personnel also celebrated Hari Raya Aidilfitri with the residents of the Home. They brought games, engaged the residents with craftwork activities and shared light snacks with them. The Home Improvement Project was also commemorated with a mini initiation ceremony, witnessed by the senior management and residents of Jamiyah Nursing Home. Jamiyah Nursing Home appreciates these efforts and will continue working with different community partners/stakeholders to bring love and joy to our residents.



## Appreciating Mothers

**Our** major signature event, Exemplary Mother Award (EMA), organized by the Women & Family Department of Jamiyah Singapore, returns in October for its 24th year. This time round, this widely supported event is held at Mandarin Orchard Hotel on 22nd October 2016.

Since its inauguration in 1993 by former President of Singapore, the late Dr Wee Kim Wee, the Exemplary Mother Award has been a platform for mothers from all walks of life to further inspire and motivate other mothers and members of the community with their life experiences. These women are not only resilient to the challenges that had hit them; they have also risen to be stronger than before. An example that can be highlighted is that of Mdm Kumari Devi, who generously bought sewing machines with the reward she earned at the EMA, for women who are unable to work at her regular community centre, the Nee Soon Community Centre.

Growing up with financial difficulties has only made her feel more empathy towards those in need. Such example motivates the Women & Family Department to continue to search and identify Exemplary Mothers, with the hope of bringing the community closer and helping one another to empower themselves. "Preparation for EMA starts as early as the beginning of the year, because before the main Hi-Tea event, we actually have the annual launch of the opening of nomination that is usually celebrated in conjunction with Mother's Day. It's only apt since EMA is about celebrating mothers," shared Mdm Nora Rustham, Chairperson of the Women & Family Department.

She continued, "I think mothers, like everyone else, would love to feel appreciated for all their sacrifices, and this occasion sends such a signal, if not more." Every year, the Women & Family Department strives to provide a unique experience



for the deserving nominees. This year, with the guidance of Ms Claire Chiang, Chairperson of the Panel of Judges for EMA and Senior Vice President of Banyan Tree Holdings Pte. Ltd., a Charity Fashion Show is also organized as part of the EMA event.

Three talented local fashion designers, namely Ms Kavita Thulasidas of StyleMart, Ms Adlina Anis of Adlina Anis and Ms Sylvia Lim of The Emporium Group have produced the collection for the fashion show, in collaboration with Singapore's very own batik expert, Mr Sarkasi Said. Revolving around the theme 'Singaporean Style', the clothing range symbolizes the strength of a nation despite its differences, a symbol that resonates the attributes of a mother. With each piece being exclusively designed, the whole fashion show, while showing commonalities among the designs presented, also evokes the essence of individuality from each designer.



EMA Committee discussing the designs for the Fashion Show

This year's EMA marks the end of the second Presidential Shield – each with 12 rounds - , since it has completed its 12th round. Our Guest-of-Honour, Singapore's President, Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam, will be presenting the coveted Shield to this year's Exemplary Mother at the Hi-Tea event. Apart from the signature event, the Women & Family Department is also active in organising activities for the wellbeing of other women in the community via Diva Wellness Connect (DWC) - a membership programme that covers all aspects for women in terms of beauty, health, career, style and so much more. For more information on available classes, visit our FaceBook page at <https://www.facebook.com/divawellnessconnect/>



Exemplary Mother Award (EMA) Panel of Judges led by Ms Claire Chiang interviewing a candidate for the EMA Award



## A Grandmother Figure To Children Of Darul Ma'wa

**At** the age of 70, one would have retired; but not Mdm Fatimah Ismail, especially when she loves children and her job as a Welfare Officer at Jamiyah Children's Home (Darul Ma'wa) too much. 20 years of service does not tire her. Mdm Fatimah has four children who are all achievers – a doctor, a lawyer, an accountant, and a photographer. Her husband is a retired accountant. Surely, finance is not her motivation.

What keeps her going is her thoughts on the troubled kids at the welfare home. There were times when she contemplated retiring and shared that thought with the children, but her heart softened when they begged and wept so that she would not leave. "As long as I'm able to be there for them, I will. I see myself as a grandmother figure to them," replied Mdm Fatimah when asked about when she would retire.

Aside from work, she volunteers herself as an executive member of the Malay Activity Executive Committees (MAEC) Council and has been doing so for 20 years. Her commitment and passion for the community made her a recipient of the Special Recognition Award of the 23rd Exemplary Mother Award in October 2015. She was one of the Top 10 nominees selected out of some 60 applicants.





Senior Management of Jamiyah enjoying themselves at the event. L to R Dr Isa Hassan, VP III, Mr Mohd Yunus Shariff, VP II, Dr Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar, President, Dr HM Saleem, VP I, Mr Abdul Malik Abu Bakar, Jamiyah's Trustee, Mr Mustaffa Dumidae, Asst Gen Treasurer and Mr Rafiuddin Ismail, Secretary General

## Salam Lebaran 2016

**31st** July 2016 saw a festive evening for staff of Jamiyah Singapore as they gathered for the organisation's annual Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebration with 'Salam Lebaran'. This year's event was held at the Royal Palm Singapore, and was organised by the new committee of FARSHANA Club.

FARSHANA is a recreational club set up for all staff of Jamiyah Singapore. It was first formed in 2007, an idea initiated by Executive Council Member of Jamiyah

Singapore, Mr Mohd Noor Said. "I felt the need for staff to be able to get together and have time for one another in an informal atmosphere while playing a part in reinforcing Jamiyah's mission and vision." said Mr Noor.

'Salam Lebaran' is one of its signature events. Recently this year, Jamiyah's Women & Family Department (WFD) took over the helm of FARSHANA and is chaired by Mdm Faridah Ajis, Vice Chairperson 2 of WFD.

Everyone present at the event were constantly engaged by the array of games hosted by Jamiyah Singapore's Communication Executives, Mr Hussain Saaban and Ms Nur Aisyah Zulkifli.

There were also performances by staff of Jamiyah's Welfare Homes and guest performers such as Sufi Rashid and Junainah M. Amin, who serenaded the audience with classic Hari Raya songs.

Apart from celebrating the festive occasion, ‘Salam Lebaran’ also highlighted three outstanding staff and a Department for their exceptional performance for the year 2015, under the following categories:

**Best Employee of the Year 2015**  
**Most Promising Employee of the Year 2015**  
**Best Department of the Year 2015**

Mdm Faridah, Manager of Jamiyah Childcare Centre and Ms Bhavana Rao, Superintendent of Jamiyah Home for the Aged (Darul Takrim), were awarded ‘Best Employee of 2015’ for their dedication and for going the extra mile while performing their responsibilities at the workplace.

Mr Faizal Abbas, Assistant Superintendent of Jamiyah Halfway House (Darul Islah) was awarded the ‘Most Promising Employee of 2015’, while the Finance Department of Jamiyah Singapore was awarded the ‘Best Department of 2015’.

“We should always continue to instil the same kind of spirit that the former leaders, staff and volunteers of Jamiyah Singapore had in overcoming any form of challenges, regardless of how big or small, and continue to work together with utmost sincerity towards the success of the organisation.” said President of Jamiyah Singapore, Dr Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar, in his speech.

Dr Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar was the Guest-of-Honour for the event.



**Faridah Bte Ajis,**  
 Manager, Jamiyah Early Childhood Education Centres  
**Best Employee of the Year 2015**

“An outlet to distress that has proved vital in this voyage comes in a form of bonding with my beloved family, my children and my husband. He is very dedicated and has always been my pillar of support and strength.”

**Quote that I live by:** “And do good; indeed, Allah love the doers of good.” – AlQuran [2:195]



**Faizal Abas,**  
 Assistant Superintendent of Jamiyah Halfway House (Darul Islah)  
**Most Promising Employee of the Year 2015**

“I see it as an ‘ibadah’. No words can describe my satisfaction knowing that an event has been carried out successfully with the coordination and teamwork with staff from various Jamiyah units.”

**Quote that I live by:** “Aged Quad Agis.” – which means ‘Do well in whatever you do’ in Latin. It is the motto of my former alma mater and I translate it in my working philosophy in Darul Islah to help & motivate the residents to reform to be a better person to my best ability.



**Bhavana Rao,**  
 Superintendent, Jamiyah Home for the Aged  
**Best Employee of the Year 2015**

“I am constantly looking for ways to improve...myself and things around me.”

**Quote that I live by:** “Be passionate in whatever you do, and give your best. What you deserve will come to you.”



**Finance Department**  
**Best Department of the Year 2015**

“I am blessed because my staff are experienced and are willing to help each other. It is important to ‘give and take’ when you work in the office because sometimes we have to cover each other’s duties.”

**Quote that the Department lives by:** “The words of wisdom of our Department is to always be happy at work because we spent most of our time in the office. Together we work and celebrate, InshaAllah!”





Dr Ng Eng Hen, Minister for Defence with the children from Jamiyah's Global Child Development Centre at Jamiyah annual 'Iftar With Friends'



Speaker from Malaysia, Ustazah Norhafizah Musa, enlightened the audience on how to achieve a better Ramadhan during the last fasting month



All smiles for the Top 5 finalists of Jamiyah's Supertuber Contest



Mr Husin Saaban (Actor, Writer & Director) with Singer Sufie Rashid





Clockwise Left to Right Pix (a) Mr Saktiandi Supaat, MP for Bishan-Toa Payoh GRC looking at how the Qurban meat is packed. Looking-on are Mr Mohd Yunos Shariff, VP II, Mr Mohd Noor Mohd Said, Jamiyah's Council Member and Dr HM Saleem, VP I.



Our staff and volunteers participated in a community walk on National Day morning



EMA contestants waiting for their turn to be interviewed



Mr Sarkasi Said, well known Batik artiste explaining how the batik attire is to be stitched for the EMA Fashion Show



# Jamiyah Annual General Meeting

## President's Speech



Apabila saya serta rakan Anggota Majlis Kerja Tertinggi Jamiyah Singapura mengambil alih kepimpinan Jamiyah pada tahun 2012, kami lihat keperluan untuk meletakkan prioriti dan menentukan arah yang betul dalam membawa Jamiyah ke-tahap yang lebih tinggi dalam keadaan lanskap sosio ekonomi Singapura dan tren baru yang muncul. Sejak itu generasi pelapis telah melihat jauh ke hadapan dan telah melaksanakan misi khidmatnya dengan pendekatan dan cara yang berbeza membawa nilai tambah dan mendekati semua kaum tidak mengira bangsa dan agama sementara terus mengukuhkan bidang asasnya iaitu kebajikan, pendidikan awal kanak-kanak dan pengetahuan agama.

Kami dengan sukacitanya melaporkan bahawa, walaupun dalam masa yang singkat sejak mengambil alih kepimpinan, Jamiyah telah dapat meraih beberapa pencapaian. Dalam bidang pendidikan awal, Pusat GCDC iaitu Global Child Development Centre, Kendalian Jamiyah telah dianugerahkan dengan pengiktirafan SPARKS, yang pertama diberikan kepada sebuah pertubuhan Islam yang bukan pemerintah. Dalam bidang khidmat kebajikan pula, Rumah Rawatan Darul Syifaa telah diberi amanah oleh pihak berkuasa untuk mengendalikan wad baru bagi pesakit

nyanyuk (dementia) selain daripada mengendalikan pusat warga Emas dan penjagaan siang-hari.

Jawatankuasa Wanita dan Keluarga telah juga mengorak langkah ke hadapan menjaga kepentingan kaum wanita sambil mengendalikan program berjenamanya 'Anugerah Ibu Teladan' dengan perisainya khas dari Presiden Republik Singapura. Perannya untuk memenuhi keperluan wanita sekarang ini diperluaskan lagi dengan ditambah Kelab Farshana, sebuah kelab riadah bagi kakitangan Jamiyah.

Menjangkau ke hadapan, Jamiyah telah mengemaskini pentadbiran untuk memastikan keberkesannya dalam memenuhi keperluan masyarakat tanpa mengira bangsa dan agama. Dalam hal ini, Jamiyah telah memperkukuhkan jabatan kebajikannya dengan cara menyatu-padukan khidmat sebagai suatu pusat sehenti di bawah Jabatan Pendekatan dan Pembangunan Masyarakat (CODD - Community Outreach & Development Department). Bagi Rumah Kanak-Kanak Jamiyah (Darul Ma'wa), suatu inisiatif baru telah diambil dengan memperkenalkan kegiatan yang dapat memupuk minat dalam bidang budaya dan kesenian. Ianya juga menyemai sifat berterima kasih dan bernilai murni

menjadikan mereka individu yang berkeperibadian luhur. Pusat Kecemerlangan yang baru untuk Sukan, Kesenian, Musik, dan Lukisan Batik adalah bukti akan komitmen Jamiyah terhadap membangunkan generasi masa depan yang berkebolehan dan bertanggung jawab.

Dalam bidang membina keupayaan, Jamiyah telah mula merekrut para professional yang pakar di bidang masing-masing bagi memastikan Jamiyah terus kekal relevan dalam keadaan waktu yang sentiasa berubah. Para professional dari sektor khidmat masyarakat, kewangan, sumber manusia, pembangunan dana, khidmat masyarakat, dakwah dan komunikasi telah diajak sama menyertai Jamiyah Singapura.

Dalam mengiktiraf kepentingan jaringan dan kolaborasi, Jamiyah telah meluaskan jaringan kerjasama dengan badan setempat dan antarabangsa. Jamiyah juga bekerja rapat dengan Persatuan Rakyat, NTUC, MESRA, Pertubuhan akar umbi dan Anggota Parlimen masing-masing. Oleh kerana salah satu kegiatan asas Jamiyah adalah pengukuhan pengetahuan agama, Jamiyah telah juga mempertingkatkan program ini melalui program madrasah hujung minggu (JEC-Jamiyah Education Centre) dan kerjasama dengan institusi

agama peringkat Pengajian tinggi di Malaysia dan Indonesia. Ini dapat menghindar generasi muda kita dari menjadi mangsa oleh anasir yang tidak bertanggung jawab untuk mempertengahan kepentingan mereka.

Oleh kerana kita hidup dalam masyarakat berbilang kaum, maka justeru itu Jamiyah terus bekerjasama dengan pertubuhan yang berkepentingan serupa seperti Singapore Buddhist Lodge, Hindu Endowments Board, Church of the Later Days Saint, Singapore Taoist Federation dan sebagainya. Kerjasama dengan Persatuan India Muslim terus kukuh dan menjadi salah satu program asas Jamiyah Singapura sekaligus merupakan suatu peluang bagi Jamiyah untuk menolong dan membawa nilai tambah kepada masyarakat tersebut.

Sebagai kesimpulan, saya beserta pihak pengurusan Jamiyah ingin mengucapkan jutaan terima kasih yang tidak terhingga kepada Anggota Majlis Kerja Tertinggi Jamiyah Singapura, para penderma, para sukarelawan, kaki tangan serta mereka yang telah menyumbang kepada kejayaan Jamiyah Singapura! Wassalam

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Mr Azral Mohd Yacob

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# Prof. Hussin Joins Jamiyah Singapore



After dedicating 35 long years with the National University of Singapore (NUS), the time has come for Associate Professor (referred to as ‘Professor’) Hussin Mutalib to retire, becoming perhaps the longest-serving Malay-Muslim professor in the history of Singapore. For his distinguished service, the Singapore Government awarded him the ‘Long Service Medal’. Appointed as Senior Director, Dr. Hussin reports directly to the President of Jamiyah and will work closely with Jamiyah’s three Vice-Presidents to help bring Jamiyah to even greater heights. His immediate tasks include enhancing Jamiyah’s publications (notably its official mouthpiece, the *Voice of Islam*), elevating further the many programs in Jamiyah’s Education Department, and organizing two international conferences. These are the ISESCO-JAMIYAH Southeast Asia conference and the planned RABITAH-JAMIYAH Asia-Pacific conference, the latter involving more than 20 countries.

A scholar who has published 7 academic books and numerous chapters and articles in international journals, and a lecturer who teaches a class of some 300 students annually – which landed him both the NUS’ Research Excellence Award and the Singapore Studies’ Teaching Awards – Dr. Hussin is also a familiar figure in national and community affairs. Other than his numerous contributions in the media, he was a member of the Government Parliamentary Committee

(Education), Humanities’ Curriculum Review Committee (MoE), and the Preservation of National Monuments Board. In earlier years, he was one of two Malay-Muslims invited to join the 20-odd Special Committee tasked to discuss Singapore’s future development challenges. (Many members of the Committee are now senior government figures, including some Permanent Secretaries and the two Deputy Prime Ministers, Mr. Teo Chee Hean and Mr. Tharman Shanmugaratnam). As one of the earliest Malay-Muslims to receive a Ph.D. in the 1980s, he has served most of the major Muslim organizations. These included the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore, MUIS (as Executive Director), Association of Muslim Professionals, AMP (Founding Chairman), Center for Contemporary Islamic Studies, CCIS (Director-General), Mendaki (R & D), as well as Adviser/Patron to the Muslim Societies of the NUS and NTU. Presently, while focusing much of his time in Jamiyah, he continues to render voluntary service to the community. These included: Islamic Scholars and Teachers’ Association, PERGAS (as Chairman, ‘Asatizah of the Year Award’), Muhammadiyah Association (Chairman, Academic) and Prophet Muhammed Scholarships Fund Board, LBKM (Chairman, Prestigious and Merit Scholarships’ Committee).

In what is generally not known, Dr. Hussin was awarded Certificates for passing the 4-months’ Arabic Language course at the University of Jordan, and

Quranic Tajweed from the University’s Head Imam. In Singapore, being among the few who passed the ‘Imam/Khatib Course’ conducted by MUIS and Hasanah Mosque (the Certificate was signed by former Mufti, Syed Isa Semait), he had delivered Friday Khutbahs in both English and Malay, on many occasions.

Given his contributions over the years, it is little surprise to see him being chosen by the Committee, chaired by Speaker of Parliament, Mdm Halimah Yaacob, to be included in the commemorative SG50 Book, *Singapore’s 50 Muslim Pioneers since Independence*, published by Mendaki/MUIS. He was also included in the book by Berita Harian and AMP, which featured 50 individuals who played key roles in what was described as the 50 defining moments in the history of Singapore’s Malay/Muslim community.

*Welcome to our family, Dr. Hussin!*

## International Awards and Recognition

1. Visiting Professor/Fellow at Harvard University, Oxford University, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), University of California (Berkeley), University of Cairo, University of Jordan
2. Invited to present papers on issues confronting Islam and the Muslim World in: China, USA, Sweden, Britain, Palestine, Pakistan, France, Japan, and Southeast Asia
3. Invited by Harvard University to join a select 12-member International Expert Panel - only two Muslim professors invited - to discuss the university’s new Islamic Studies Program, including its search for the Director of the Program.
4. Invited as Keynote/Plenary Speaker by Southeast Asian universities (Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei)
5. Expert Panel Member in the global project on *Islamic Civilization in the Malay World* (commissioned by the Organization of Islamic Countries, with more than 250 member countries)
6. Principal Consultant in the World Bank Project on Muslim Mindanao in the Philippines
7. Editorial Board Member of academic journals that deals with Islam and the contemporary Muslim World (*Islamic Studies, Intellectual Discourse, Journal Fiqh, Journal Shariah*)
8. Australian National University-Harvard University (Yenching) scholarship
9. Fulbright Award to Harvard University to write the book: *Islam, Muslims and the Modern State* (Macmillan/St. Martin’s Press)



Ms Nurul Syazana  
Binte Ismail  
Trainee Teacher



Ms Umi Kalthom  
Bte Mohamed  
Yasan  
Trainee Teacher



Ms Aisah  
Binte Abdullah  
Public Relations  
Officer



Mr Noor Mohamed B  
Shaukat Ali  
Security Officer

Since its establishment in 1932, Jamiyah Singapore holds on strongly to the principle built by its Founder, Maulana Abdul Aleem Siddiqui – that is, to serve all members of the community, regardless of their religious beliefs. To date, Jamiyah works with various religious organisations such as the Singapore Buddhist Lodge and the Hindu Endowments Board to serve needy Singaporeans.

Former President of Jamiyah, the late Haji Abu Bakar Maidin together with the former Chairman of the Singapore Buddhist Lodge (SBL), the late Mr Lee Bock Guan, and former Chairman of the Hindu Endowments Board (HEB), the late Mr VR Nathan, worked together closely and actively to promote inter-faith and inter-racial harmony.

They came together by engaging through several community service projects such as distributing food ration to the needy, organising and participating inter-faith carnivals, family day events and disbursing bursaries to students from needy

families in the primary, secondary and tertiary levels. Their legacy continues to this day.

President of Jamiyah Singapore, Dr Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar sits in the bursary award's committee of SBL and Jamiyah officials, volunteers and beneficiaries of the various welfare Homes take part in the annual Hong Bao distribution during Lunar New Year celebrations. The women volunteers of Jamiyah were always there to assist in the packing of the Hong Bao packets during the Lunar New Year time at SBL and also assisted in the distribution of red packets to the residents of the various Homes for the aged destitute and nursing Homes throughout the island.

Jamiyah's officials and volunteers also attend the celebrations of these organisations such as Vesak Day and Pongal. The organisations often held a joint multi-faith Family Day to celebrate racial and religious harmony.

## Multi-Faith Relations



*Mr Chan Chun Sing, Minister, Prime Minister's Office shaking hands with old-folks during the Singapore Buddhist Lodge (SBL) Annual Bursary Awards Presentation Ceremony. Looking on are Dr Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar, President, Jamiyah Singapore and Dr HM Saleem, VP I*



## Two Organisations With A Common Interest



*President, Jamiyah Singapore, Dr Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar presenting a memento to Dr Shamsiah A Karim, CEO of Al-Bukhary Foundation in the presence of Senior Officials from both sides*

The Al-Bukhary Foundation from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, made a study visit to two of Jamiyah Singapore's Welfare Homes, Jamiyah Children's Home (Darul Ma'wa) and Jamiyah Nursing Home (Darul Syifaa), on the 5th and 6th of August 2016, respectively.

The visit saw a sharing session between the senior management of Jamiyah Singapore and Al-Bukhary Foundation, namely Dr Shamsiah Abdul Karim, CEO of Al-Bukhary Foundation, Mr John Britto, Programme Coordinator, Sister Wei, Head of Dialysis Centre, and Mr Hafeez, a volunteer, on the operating procedures of Welfare Homes adopted in different countries.

"It is only apt for us to want to learn from Jamiyah Singapore, not only because it is a Muslim organisation, but also because our objectives are very much similar," said Dr Shamsiah Abdul Karim.

### About Al-Bukhary Foundation

Al-Bukhary Foundation, founded by Tan Sri Syed Mokhtar Shah bin Syed Nor Al-Bukhary, is a private charity that aims to reach out and provide social welfare, education and cultural initiatives to build a better world.

## Donors: Mr Krishnan Muthappan

Founder & Ceo Markham AGro Pte Ltd

Mr Krishnan Muthappan, aged 47, is an active donor of Jamiyah Singapore since the beginning of 2016. Early this year, he donated \$7500 to put up awning at the Visitors' Corner at Jamiyah's Halfway House in Pasir Panjang. Later in July, he donated another \$7,500 to help to purchase a forklift for Jamiyah Singapore's Food Bank's warehouse at 9 Tannery lane. The forklift is essential for staff to load and unload food items from lorry to respective storage place at the warehouse. "To me, extra profit is a means of giving back to the society."

# DMDI – Malay World Islamic World (Dunia Melayu Dunia Islam) *Mohd Noor Mohd Said*

In line with Jamiyah's vision and mission to serve humanity and contribute towards the enrichment of the ummah beyond our geographical boundary, we have joined hands with similar-minded institutions, far and near, in the trans-border grouping called the 'Malay World, Islamic World' or its acronym DMDI. Other than Singapore, other member countries in this DMDI includes Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Bosnia, Thailand, Brunei Darusalam, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, China, Timor Leste, South Africa, Maldives, Australia, Netherlands, Canada, Madagascar, United Kingdom, and Egypt.

The establishment of DMDI received its inspiration from its current President, Tan Sri Prof Dr Haji Mohd Ali Mohd Rustam, the former Chief Minister of Malacca who is now a Senator in the Malaysian parliament. He felt that the Malays and Muslims in the world constitute a sizeable enough population and could mutually benefit if they were to collaborate in social, cultural, community, economic and educational fields. Since the Malay language is one of the most spoken languages in the world, it was thought that by coming together, collectively Malays can promote and enrich its usage and cultural advancements.

While preserving their religious and rich cultural heritage, Malays/Muslims in the Malay Archipelago and the Malay diaspora in other parts of the world can also learn from other ethnic communities and collaborate with them in business, trade and other economic endeavours. The DMDI Singapore chapter can be a good platform to support Singapore's vision to gradually transform itself as a cultural renaissance city. In addition,

community projects like the building of mosques, drinking well and other self-help programs to help the needy and the poor, can also promote the good image of member countries and strengthen the spirit of ASEAN.

## **Jamiyah, the DMDI Singapore Secretariat**

On 19th April 2014 Jamiyah Singapore was officially appointed as the Secretariat of DMDI Singapore at a launching ceremony officiated by Mdm Halimah Jacob, the Honourable Speaker of Parliament. 28 representatives from various fields such as education, economy, arts and culture, sports, etc. were presented with Certificates of Partnership. Mdm Halimah Jacob remarked that, 'This collaboration between two organisations i.e., DMDI and Jamiyah Singapore is one that is anticipated, as both come from wealth of experience that will enable them to work together and benefit all other DMDI member countries'. The Chairman of DMDI Singapore, Dr Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar who is also the President of Jamiyah Singapore, expressed his appreciation to the President of DMDI for placing his confidence in Jamiyah to take the lead in Singapore in this noble endeavour.

To cite an example of DMDI pro-active role, on 26-28 October 2015 DMDI held its 15th Convention at the Hatten Hotel Malacca on the theme 'Moderation: the Foundation of Unity of the Ummah' (Wassatiah Asas Perpaduan Ummah). At the end of the Convention, 11 resolutions were passed and adopted. This includes (a) Expanding and Elevating the Malay Language in member countries (b) Despatching Volunteer Teams on humanitarian

ground to Third World countries (d) Enhancing Collaboration between officially recognized universities that offers higher education in religious knowledge and the Malay language and culture (e) Development of the Muslim ummah. A good example of the benefits this networking has brought about to Jamiyah Singapore is the collaboration with the Kolej University Islam Melaka (KUIM) leading to the introduction of the Diploma in Syariah Islamiyyah program and subsequently the Degree programme. On 3-5 May 2014, Dr Isa Hassan, Vice-President III and Mr Mohd Noor Mohd Said, a Council Member of Jamiyah Singapore attended the launching ceremony of the DMDI Surabaya, Indonesia. Mr Mohd Noor presented a paper on 'Together in overcoming the challenges in the preservation and promotion of the Malay Language and Culture'.

It is heartening to note that more and more countries are joining in this endeavour. Holding steadfastly to its mission and vision and abiding by the teachings of the Quran and the Sunnah, DMDI has the potential to act as a peaceful, uniting force in the pursuit of peace and goodwill to all, and in the preservation of positive Malay/Muslim values and heritage. Thus, there is a wider scope for DMDI to explore and fulfil. As advocated in the Malay proverb, 'Jika Tak Kenal Maka Tak Cinta...Jauh Berjalan Luas Pemandangan'. As an end note, here is another verse of the Malay pantun:

*Jahit Berjahit tepi kasar  
Suji bersuji tepi bantal  
Kalau ghaib dalam usul  
Titip saja pada asal*



# Ramadan and Goodness Galore at Jamiyah Singapore

*Dr H.M. Saleem*

Ramadan is the month of goodness and mercy, the month of purity and charity, the month of cleanness and clarity in which the hearts are cleansed and the deeds become noble and high. Righteousness is indeed the wisdom for which fasting has been ordained, as stated by Allah s.w.t. He says 'O you who have believed, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you that you may become righteous' [Quran 2:183]

Jamiyah and its various centres have become the platform for the Muslim ummah and others to come together and celebrate this month long goodness in many ways. The following are the summary of this 'goodness galore' at Jamiyah during the blessed month of Ramadan this year.

## **Iftar and Ramadhan activities - at our HQ, JEC and Welfare Homes**



Throughout Ramadan, we organized a number of Iftar (breaking of fasting) occasions. One was our 'Iftar with Muslim foreign workers' held at Jamiyah HQ where some 250 were present, an increase of more than 100 from the previous year. The other was 'Iftar with Beneficiaries' held at our Nursing Home, involving around 350 participants, where our Guest-of-Honour, Mdm Halimah Yacob, Speaker of Parliament, handed out food hampers (such as 20kg of rice, vermicelli noodles, biscuits, Milo, oats and canned food items) to about 130 needy and disadvantaged persons. Finally, we had our 'Iftar with Friends'

attended by some 300 guests including community leaders, grassroots representatives, and ambassadors and members of the diplomatic corps. Every year too, staff of Jamiyah shows appreciation to our supporters by delivering Ramadhan Hampers to their houses. This year about 1000 hampers were distributed, each consisting of festive cookies, dates, praying mat and a few more items.

Our Jamiyah Education Centre organized a series of Islamic events and classes throughout Ramadhan. These included Talks about the special meanings of the holy month ('Ramadhan D Hati') attended by more than 200 people, including the parents of the students of the Centre, supporters of Jamiyah and members of the public. Other activities were Intensive Basic Religion Studies for Children, Fiqh Ramadhan, Intensive Arabic Communications, Intensive Tarannum Workshop, Community Service exposure for students at Jamiyah Home for the Aged (Darul Takrim), Trial Session for Learning Quran in 48 Hours (LQ48h), and 10 Methods to Recite the Al Fatihah. A 4-week Ramadhan Religious Talk by Ustazah Norhafizah Musa covered topics such as Health Tips practiced by Prophet Muhammad (saw) during Ramadhan and AlQuran as the Muslim guidance in life. On the night of Lailathul Qadr Qiyamulail was held at JEC when the Participants read the kitab, 'Ayuhal Walad' (Oh My Son!) by Imam Ghazali. The objective was to revive the night of Ramadhan with worship and create bonding between students and Asatizahs of the centre. There was also a presentation by the students of Diploma in Islamic Contemporary Sciences, reflecting on many aspects of the holiness of Ramadhan.

Our Welfare Homes too did not want to miss organizing their own Ramadhan activities. These included the 18 Iftar sessions with residents of the Home for

the Aged (Darul Takrim), participated by organizations such as Tampines MKAC, SG Chapter, Radin Mas CC and Delta Airlines and BS Abdul Rahman University Alumni Association.

Our Jamiyah Nursing Home, Jamiyah Children's Home (Darul Ma'wa) and Jamiyah Halfway House (Darul Islah) also had their own programmes for Ramadhan. Finally, our Community Outreach and Development Department (CODD) also had the last two instalments of their 'Empowering and Caring for the Family (ECF)' sessions in Ramadan. Participating beneficiaries of Jamiyah's services, such as those from needy families, also took part and benefited from the sessions.

## **Al-Quran Events**

On 19th June 2016 at our Jamiyah HQ, we hosted the recitation of the Hoy Quran event by several Muslim scholars, local and international, including Ustaz Ahmad Daniyal Mohd Rizal, (Singapore's Qari Champion), Ustaz Wan Ainuddin Hilmi (International Tilawah Qari Champion from Malaysia), Sheikh Mostafa Al-Sharkawy (International Tarannum Teacher) Hjh Nor Azrah Ayub (International Tilawah Qariah Champion) and Ustazah Nurul 'Izzah (Singapore's Qariah Champion). Ustazah Nur Hafizah Musa and Ustaz Fahrurazi also took part. On 1st July 2016, towards the end of Tarawih prayers, we hosted the 'Khatam Al-Quran', where a large number of Muslim brothers and sisters (including children and beneficiaries from Jamiyah's welfare homes) congregated at our mosallah at Jamiyah HQ to participate at this occasion. President Dr Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar and the Senior Management of Jamiyah also made a point to attend several of the above Iftar and Al-Quran events during the whole of Ramadan. These have facilitated networking and sharing of Jamiyah's major services and contributions to the general public, especially to needy children, women, youth, elderly and the disadvantaged.



# Peace initiatives by Muslim Organizations in Singapore

- Contributions and Challenges\* *Dr Hussin Mutalib*

For peace to be achieved in any country, all stakeholders must play their part. In Singapore, these stakeholders – Muslim minority, non-Muslim majority, Government – in varying degrees, contribute their share, making this small island one of the most peaceful multiracial and multi-religious countries today. Tourists and visitors are able to witness a rare sight: a temple, mosque and church built not far from each other, sometimes along the same road. In this article, we highlight the two aspects of this peace pursuit by Muslim NGOs in Singapore – the first relates to their contributions towards peace, and second, about the challenges they encounter in going about this difficult but noble task.

For the local Muslim minority in this Republic, the worldwide concern for global terrorism and the verity that Muslims are the major source of these un-Islamic acts, have pushed Singapore Muslims to the defensive, having to convince fellow non-Muslim citizens of their commitment to this Republic. Although historically Singapore Muslim leaders were at the forefront of inter-religious initiatives, this time around they still need to initiate concrete programs and events to reassure others of their commitment towards bolstering inter-racial and inter-faith peace. Some examples that comes to mind include activities by Muslim NGOs such as AMP, PERGAS, JAMIYAH, and CCIS, with initiatives like inter-faith dialogues and seminars; free legal and medical clinics, irrespective of race or religion; overseas humanitarian efforts; and ‘licensing’ religious teachers to ensure that only those who practices ‘inclusive Islam’ are allowed to teach publicly. These contributions complement related programs that are offered by

mosques (such as the Harmony Centre in Al-Nahdah Mosque) and MUIS, the statutory board that oversees Muslim affairs in Singapore.

While the problems faced by local Muslims in going about this noble venture are relatively minor if compared to what other minority Muslims encounter in many parts of the globe, they still face some challenges. The first is the on-going worldwide negative image of Islam and its adherents, consequent to the acts of extremists (overseas and local) whose violent means have tarnished Islam and made Muslims the target of suspicion from others. Being an open, global, cosmopolis country, Singapore is not immune from such a predicament. The second challenge relates to the reality that Singapore Muslims are a small and minority community, consisting of no more than 15% of the total population, possessing lesser resources to undertake their responsibilities well. Furthermore, given perceived sensitivities, they lack the ‘culture’ of direct engagement with other faiths. The small number of Muslim associations that embraces the English language – the language of inter-racial and inter-faith discourse here – in their core activities, also constricts their contributions.

The third challenge has to do with what surveys (eg. by IPS) have intriguingly revealed, i.e., the lack of integration of the non-Muslim majority within the Singaporean, national fabric. Finally, some of the government policies did not seem to receive spontaneous endorsement from the Muslim community, such as its recent deeper incursions into Muslim affairs and the ‘foreign talent’ policy that had led to the arrival of thousands of non-Malays

and non-Muslims to Singapore. While indeed necessary to sustain Singapore’s economic vibrancy, this policy also has its unsavoury effects. Some of these new arrivals have not been seen practicing the ‘Singapore way’ of living in a multiracial and multi-religious society.

However, on a positive note, in a world where ethno-religious violence and related disturbances are not uncommon, arguably, Singapore continues to be one of the most peaceful and safest places on earth. Here, mention must be made of the effective role of the Government. Its abiding commitment to and implementation of key nation-building principles (multiracialism, meritocracy and a non-corrupt leadership), and numerous other policies and programs such as institutionalizing multiracial extra-curricular activities in schools, ethnic quotas in public housing, compulsory National Service military conscription for all races, to name a few, have certainly helped made Singapore what it is today.

Obviously, the litmus test to real peace will be how the different racial and religious communities respond to each other when a national crisis occurs. For the moment though, these policy initiatives have worked. The result: the Republic’s plural and heterogeneous population have adopted the admirable ‘live and let live’ attitude in their dealing with each other, thereby putting into practice the precious unifying principle of ‘unity in diversity’, a principle without which peace and prosperity will remain an unattainable dream.

\* This short feature is an abridged version of a Paper delivered at the ‘Southeast Asia Conference on Religion and Peace: Role of Muslim NGOs’, co-sponsored by ISESCO and Jamiyah Singapore in October 2016. The opinions expressed are the writer’s thoughts on the issue.



## France

France's highest administrative court, The State Council, has overturned the burkini ban, amidst criticism from human rights groups. A Jewish group in France has openly criticized the ban and the secretary-general of the Italian bishops' conference, Bishop Nunzio Galantino, expressed concerns about the ban and how it would also extend to nuns.

## Kenya

The Court of Appeal of Kenya overturned a ban declared in March 2015 on students wearing headscarves, saying they should be able to wear religious attire. The ruling comes as a reprieve for many female Muslim students in Kenya, who had been forced to abandon headscarves after the law was passed.

## Myanmar

Thousands of Muslims have ignored calls from hardline groups not to perform the ritual slaughter of Eidul-Adha livestock in the commercial capital, Yangon. But this year, those gathered kept their celebrations low-key. Meanwhile, in a separate development, Myanmar State Counselor Aung San Suu Kyi and a United Nations human rights envoy, Yanghee Lee, have discussed how to address the situation in the country's troubled Rakhine State and Rohingya Muslims.

## Pakistan

At least 70 people died by a suicide attack at a hospital in southwestern Pakistan, and 103 people were also

injured by the suicide bombing in the state capital, Quetta. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif called the blast "cowardly" and pledged his government and security forces will continue their attempts to defeat militants based in the country. At least two terrorist groups claimed responsibility for the blast.

## Philippines

Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process Jesus Dureza, said that a new law to forge the "roadmap" for peace in Mindanao – the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) - approved by President Duterte, would involve the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), representatives of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao and indigenous people. BBL would have sealed the peace deal between the government and the MILF but stalled after the deaths of police commandos in an anti-terrorism raid in 2015, and shelved during the Presidential campaign for the May 9 election.

## Turkey

Female police officers in Turkey will now be able to wear a headscarf as part of their uniform, according to a new government ruling which will allow policewomen to wear a headscarf under their caps or beret on condition it be the same colour as the uniform and without a pattern. Back in 2013, then Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan introduced the lifting of headscarf bans in Turkey's civil service as part of a broader promised democratization package.

## United Kingdom

Police Scotland recently announced that the hijab would become an optional part of its uniform to encourage more female Muslims to consider policing as a career option.

Muslim women police in London have been permitted to wear a hijab for the past decade. Meanwhile, in September this year, over 120 people attended a landmark conference on the media reporting of Islam and Muslims (held jointly by The Muslim News and Society of Editors in London), and the British ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Simon Collis joined 19,000 British pilgrims amongst the two million Muslims who performed the Haj.

## United States

A Florida mosque frequented by the alleged perpetrator of the worst mass shooting in U.S. history, was set ablaze on the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Major David Thompson from St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office said it was a "horrible tragedy not only for the Islamic center but for our community." The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) is calling the fire at a Ft. Pierce mosque a hate crime. The sheriff's office shared a video online that showed a man disembark from a "Harley Davidson-style motorcycle" and started a fire, potentially by using a bottle of fluid he carried with him, causing "substantial damage to the mosque," Thompson said.



## Summary of news/events covered in this Issue

– in the following Languages:

- *Malay*
- *Tamil*
- *Arabic*
- *Mandarin*



Majalah **Suara Islam** kali ini memuatkan kegiatan-kegiatan yang memang menjadi lambang sumbangan Jamiyah Singapura sekian lama, dikelolakan oleh Jabatan-jabatan seperti Jabatan Dakwah, Pendidikan, Perhubungan Masyarakat dan juga oleh Rumah-rumah Kebajikan kami. Menerusi laporan mengenai kegiatan-kegiatan ini, diharapkan agar para pembaca amnya dan para penyokong Jamiyah khasnya akan dapat maklumat terkini mengenai corak sumbangan Jamiyah kepada masyarakat, terutamanya kepada mereka yang kurang bernasib baik. Disamping itu, para pembaca juga akan dapat mengenali lebih dekat akan pegawai dan sukarelawan yang bertungkus-lumus mengurus dan mengelolakan semua kegiatan kami ini. Untuk keluaran Suara Islam kali ini, kami tumpukan perhatian kepada tema 'Kedamaian' ('Peace').

Ini ialah kerana wujudnya suasana kurang senang dan gelisah yang meliputi banyak bahagian dunia, akibat tindakan keganasan dan melampau oleh beberapa kumpulan

tidak bertanggungjawab, samaada Muslim atau bukan-Muslim. Malangnya, penumpuan dunia, termasuk di Singapura sendiri, banyak dihalakan terhadap agama Islam dan umatnya, kerana sebahagian besar dari tindakan keganasan bersabit dari mereka yang menggelarkan diri sebagai Muslim. Prihatin akan hakikat pahit ini, kami di Jamiyah Singapura mengambil keputusan untuk memainkan peranan kami dalam menyebarkan mesej 'Damai' kepada semua, termasuk kepada rakan bukan-Muslim di Republik kita ini.

#### **Tajuk utama: suara damai**

Baru-baru ini, kami telah berganding bahu dengan beberapa kumpulan yang sama-sama berhasrat mahu menyemarakkan mesej damai ini. Untuk tujuan ini, kami telah melancar beberapa projek bersama – seperti 'Damai itu Manis' ('Peace is Sweet'), 'Bunga-bunga Ros Damai' (Roses of Peace) dan 'Duta Damai Belia Muslim' (Muslim Youth Ambassador of Peace). Selain dari projek-projek ini, insha Allah, kami juga sedang mengatur untuk menganjurkan bukan satu tetapi

dua persidangan antarabangsa yang mempunyai tema yang sama, yakni 'Damai', pada bulan Oktober dan November tahun ini. Untuk persidangan pertama, kami anjurkannya bersama dengan ISESCO (Organisasi Pendidikan, Saintifik dan Budaya Antarabangsa) yang melibatkan perwakilan dari negeri-negeri Asia Tenggara. Untuk persidangan kedua, kami berganding bahu dengan RABITAH (Liga Muslim Sedunia) yang melibatkan lebih ramai delegasi dari rantau Asia-Pasifik.

Diharapkan semoga perbincangan dan pertukaran maklumat akan bagaimana umat Islam di serata tempat memainkan peranan dalam menyebarkan mesej 'damai', dapat dikongsisama. Diharapkan juga agar persidangan-persidangan seumpama ini dapat memperjelaskan dasar-dasar pemerintah dari masing-masing negeri mengenai isu ini, serta jenis atau corak cabaran yang dialami umat Islam dalam menyemarakkan mesej yang murni. Bagaimanapun, dengan hanya cuba memahami atau menyanjung usaha-usaha orang Islam, tentunya tidak mencukupi, kerana tugas mewujudkan



suasana aman damai dan pebu muhibbah antara kaum dan agama, memerlukan kerjasama semua pihak. Maka itu, peranan kumpulan bukan-Islam juga diperlukan. Justeru itu, dalam persidangan kami ini, turut diundang ialah beberapa tokoh bukan-Islam – dari agama Buddha, Kristian dan Hindu, Mereka mengongsi infomasi tentang apa yang pengikut agama mereka telah usahakan demi sama-sama mewujudkan suasana damai dalam masyarakat majmuk seperti Singapura.

Perkongsian pengetahuan dan pengalaman serta usaha bersama dikalangan berbilang agama ini, diharapkan dapat membantu mengekang gejala keganasan dan ekstrim yang timbul dari mana-mana pihak sekalipun, Muslim atau bukan-Muslim.

### Lain-lain kegiatan dan sumbangan Jamiyah

Selain dari usaha demi menyemarakkan mesej damai di Singapura, Jamiyah juga meneruskan banyak lagi aktiviti dan sumbangannya yang lain, merangkumi berbagai bidang, terutamanya yang melibatkan golongan kurang bernasib baik dan kegiatan-kegiatan kemanusiaan lain. Dalam beberapa bulan yang lalu, semua Jabatan kami – samaada di ibu pejabat di Lorong 12 ataupun Rumah-rumah Kebajikannya dibeberapa kawasan di Republik ini – agak sibok dengan projek masing-masing. Berikut ialah beberapa contoh sahaja. Jabatan Pendidikan kami, menerusi Pusat Pendidikan Jamiyah (JEC), telah tamat mengkaji semula kurikulum pembelajaran yang dikendalikannya selama ini, meneruskan iktan rapatnya dengan Kolej Un iversiti Islam Melaka, serta mengiringi pelajar-pelajarnya dalam meraikan ‘Hari Harmoni Kaum’. Jabatan Pembangunan Masyarakat

pula bertungkus lumus mengendalikan projek ‘Bank Makanan’ (Food Bank) yang menerima sambutan ramai, dan Jabatan Dakwah terus menabur bakti dengan upacara tahunannya, iaitu Qurban di mana daging penyembelihan kemudiannya dibagikan kepada yang memerlukan.

Begitulah juga dengan Jabatan Wanita Jamiyah. Antara kegiatan Jabatan ini yang terus menerima sambutan hangat ialah upcara tahunan ‘Anugerah Ibu Teladan’ (EMA). Dilangsungkan dengan penuh meriah dan dihadiri oleh Tetamu Kehormat, iaitu Presiden Singapura Dr Tony Tan, para tetamu yang hadir diupacara ini kelihatan amat kagum apabila pemenangnya menceritakan segala pahit getir laluan hidupnya tetapi masih terus bersikap positif untuk meneruskan kehidupannya bersama keluarga tersayang. Diakhir upacara tersebut, para hadirin telah disajikan dengan Pertunjukkan Fashion yang menonjolkan fashion pakaian yang beraneka rupa dan gaya dari semua kaum di Republik ini.

Laporan mengenai kegiatan dan sumbangan Jamiyah ini tidak akan lengkap sekiranya kita tidak menyentuh kerja keras dan sumbang bakti pegawai dan sukarelawan kita yang berkhidmat tanpa sebarang publisiti di Rumah-rumah Kebajikan Jamiyah, seperti Darul Takrim dan Darul Ma’wa. Para pentadbir Rumah-rumah Kebajikan ini telah melatih kakitangan mereka agar menjalankan tugas mereka dengan penuh amanah, bersopan dan cukup professional apabila melayani penghuni-penghuni tua atau pesakit atau kanak-kanak nakal dan sebagainya di Rumah-rumah ini.

Tentunya kesemua kegiatan kebajikan dan kemasyarakatan tersebut tidak boleh berjalan dengan baik sekiranya Jamiyah tidak menitekberatkan isu kepimpinan. Maka itu, dalam Mesyuarat Agung Jamiyah baru-baru ini, beberapa muka baru yang dipilih diharapkan akan

meneruskan projek dan pendekatan yang terbukti berjalan lancar dan berkesan disamping mengemukakan idea-idea baru demi menangani cabaran-cabaran baru jelas kelihatan di negeri kita ini. Inilah antara pesanan Presiden Jamiyah, Dr. Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar, dalam ucapan amanatnya. Sementara cabaran-cabaran berbentuk material seperti kewangan tidaklah sebegitu runcing - kerana adanya sokongan dan sumbangan dari para penyokong dan penderma yang baik hati kepada Jamiyah - cabaran yang bersabit dari aspirasi yang berbeda terutamanya dari kalangan belia dan generasi baru, memerlukan kaedah-kaedah yang segar dan sesuai.

Menyentuh tentang peri pentingnya isu komitmen dan profesionalisme yang diharapkan dari seluruh kakitangan Jamiyah, kami mengalu-alukan ketibaan beberapa pegawai baru kepada ‘keluarga Jamiyah’. Mudah-mudahan, kehadiran mereka ini diharapkan akan terus membantu Jamiyah Singapura meningkatkan lagi imej dan keberkesanannya di tahun-tahun menjelang.

Akhir sekali, dalam usaha berterusan kami agar majallah Suara Islam ini terus segar dan efektif, insya Allah, akan kami terus mencuba idea-idea baru yang dianggap sesuai dan bermanfaat. Kali ini, selain dari mencorak identiti yang baru dan menambah beberapa ruangan baru, kami juga menyediakan ruang untuk diterjemahkan kandungan dan intisari kegiatan-kegiatan kami dalam semua bahasa utama di Republik kita ini. Semoga usaha-usaha seumpama ini diterima dengan baik oleh pembaca semua.

الطعام" الذي نال من المجتمع استقبالا جيدا ، وتولى قسم الدعوة مهمته السنوية بهدف التنسيق والتنفيذ في عبادة القربان (الأضحية) في دار الجمعية لتأهيل المخدرات سالفًا (دار الإصلاح)، ومن هذا المنطلق، قام بتوزيع اللحوم للآخرين من المحرومين والمحتاجين.

لا ينبغي التفويت في توسيع نطاق الأعمال الممتازة لقسم النساء. إن هناك الكثير يمكن القول عن خدماتهن في بضع الأشهر الماضية ولكن إحدى فعالياتهن لا يمكن أن نفوت تسليط الضوء عليها وهي حفل تكريم "جائزة الأم المثالية" في شهر أكتوبر والذي تم عقده في فندق ماندارين أورتشاد، وشهد هذا الحفل مرة أخرى اختيار الأم التي قدمت قصارى جهودها بالحب الأزلي، حيث عندما يتم تسليط الضوء عليها، جلبت الدموع لكثير من الحضور للحد مما كان هذا الحفل بارزا غير منسي للمئات الذين حضروا الحفل ومن ضمن الترفيه للضيوف عرض الأزياء بين العرقية يهدف إلى استعراض التنوع والإبداع من الصبغات التي تزدهر في مجتمعنا التعددي ومتعدد الأعراق.

وهذا التقرير الموجز للأنشطة والخدمات المقدمة للمجتمع بصفة عامة لن تكون كاملة دون ذكر مساهمات هادئة وراء الكواليس للعديد من الموظفين والمتطوعين الذين عملوا بجد من أي وقت مضى بصبر وبمهني في رعاية الفئات الأقل حظا في دورنا الخيرية نحو دار التكريم للمسنين ودار المأوى للأيتام والأطفال غير المحظوظين. وقد اتخذت الإدارة العليا لهذه الدور الخيرية أن تؤكد لموظفيها ومتطوعيها الحاجة إلى أداء مهمتهم اليومية مع الرعاية والصبر والفهم مما تجعل هذه الدور أقرب إلى راحة وملاذات آمنة للمقيمين - وهم كبار السن والمرضى و الشباب الغير المحظوظين وغيرها من المحتاجين والمحرومين.

ومن الواضح أن جميع الأنشطة المذكورة أعلاه ومساهمات المجتمع لا يمكن أن تستمر واقعيا إذا كانت جمعية الدعوة الإسلامية بسنغافورة لا تضع اهتماما كافيا بالمسألة المهمة في القيادة. وبالتالي، في اجتماع الجمعية العامة السنوية الأخيرة، تم انتخاب بعض وجوه جديدة قادمين على متن المنظمة. ومن المتوقع أنهم لن يستمروا فقط في العمل الممتاز من الماضي، ولكن الشروع في أفكار جديدة لضمان استمرار أهمية الجمعية بسنغافورة وملائمتها في بيئة لها دوام التغيير حيث ازدادت التوقعات والمطلوبات. في حين اجتمع بعض من هذه المطالب من خلال الدعم المالي من الجهات المانحة السخية وأهل الخير - ونحن ممتنون حقا - فكلما نجد أكثر تطلعات عمومية نجد أكثر تشددا وتحديا للغاية بالنسبة لنا جميعا في جمعية الدعوة الإسلامية بسنغافورة.

وكانت هذه بعضا من القضايا التي شغلت ذهن رئيس الجمعية سعادة الدكتور محمد حسني أبو بكر، عندما ألقى كلمته في اجتماع الجمعية العامة السنوية، قام باستفزاز الأعضاء للتواصل في إيلاء أهمية كبيرة إلى العمل الجماعي، والكفاءة المهنية وروح التضحية. في حين لا يزال على هذا الموضوع من التزام الموظفين والمهنية والحاجة إلى رفع العديد من خدمات الجمعية فنحن نرحب وصول الموظفين الجدد. كما هو الحال دائما، نحن بالطبع نعزز بقرارهم للانضمام إلى عائلة الجمعية، ونحن نأمل من خلال أنهم تبنا ثقافتنا الموجهة نحو الخدمات، سوف يجدون أدوارهم ومسؤولياتهم الجديدة مجزية.

في حين أن التركيز الرئيسي لهذه المجلة (مجلة صوت الإسلام) هو بمثابة قناة أو وسيلة للتعبير وتقديم العديد من الأنشطة والمساهمات للجمهور العام، وعند الاقتضاء، سنواصل انضمام بعض الملامح والأفكار عن الموضوعات التي قد يكون نالت اهتمام قرائنا. بصرف النظر عن هذه المقالات المخصصة، نأمل أن القراء يرحبون سياستنا الجديدة بإضافة ترجمات القصص الرئيسية التي تمت تغطيتها في هذه المجلة وهي اللغات الملايوية والعربية والتاميلية والصينية المندرين. وتهدف هذه المبادرات الجديدة لتمكين جلب القراء على نطاق أوسع من هذه المجلة (صوت الإسلام) إلى جانب أنها خدمة للعديد من الجهات المانحة التي قد تكون أكثر إلما بلغاتهم لغة الأم.



# ملخص مجلة صوت الإسلام

مقدمة

تشمل محتويات هذا الإصدار الخاص لمجلة صوت الإسلام تقارير حول الفعاليات والأنشطة المعتادة التي نظمها العديد من الإدارات والأقسام المختلفة لجمعية الدعوة الإسلامية بسنغافورة في مجالات التعليم والدعوة والتواصل الاجتماعي والدور الخيرية. في حين نقل هذه الأنشطة والخدمات للقراء، يكون أيضا إحدى طرق الاعتراف بقصارى الجهود التي بذلها الموظفون والمتطوعون في الجمعية وهم كانوا ناشطين ومحركين لهذه الأنشطة. وقررنا في هذا الإصدار الخاص أن نكرس القصة الرئيسية حول موضوع "السلام". نقوم بتسليط الضوء على هذا الإصدار، نظرا لشعور عامة من عدم الاستقرار والثغرة الأمنية التي يواجهها اليوم العديد من البلدان، بما في ذلك سنغافورة، فيرتب عليها أعمال الإرهاب والعنف من قبل المتطرفين والمتعصبين أنحاء العالم. في حين أن هذه الأعمال البشعة التي ارتكبتها الشعوب من جميع الأجناس والأديان والجنسيات، للأسف الشديد، يبدو أن الإسلام والمسلمين يحصلون على أكبر قدر من الاهتمام. وفي ظل هذه الخلفية، لقد قررنا نحن في جمعية الدعوة الإسلامية بسنغافورة أن نقوم بدورنا في نشر رسالة السلام لمواطنينا والزملاء غير المسلمين وغيرهم من أصحاب المصلحة في سنغافورة.

## قصة الغلاف

لقد قمنا مؤخرا بتنظيم بضع مشاريع تتعلق بالسلام بالتعاون مع الجماعات التي تفكر بنفس الطريقة - أمثال "السلام حلوة"، و "ورود السلام"، و "السفير الشباب المسلم من أجل السلام". وعلاوة على ذلك، سوف نقوم أيضا بتنظيم مؤتمرين دوليا عن السلام في شهري أكتوبر ونوفمبر من هذا العام على التوالي. ويعقد المؤتمر الأول بالتعاون مع المنظمة الإسلامية للتربية والعلوم والثقافة (إيسيسكو) ويشترك في فعالياته وفود من جنوب شرق آسيا. أما المؤتمر الثاني، تشارك في استضافته رابطة العالم الإسلامي ويشترك فيه عدد أكبر من الباحثين والمفكرين وغيرهم من المشاركين من منطقة آسيا والمحيط الهادئ.

ونأمل أن هذه المنتديات والمحافل الدولية سوف تمكن المتحدثين والوفود والباحثين والمشاركين من البلدان الأخرى من تبادل المعلومات حول ما قد فعل المسلمون في بلدانهم من أجل تعزيز حسن النية ليس فقط مع إخوانهم المسلمين، بل أيضا مع إخوانهم المواطنين غير المسلمين. بغض النظر عن تسليط الضوء على برامجهم وأنشطتهم، بل أن يتبادل المشاركون أفكارا واقتراحات على بعض سياسات حكوماتهم، فضلا عن المشاكل والتحديات التي يواجهونها نحو هذا المسعى النبيل.

## الفعاليات والأنشطة الأساسية الأخرى

وإلى جانب الجهود المبذولة في تعزيز السلام وحسن النية في هذه الجمهورية، نحن في جمعية الدعوة الإسلامية بسنغافورة نواصل تقديم الخدمات المجتمعية والإنسانية وتنفيذها حسبنا فعلا طوال هذه السنوات. وانشغلت الإدارات والأقسام للجمعية في الأشهر القليلة الماضية في فعاليات ومشاريعها المختلفة - سواء في المقر الرئيسي لها في لوروغ ١٢ أو في العديد من الدور الخيرية ومنافذ الخدمة المنتشرة في جميع أنحاء سنغافورة. وفيما يلي مجرد بعض الأمثلة. شرع قسم التربية والتعليم للجمعية من خلال مركزه التعليمي في مراجعة واسعة النطاق في المناهج الدراسية للدورات والوحدات النمطية، إلى جانب أنه واصل التعاون الوثيق مع الكلية الجامعية الإسلامية بملقا، والتشجيع على بعض طلابه من الشباب في الاحتفالات السنوية "يوم الوثام العربي". وقضى قسم المجتمع والتوعية الكثير من الوقت والطاقة في المشروع "بنك



## இவ்விதழில்

ஜாமியாவின் அனைத்து சேவை மையங்களிலும் நடைபெறும் வழக்கமான நிகழ்வுகள் தவிர அமைதி என்னும் பொதுத் தலைப்பில் ஏராளமான செய்திகளை இவ்விதழ் ஏந்திவருகிறது. இந்நிகழ்வுகளை இங்கு தொகுத்துத்தருவது ஜாமியாவில் பணியாற்றும் பல்வேறு தரப்பிலான நிர்வாகிகள், அலுவலர்கள், தொண்டோழியர்கள் மற்றும் தொடர்புடைய இன்னும் பல்வேறு ஆண்கள் பெண்கள் மற்றும் இளைஞர்களின் அரும்பணியையும் சமூகச் செயல்பாட்டு ஆர்வத்தினையும் அங்கீகரித்து உற்சாகமூட்டும் முயற்சிகளில் ஒன்றாகக் கொள்ளலாம்.

உலகெங்கும் ஒவ்வொரு நாளும் அரங்கேறியும் வன்செயல்கள் ஒட்டுமொத்த மனிதகுலத்துக்கு எதிராகக் கட்டவிழ்த்துவிடப்பட்டிருக்கும் சவால். ஆயினும் இஸ்லாமிய சமயமும் முஸ்லீம் சமூகமும் இவ்வன்செயல்களோடு பெரும்பாலான வேளைகளில் முன்னிலைப்படுத்தப்பட்டு பொதுவெளியில் பேசப்படக்காண்கிறோம். இத்தகைய பின்னணியில் இன, சமய , மொழி வேறுபாடின்றி ஜாமியா செயலாற்றிவரும் பல்வேறு சமூகப்பணிசார்ந்த அமைத்திப்பணிகள் குறித்த பல்வேறு செய்திகளை இவ்விதழ் பட்டியலிட்டுக் காட்டுகிறது.

முஸ்லீம் இளைய அமைதித் தூதர்கள் நியமனம் மற்றும் அவர்கள் நிறைவேற்றுகின்ற அமைதி ஒரு இனிப்பான அனுபவம், அமைதி நாடும் ரோஜா மலர்கள் போன்ற செயல் திட்டங்கள் பற்றிய செய்திகள் , உலக முஸ்லீம் பேரவை, இஸ்லாமிய கல்வி, அறிவியல் மற்றும் பண்பாடு நிறுவனம் போன்ற பன்னாட்டு நிறுவனங்களுடன் இணைந்து அக்டோபர்/நவம்பர் மாதங்களில் ஜாமியா ஏற்பாடுசெய்துள்ள பன்னாட்டு பேராளர்கள் கலந்துகொள்ளும் அனைத்துலக மாநாடுகள் பற்றிய செய்திகள் இவ்விதழில் இடம்பெறுகின்றன. அமைதி என்னும் பொதுக் கருப்பொருளில் ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டுள்ள இம்மாநாடுகள் முஸ்லீம் அறிஞர்கள், ஆய்வாளர்கள் மற்றும் ஆர்வலர்கள் மட்டுமே கூடிப் பேசும் நிகழ்வாக அமையாமல் அமைத்திப்பணியைக் கட்டமைக்க சமூகத்தின் எல்லா இனம் மற்றும் சமயங்கள் சார்ந்த ஆய்வாளர்கள், அறிஞர்கள் , சமூகத்தலைவர்கள் மற்றும் தொண்டோழியர்களின் பங்களிப்பும் இன்றியமையாதது என்பதைக் கருத்தில் கொண்டு அவர்களும் இம்மாடுகளில் பங்கேற்கும் செய்திகளும் இவ்விதழில் பகரப்பட்டுள்ளது.

ஜாமியாவின் பல்வேறு துறைகள் நிகழ்த்திவரும் மனித நேய அறப்பணிகள் இங்கு சொல்லப்பட்டுள்ளன. ஜாமியாவின் ஆதரவற்ற குழந்தைகள் பராமரிப்பு இல்லம், ஆதரவற்ற முதியோர் இல்லம் தாதிமை இல்லம், போதையர்



மறுவாழ்வு இல்லம் போன்ற மையங்களில் நடைபெறும் நிகழ்ச்சிகள், ஜாமியாவின் கல்வி மையம் மலாக்காவின் இஸ்லாமிய பல்கலைக்கழகத்துடன் இணைந்து வழங்கும் இஸ்லாமிய சமயக் கல்வி, நமது சமூக நலத்திட்டங்கள் தகுதியுடையோரைச் சென்றடையச்செய்யும் சிறப்புத் துறையின் பணி , அண்மையில் ஜாமியால் துவங்கப்பட்ட உணவு வங்கித் திட்டம் போன்றவைகுறித்த செய்திகள் இவ்விதழில் இடம்பெறுகின்றன.

இவ்வாண்டு 24-ம் முறையாக ஜாமியா வழங்கும் ஒப்பற்ற அன்னையருக்கான அதிபர் கேடயப் பரிசளிப்பு ஒரு முக்கிய நட்சத்திர நிகழ்வு. அக்டோபர் 22-ம் தேதி அதிபர் டாக்டர் டோனி டான் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராகக் கலந்துகொள்ளும் இத்தேநீர் விருந்து நிகழ்ச்சியின் குறிப்பிடத்தக்க அம்சமாக புகழ்பெற்ற உள்ளூர் ஆடை வடிவமைப்பாளர்கள் கலந்துகொள்ளும் ஏழில்தோற்றப் பவனி போன்ற நிகழ்ச்சிகள் குறித்த செய்திகள் இவ்விதழில் இடம்பெறுகின்றது.

இத்தகைய எல்லாப்பணிகளையும் ஏற்றுநடத்தவும் , சமகாலம் மற்றும் எதிர்கால சமூகச்சவால்களை எதிர்கொண்டு அவற்றைச் சந்திப்பதற்கான ஆக்கபூர்வமான செயல் திட்டங்களைத் தீட்டி அவற்றை வெற்றிகரமாகச் செயல்படுத்தவும் இப்பணியில் ஜாமியாவுடன் தோழ்கொடுக்கத் தேவைப்படும் பல்வேறுபட்ட தகுதியுள்ள தலைமைப் பண்பாளர்கள், தொண்டோழியர்கள் இளைஞர்கள், மகளிர் மற்றும் இப்பணிக்கு ஆதரவும் பொருளுதவியும் செய்யும் பொதுமக்கள் மற்றும் வள்ளல்களின் அணிகளை உருவாக்குவதும் அவர்களின் ஒத்துழைப்புடன் ஜாமியாவின் அறப்பணி இயக்கத்தை அடுத்த கட்டத்தைநோக்கி உயர்த்திச்செல்வதும் நோக்கமாகக்கொண்டு அண்மையில் நடைபெற்ற ஜாமியாவின் பொதுக்குழு நியமித்த முனைவர் முஹம்மது ஹஸ்பி அபுபக்கர் தலைமையிலான ஜாமியாவின் ஆட்சிமன்றக்குழு உறுதியுண்டுள்ளது.

ஜாமியா அறப்பணி அணியில் செயலாற்றிவரும் தலைமைப் பொறுப்பிலுள்ள நிவாகிகள், புதிதாக இணைந்துள்ள அலுவலர்கள், தொண்டோழியர்கள் மற்றும் பல்துறை வல்லுனர்கள்களை வரவேற்கின்றோம். ஜாமியாவின் செயல்திட்டங்களை முன்னிலைப்படுத்தும் செய்திகள் மட்டுமல்லாது சமூகம் மற்றும் தேசிய முக்கியத்துவம் வாய்ந்த செய்திகள் மற்றும் நிகழ்வுகள் குறித்த குறுங்கட்டுரைகளும் இவ்விதழ்களில் தொடர்ந்து தருவோம். இச்செய்திகள் ஆங்கிலம் , மலாய், சீனம் மற்றும் தமிழ் மொழிகளில் விரிவாகவும் சுருக்கமாகவும் தந்துள்ள முயற்சி தொடரும் அதன்மூலம் நமது வாசகர் வட்டம் விரிவடையும் என நம்புகிறோம்.



## ‘摘要/伊斯兰教的声音的本质’

“伊斯兰（VOI）之声”的这一特殊问题的内容包括有关我们的许多部门和部分，如教育，Dakwah，社区宣传和福利院举办，我们平常的事件和活动的报告。虽然传达给读者的这些活动和服务，这也是一个接我们承认我们的工作人员和谁是活动家和这些活动的推动者志愿者的辛勤工作和辛劳的方式。对于这个特定的问题，我们决定奉献我们主要的故事在“和平”的主题。我们强调这个问题，因为许多国家，包括新加坡，都面临着随之而来的今天的恐怖主义和暴力极端分子和狂热分子在世界上的行为不稳定性 and 脆弱性的一般意义。虽然这些令人发指的行为已经从所有种族，宗教和民族犯下的人民，不幸的是，伊斯兰教和穆斯林似乎受到了最多的关注。在这个背景下，我们在新加坡 Jamiyah 决定在和平的讯息传播到我们的同胞非穆斯林公民和新加坡的其他利益相关方发挥我们的作用。

### 封面故事

最近，我们携手志同道合的团体组织了不少和平有关的项目 - 比如“和平是甜的”，“和平玫瑰”和“和平的穆斯林青年大使”。此外，我们都还可以，英沙真主，分别承办不是一个而是两个主要的国际和平会议在十月和十一月。首先是共同赞助的伊斯兰教科文组织（国际教育，科学及文化组织），涉及来自东南亚的代表，第二，共同主办了 RABITAH（穆斯林世界联盟），并涉及从更广泛的亚太地区更多的参与者。

希望这些国际论坛和平台将使扬声器和其他国家的代表分享关于什么的穆斯林在他们的国家都做了水泥商誉不仅与他们的穆斯林弟兄，也与其他非穆斯林公民的信息。除了突出自己的计划和活动，与会者还分享见解的一些由他们的政府，以及这些问题所采取的政策和挑战穆斯林要对此崇高的努力遇到的问题。认识到需要欣赏然而实施自己的角色由穆斯林所遇到的问题和前景，是拼图的一部分。图片将是不完整的没有什么其他的发展合作伙伴“，特别是教友，认为一个更全面的理解和实现和平与进步的目标对于所有的国家作出贡献。因此，会议，我们希望，也将提供参与者和代表的特权也听到什么具体的举措已采取了其他宗教，佛教，基督教和印度教社区的代表提出的。总之，英沙真主，穆斯林和非穆斯林的看法和经验，这些互惠共享，不仅使我们能够更好地促进融洽，友好和合作，而且在和平的讯息传播到所有考虑新的更有效的方法。



## 其他主要事件和活动

除了促进和平与善意在这个共和国的努力，我们在新加坡 **Jamiyah** 继续推出并执行社区和人道主义服务，我们已经做了这些年。在过去的几个月里，我们的部门和部分 - 无论是在我们在罗弄 12 总部和众多我们福利院和服务网点遍布新加坡 - 一直忙于各种活动和项目。只有以下是一些例子。我们的教育部门，通过 **Jamiyah** 教育中心，开始了它的课程和模块的主要课程审查，继续与 **Kolej UNIVERSITI** 伊斯兰教马六甲的密切合作，并陪同我们的一些青年学生在一年一度的“种族和谐日”庆祝活动。我们的社区和外展部（科德）花了很多时间和精力在广受欢迎的“食品银行”项目，我们的 **Dakwah** 科承担了年度任务津津有味，即协调和之家分支伊斯拉和今后执行巡礼纪念日仪式，共用的肉给他人。

不延长其良好的工作错过的是我们的妇女支部。多，可以说他们在过去几个月的服务，但我们不能错过高亮是一个事件年度“模范母亲奖”（EMA）在十月。在新加坡文华大酒店举行，本次活动再次看到了一个母亲，她的巨大的牺牲和持久的爱，突显时，带来了眼泪许多观众的选择。封顶什么一直是谁出席了功能数百值得纪念的时刻，客人们与种族间的时装秀，旨在展示在我们的多元和多种族社会繁荣时尚的多样性和创造性受理。

在大的社区活动和服务的简要报告将不提我们的许多工作人员，谁在后，在我们的福利院不那么幸运看着曾经耐心和专业劳苦功高志愿者的安静和背后的幕后贡献不完整的，如之家分支 **Takrim** 和之家分支 **Ma'wa**。这些公寓的高级管理人员不厌其烦地对他们的工作人员和志愿者，强调要小心，耐心和理解完成日常任务的需要，使这些家庭类似于舒适，安全的避风港为驾乘 - 老人，病人，不幸青少年，以及其他。

显然，上述所有活动和社会的贡献不能被现实持续，如果 **Jamiyah** 新加坡没有给予足够的重视领导力的重要问题。因此，在该协会的最新年度大会（AGM），一些新的面孔当选上船来。人们期望的是，他们不仅将延续以往的良好工作，但踏上新的想法，以确保在一个不断变化的环境，期望和需求的增加 **Jamiyah** 新加坡的持续相关性。我们确实非常感激 -- 虽然这些需求都是通过我们的慷慨的捐赠者和支持者的资金支持达到了更普遍的愿望更加严格以及在 **Jamiyah** 我们所有的极具挑战性。

这些都是一些的是占据 **Jamiyah** 总裁莫哈末博士哈斯比阿布·巴卡尔，当他在股东周年大会上发表讲话的思想，唆使成员继续给予高溢价是团队精神，敬业精神和奉献精神的问题。虽然仍对员工的承诺和专业精神，以及需要提升 **Jamiyah** 的许多服务这个话题，我们欢迎新员工的到来。与往常一样，我们珍惜自己决定加入我们的家庭 **Jamiyah**，我们希望他们接受我们的面向服务的文化，他们会发现他们的新角色和责任的回报。

虽然这 **VOI** 的主要焦点是作为一个渠道或媒介来传达我们的许多活动和贡献给公众，相关情况我们将继续包括主题，可能会感兴趣的我们的读者一些体贴的功能。除了这些专题文章，希望读者会欢迎我们补充说，将在本杂志为马来语，阿拉伯语，泰米尔语和普通话的主要故事翻译新政策。这些新举措旨在使该 **VOI** 的读者更广泛的集水区，同时也给我们许多捐助者服务谁可能是与他们的母语语言更加精通。





## *To our Blessed Mother & Father*

“ *And We have enjoined upon man, to his parents, good treatment. His mother carried him with hardship and gave birth to him with hardship, and his gestation and weaning [period] is thirty months. [He grows] until, when he reaches maturity and reaches [the age of] forty years, he says, ‘My Lord, enable me to be grateful for Your favor which You have bestowed upon me and upon my parents and to work righteousness of which You will approve and make righteous for me my offspring. Indeed, I have repented to You, and indeed, I am of the Muslims.’* ”





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# EXEMPLARY *Mother*

## AWARD PRESENTATION & HI-TEA

Saturday, 22 October 2016

2:30pm – 5:00pm

Grand Mandarin Ballroom

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**Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam**

President of the Republic of Singapore



Guest Performer  
**JACLYN VICTOR**  
1<sup>st</sup> Malaysian Idol

Host  
Mediacorp GOLD 905  
**DJ VERNETTA  
LOPEZ**



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In collaboration with Sarkasi Said





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Some of our many services for the community

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Jamiyah Childcare Centre  
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Rivervale Student Care Centre  
West Coast Student Service Centre

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Jamiyah Children's Home (Darul Ma'wa)  
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Jamiyah Nursing Home (Darul Syifaa)  
Jamiyah Halfway House (Darul Islah)

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