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Jamiyah
Singapore's
85th Anniversary



In Pursuit of Knowledge

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“ Say: Are those with Knowledge and those without, equal? Only people of understanding will take heed.”
(Al-Qurán: 39-9)

أَطْلُبُوا الْعِلْمَ مِنَ الْمَهْدِ إِلَى اللَّحْدِ

“ Seek Knowledge from cradle to grave.”
(Well-known Islamic Saying)

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Located in between Tampines neighbourhood, adjacent to the Soka Association, Tampines West CC, and People's Association Club is the 'Jamiyah Home for the Aged' (Darul Takrim).

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Dear Readers

Alhamdulillah!

In the previous issue – a Special Edition of this VOI - we invited you to join us in rekindling at the numerous services that Jamiyah Singapore offered to the Malay/Muslim community in particular, and to Singapore as a whole. We hope the coverage of our events and projects for the past eight and a half decades, have accorded you some glimpses of the 'Jamiyah story' – our beginnings, founders, challenges, and humble achievements.

For this issue, we thought we should also share with you the highlights of some of the many big projects and events that we hosted throughout last year to celebrate our 85th Anniversary. All our staff, both at our Headquarters in Lorong 12 Geylang and at our other Centres and Homes throughout Singapore, were kept very busy organizing and managing more than three dozen projects. These included the following: Opening of Jamiyah Foodbank Warehouse, Expansion of Jamiyah Nursing Home, Honouring our new Singapore President, the 25th Anniversary of Jamiyah's 'Exemplary Mother Award', an International Conference on Peace, an Islamic Arts and Artefacts Exhibition at Singapore Expo, a 'Sejuta Harapan' Concert, and a mega 'Gala Dinner' at Marina Bay Sands attended by some 1,000 guests. We hope, the articles and photos we feature in this issue will help capture the celebratory mood that we wanted to share with all our readers.

To us, celebrating our 85 years of service last year should be more than just rejoicing at what we had contributed to all Singaporeans over the decades. For sure, our staff, volunteers, donors and supporters have all the reasons to be cheery at what we had achieved thus far. However, we also wanted to celebrate in ways that are more meaningful and consequential. Hence, we enhanced our Nursing Home to answer to the growing needs of our elderly population, rented a big Foodbank Warehouse to store a wider range of foodstuff in a safe and modern building, hosted an International Conference attended by more than 20 countries to strengthen our global network, and launched a Charity Concert where the proceeds are channelled to the needy and disadvantaged. These are only some of the notable examples from a large range of activities that we undertook last year.

The above year-long events and happenings constitute about half of the stories about us that are being featured in this issue. The other half comprise news and activities about our many Departments, Homes and Centres: Community Outreach & Development, Dakwah, Education, Training & Development, Women & Family, and Features about our Staff.

Do let us know what you think about our VOI and about our activities and services. Send your feedback to hussin@jamiyah.org.sg

Happy Reading!



Centre : Then Minister for Social and Family Development, Mr Tan Chuan-Jin (now Parliament Speaker), flanked by Dr Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar (Jamiyah President) (left) and Mr Mohd Yunus Shariff (VP II, Jamiyah) (right) at the launch of the Carnival

Carnival 85:

Launching celebrations marking Jamiyah Singapore's 85th Anniversary

A Carnival, '85 Years of Care: Jamiyah Moves with the Community', was held on the 14th and 15th May 2017, launching a series of events celebrating the organisation's 85th anniversary.



Participants eagerly awaiting their turn to participate in the activities offered at the Carnival

An 85km Motorcade and Walk-A-Jog took place, with the journey starting at 5 locations- Jamiyah headquarters in Geylang and four Welfare Homes - and ending at the field next to Eunos bus interchange, the location of Carnival.



Third from right: Official from Guinness World Record, Joanne Brent, presenting the Certificate of Achievement to Dr Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar. From left : Mdm Aisah Osman, Ms Claire Chiang, Mdm Yu-Foo Yee Shoon, Mr Tan Chuan-Jin and Ms Nora Rustham



Chain of Paper Hearts on display for the judging of the Guinness World Record

As part of the festivities, volunteers of Jamiyah Singapore also created 8,525 paper hearts in a bid to set a Guinness World Record for the Longest Chain of Paper Hearts. 8,525 was specifically chosen to symbolise the special numbers this year – 85 being Jamiyah's 85th anniversary and 25 for its 25th Exemplary Mother Award this year. This segment was launched on Mother's Day which fell on 14th May 2017, graced by the presence of Guest of Honour, then Minister for Social and Family Development, Mr Tan Chuan-Jin.

The Carnival - free for the public - also held other fringe activities, which include food ration distribution at for our welfare beneficiaries, food stalls, and performances by local and Malaysian artists.



From left: Dr Isa Hassan, Mr Mohd Yunos Shariff, Dr Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar, Guest of Honour, Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Teo Chee Hean, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, Dr H M Saleem and Mr Rafiuddin during the cake cutting ceremony at the 85th Anniversary Gala Dinner Celebrations

85th Jamiyah Gala Dinner

A 'Gala Dinner' was held as a finale to Jamiyah Singapore's 85th anniversary celebrations, and the occasion witnessed the launching of an educational scholarship and an award ceremony honouring a few distinguished leaders in the Muslim world.



Distinguished guests at the 85th Anniversary Gala Dinner



Mr Mohd Yunos Shariff distributing the customary 'Pulut Kuning' to the distinguished guests



Guests having a photo-op with the Guest of Honour, DPM Teo Chee Hean and Dr Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar

The late President of Jamiyah, Tuan Haji Abu Bakar Maidin, devoted a considerable part of his life championing racial and religious harmony in Singapore. With this in mind, a scholarship known as Abu Bakar Maidin Memorial Education Scholarship (ABMMES) was launched as part of the organisation's 85th anniversary celebrations.

Launched by Special guest, Minister In Charge of Muslim Affairs, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, the scholarship aims to provide financial relief to Muslim and non-Muslim undergraduates studying at universities. In the spirit of giving, the initial funding for the scholarship will be sponsored by supporters of Jamiyah Singapore.

Distinguished Muslim leaders such as His Excellency Dr Mohammed Bin Abdul Karim Al-Issa (Secretary-General of RABITAH), His Excellency Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri (Director-General of ISESCO), His Excellency Tan Sri Dr. Haji Mohd Ali Bin Mohd Rustam (President of Dunia Melayu Dunia Islam) were honoured at the Dinner for their contributions to The Muslim Ummah.



Staff of Jamiyah Singapore feeling festive at the Gala Dinner (Shafain, Bhavana and Zakiah)

Our newly elected President, Her Excellency, Mdm Halimah Yacob, was honoured and celebrated at a Felicitation Dinner hosted by Jamiyah Singapore, in collaboration with Malay/Muslim Organizations. The occasion, held at the Singapore Expo (Peridot @ Max Atria) on 25th September 2017, was attended by many Dignitaries, Members of Parliament, Ambassadors and High Commissioners, and other invited guests.

In his speech honouring Mdm Halimah Yacob as our 8th President, Jamiyah Singapore's President, Dr Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar noted as to how Her Excellency made her way from humble beginnings to occupy the highest post in the land: "Like a stone evolving into a diamond, you have overcome great difficulties and challenges in your life, hardships and deprivations, to become a strong and capable leader that you are today".

Dr Mohd Hasbi also commented that the nation had sent a strong signal to the rest of the world that Singapore 'walk the talk', through Her Excellency's election as the President. Singapore has proven that it "respects and values multi-culturalism and peaceful co-existence of all Singaporeans from different races and religions, and that gender should not be a barrier to vertical mobility in general, and leadership positions in particular."

In her address, President Halimah said, she is humbled by the numerous well-wishes from Singaporeans and congratulated Jamiyah Singapore on its service mission and numerous services to the Malay/Muslim community and Singapore.

The arrival of Guest of Honour, President of Singapore, Her Excellency, Mdm Halimah Yacob at the Felicitation Dinner



President's Felicitation Dinner

Islamic Arts and Artefacts Exhibition

Organised by Jamiyah Singapore on 28 September-1st October 2017 at the Singapore Expo Convention Centre, the Exhibition featured various aspects of Islamic arts, including what turned out to be the biggest crowd puller of them all - the personal belongings and artefacts relating to Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

This is not surprising since the momentous contributions of the Prophet to humanity have been much documented. Suffice it is here to merely quote from W.A. R. Gibb and Gustave Le Bron, respectively: 'The message of Mohamed is not a set of metaphysical phenomena. It is a complete civilisation', and 'Muhammad is the greatest man that history ever knew ...'



In white and red: Guest of Honour, Parliamentary Secretary for Home Affairs and Health, Mr Amrin Amin, observing Ustaz Hamsyah's intricate Arabic calligraphy. Also watching with full keenness are H.E. Saad Saleh Alsaleh, Ambassador of Saudi Arabia (Left, 2nd), and H.E. Mohamed Ahmed Fathi Abulkhair, Ambassador of Egypt (Left, 3rd)

At the Exhibition, the public had the opportunity to personally see Rasulullah's walking stick, strand of hair, sandal and also the rare artefacts of the Kaaba cloth, the cloth at Rasulullah's mausoleum and also some original copies of the holy Quran. Aimed at giving the opportunity to the public to see with their own eyes the rare Islamic artefacts relating to Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), the Exhibition was made possible with the support of agencies such as Orange Events & Media and Dragon Heart Sdn Bhd, and experts of Islamic Arts and Craft.

They included glass carving experts from Egypt, Ustaz Alamsyah Halim from Indonesia and Sarkasi Said from Singapore. Ustaz Alamsyah showcased his expertise in Arabic calligraphy while Mr Sarkasi's batik artistry is already known to Singaporeans.

Overall, the Exhibition received wide publicity in the local press and positive response from the thousands of visitors. Many expressed hope that a longer period could be set for such exhibitions in the future and that more artefacts could be brought in. To quote one of the visitors, Mdm. Hasnita, who came with her husband and children, "I had not seen such an interesting exhibition about the Prophet in Singapore. I wish to thank Jamiyah for its efforts and is happy that Jamiyah has always been in the forefront in organising such events".

Given the long daily queues to view the Exhibition and the overwhelming public response, and our inability to extend the 4-day event much longer, Jamiyah's management is considering to bring again a similar and bigger Exhibition in the near future.

The 'Kiswah' on display during the Islamic Arts and Artefacts Exhibition

From left : Ezad Lazim, Sufie Rashid and Dato' Jamal Abdillah performing a medley of songs during the 'Konsert Sejuta Harapan'



Jamiyah Singapore hosted Konsert Sejuta Harapan aimed at spreading messages to unite all Singaporeans, as part of its 85th Anniversary celebration.

Konsert Sejuta Harapan

In his Speech, Jamiyah's President, Dr Mohd Hasbi also mentioned that, "The concert promotes positive values that includes living in harmony with people of other races and religions. Till today, we have been doing so through our classes and talks by prominent and accredited motivational speakers. As part of our 85th Anniversary celebration, we would like to do so in a light-hearted and non-conventional manner to attract more people, especially youths."

The concert also showcased three recordings of motivational sharing, one of which, featured Mr Mohamed Nor Ismail (fondly known as Kino). A drug offender and former resident of Jamiyah Halfway House, he is now CEO of Amani Wedding Services. In his video, Mr Kino promoted a positive and supportive environment for the reintegration of recovering drug offenders into mainstream society.

The concert also featured well-known Malaysian singers Dato' Jamal Abdillah, Ezad Lazim (Exist), and local singer Sufi Rashid.

The event was graced by the presence of Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, Mr Masagos Zulkifli Masagos Mohd.



Viewers anticipating the performances of their favourite artistes



From left : Staff of Jamiyah's Fundraising Dept, Mr Salleh Rahim distributing GIRO flyers to concert-goers



Guest of Honour, Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, Mr Masagos Zulkifli Masagos Mohd presenting the key of an electronic wheelchair to local comedian Alias Kadir. Witnessing the occasion is Jamiyah Singapore President, Dr Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar, and Geng Pecah Perut members



Food Bank's Beneficiaries

Holding onto the principle that access to food is a basic human right and not a privilege, Jamiyah's FoodBank -JamPacked - collects, sorts, stores and distributes donated food to poor and needy families. It currently serves more than 1000 beneficiaries.

Opened in 2016, Jamiyah Singapore expanded its food ration distribution programme when it rented a four-storey building to serve as the FoodBank. The warehouse that was officially launched in March 2017, is located at No. 9 Tannery Lane. Food items such as rice, cooking oil, noodles, biscuits and other household items donated by generous individuals, philanthropists and organisations were among food items received since its inaugural opening.

These items are then distributed through food ration drives, involving up to 500 beneficiaries per occasion. These occasions were made possible through the encouraging help from our volunteers such as from The Singapore Red Cross, Aviva Singapore and other voluntary organisations in Singapore who ensured that food items were nicely packed before being distributed.



Jamiyah Singapore's food ration distribution is held every month at our Foodbank located at 9, Tannery Lane.

During the distribution held in November and December 2017, more than 300 beneficiaries received our food rations during each drive, with the help from our staff, donors and volunteers. Preparations for these distributions will start days before the event, with our staff and volunteers, stock taking and packing every item into individual bags.

Each beneficiary received a two months' supply of food rations, including items such as rice, canned food, cooking oil, cereal and meats.



Volunteers distributing food ration to local beneficiaries



Volunteers getting food items ready for distribution



Director of Fundraising, Mr Subramaniam helping out with the food ration distribution

Developmental Programmes for Parents



Food items packed and ready for distribution



Empowering and Caring Family Programme (ECF) in progress

Madon on healthy cooking and eating to prevent diabetes. A visit to the Singapore Zoo was also arranged to enable them to explore and understand what goes on behind the scenes pertaining to animal nutrition and health care. These activities for the five groups will be culminated into a get-together event at ORTO, with activities for the entire family such as prawning, BBQ and outdoor games to promote interaction and bonding.

The Department also continued its efforts to reach out to more needy families who required our help, through networking with 20 new partners. The response from donors towards our appeal to support the food ration project has been very good: we received 268 new food ration applications (a 113% increase) and 139 new walk-in clients at our Counselling Centre. For medical and legal clinics, there was a 150% and 162% increase respectively in the number of registered clients.

Since the establishment of the Community Outreach & Development Department (CODD) in October 2015 (after the merging of Jamiyah Counselling Centre and Jamiyah Welfare Department), various preventive and developmental programmes have been introduced to empower families with schooling children. These programmes complemented our various remedial programmes, such as the provision of food ration to needy families, counselling for couples with marital issues under the Syariah Court Marriage Counselling programme, the free medical and legal clinics, and the i-Counsel.

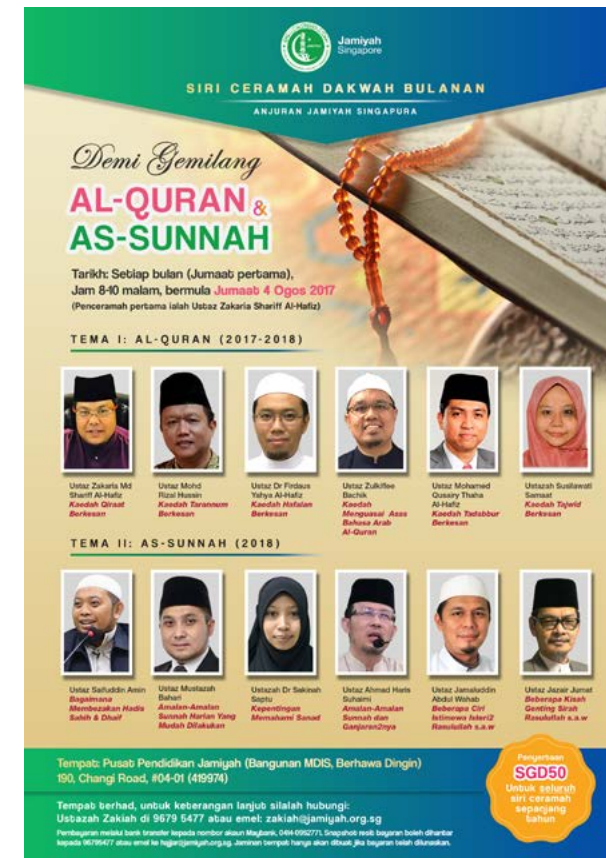
2017 saw the continuation of the developmental programmes for parents with schooling children, with the 'Empowering and Caring Family' programme (ECF). A total of 4 groups consisting of 162 parents attended the Five Modular Workshop which commenced in February 2016 and ended in January 2017. 75 of these parents continue their learning journey by being members of the Family Excellence Circle (FEC) programme. Each group in this programme comprises 12 to 15 members.

In total, they participated in two bonding sessions, six group support sessions, and four learning journeys. They had opportunities to visit the Malay, Chinese, and Indian Heritage Centres, NEWater Visitor Centre, SCDF Open House, bonding sessions over lunch at JWoks, a cooking session with Chef Mazlan, and a nutrition talk by Mazia



Counselling session in progress

Year-Long, Monthly Dakwah Talks



Speakers involved in JEC'S monthly Dakwah Talks

Jamiyah Education Centre's inaugural 'Monthly Dakwah Series' that was successfully launched in August 2017, continue to be well-attended, with each Talk attracting more than 150 participants and generating overwhelmingly positive feedback from those attendees. Twelve well-known local assatizah were invited to deliver the Talks, in their areas of expertise.

There are two parts to this monthly series. The first focuses on the holy Qurán and the second, the Sunnah of the Prophet (pbuh). The Talks about the Quran covered various aspects of knowledge relating to the Quran such as Qiraat, Hafalan, Tarannum, Tadabbur, Quranic Arabic and Tajwid

(See Glossary below). The second part of the Series, due to begin in February 2018, will later cover Sunnah-related subjects such as how to differentiate authoritative and weak Hadiths, some significant aspects of the practices of the Prophet's wives, and his historic encounters and travails as the Messenger.

Ustaz Mohd Rizal Hussin, who is a multiple winner in the national Quran competition and one of the speakers in the Series of Talks, lauded Jamiyah's continuous efforts to bring the Quran and Sunnah closer to the community. His Talk on Tarannum was hailed by some participants as 'a revelation' – igniting their interest to learn more about Tarannum since they previously thought only Tajwid was necessary to recite the Quran properly.

Another speaker, Ustaz Dr Firdaus Yahya, a renowned Quranic scholar with more than a decade of experience in Quran memorization, shared many valuable tips that were passed on by his teacher, Allahyarham Syeikh Omar bin Abdullah al-Khatib. These include the advice when beginning a session of Quran memorization, by first reciting verse 164 of Surah al-Baqarah.



'Siri Ceramah Dakwah' session in progress

GLOSSARY

- *Qiraat: the recognised schools of Quranic readings or methods of recitation
- *Tarannum: rhythmic recitation of the Quran
- *Tadabbur: contemplation of Quranic verses
- *Tajwid: the rules governing pronunciation of Quranic letters and words

Three new MOUs with Islamic Academic Institutions

Jamiyah Singapore, through our Jamiyah Education Centre (JEC), recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with three well-known Islamic academic institutions in this part of the world. They are: Universitas Islam Negeri Jakarta (UIN-JKT), International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) and International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT).

The UINJKT (also known as the Syarif Hidayatullah Islamic University) and IIUM are among the best Islamic universities in Southeast Asia, while the IIIT, headquartered in the United States, have many international branches, some of which are led by graduate alumni of IIUM.

Prior to the signing, our representatives had discussions with the three institutions, including an official visit to Jakarta where they met and discussed the matter with UIN-JKT's Rector and his Deans. Later, both the UIN-JKT Rector (Prof Dede Rosyada) and the Deputy Rector of IIUM (Prof Rahmah Osman) visited JEC's premises at MDIS Building and were shown the teaching facilities that JEC offers to its students, including the Auditorium and modern classrooms.



Prof. Dr. Wira Jamil (IIIT) (left), and Prof. Dr. Rahmah Osman (IIUM)



Prof Dede Rosyada, Rector of UIN-JKT getting ready to sign the MOU

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They were pleased to collaborate with Jamiyah Singapore and expressed the hope that the mutual academic cooperation will benefit both sides. The Director of IIIT (Emeritus Prof Dr Wira Jamil) and his team also visited Jamiyah's HQ and met with Jamiyah's President, Dr Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar and senior management.

This new thrust by JEC is in line with its overall plan to vertically upgrade its academic Diploma and Degree programs, beyond its current academic linkages with the Universitas Islam Negeri Sumatra Utara (UINSU), Kolej Universiti Islam Melaka (KUIM) and International Islamic College (IIC). The three academic institutions will soon discuss with Jamiyah Singapore details of our academic collaboration, which inshaAllah, will also include new Degree programs and related academic collaborative projects. It is envisaged that the Degree programs with UIN-JKT will be in Malay while those with IIUM and IIIT will be in English, the latter is to fill in the dearth of English-medium courses in Singapore.

Dr Hussin Mutalib (Chairman of JEC) signed on behalf of Jamiyah Singapore, while the three leaders from UIN-JKT, IIUM and IIIT signed for their respective institutions. The MOU Signing Ceremony was also witnessed by His Excellency Dr Abdulaziz Twajiri (Director-General of ISESCO) and Dr Mohamad Al-Issa (Secretary-General of RABITAH).



Prof Dede Rosyada, Rector of UIN-JKT (right) signing the MOU with Dr. Hussin Mutalib, Chairman of Jamiyah Education Centre (left). 'Witnessing' the ceremony was (from left) His Excellency Dr Abdulaziz Twajiri (Director General of ISESCO), Dr Mohamad Al-Issa (Secretary-General of RABITAH) and Dr Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar (President of Jamiyah)



Graduands from the Little Huffaz Programme reciting a Surah at the Islamic Arts and Artefacts Exhibition

Glorifying The Quran...by Kids

On the 1st of October 2017, a noble event was held at Singapore Expo to celebrate budding Islamic religious talents dedication to the pursuit of knowledge, particularly in the recitation and memorization of the Quran. Jamiyah's signature 'Little Huffaz' program, a highly successful and popular Quran memorization course especially for children aged 4 to 6 years old, marked its fourth Graduation Ceremony.

More than 100 young children are currently enrolled in the program, which offers the opportunity to memorize the whole of Juz 'Amma (36 Surahs) within 3 years in a structured and methodical way guided by specially-trained teachers. Hundreds more have successfully graduated and benefitted from Little Huffaz, among whom is Hazieq Nur Iman bin Hafiedz-ul Ashadi. His father mentioned in his speech during the ceremony that Little Huffaz was chosen for their child as they wanted "a holistic Islamic education environment where there is also emphasis in the learning of Quran".

The event also saw the Grand Finale of the 'Little Qari Online Competition', an online Quran recitation competition for children aged 4 to 8, the first of its kind in Singapore. In a

short period of time, the Competition attracted immense support from kindergartens, schools, organizations and Muslim parents – a total of 94 entries were received, with quite a number still sending in participation videos even after the final submission date.

The 300-odd crowd attending the Grand Finale was mesmerized by the 5 finalists' innocent love for the Quran, just as the judges were amazed by such fluent recitations from participants as young as 4 and 5 years old.



Teachers with their Appreciation Certificates witnessed by Guest of Honour, Ambassador of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, His Excellency Saad Saleh Alsaleh, Dr Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar and other guests

Combined Graduation Concert Jamiyah's Early Childhood Education Centres



Students from Jamiyah Kindergarten celebrating the graduation at the Combined Graduation Concert 2017



Guest of Honour, High Commissioner of Canada, Ms Lynn McDonald and Dr Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar and a 'graduand' during the ceremony

65 children took part at the ceremony graced by Her Excellency, Ms Lynn McDonald, High Commissioner of Canada, who was the Guest of Honour. Jamiyah Kindergarten, Jamiyah Childcare Centre and Global Child Development Centre staged their performances with a wonderful skit marking the 85th Anniversary of Jamiyah Singapore. The skit represented the services rendered by Darul Takrim, Foodbank and the Early Childhood Centres.

Given the hard work of K2 children and their teachers, it was no small wonder that the performances were well organized and presented to an appreciating audience. The children spoke very well in their valedictorian speeches as

their parents watched their children gleamed with joy and confidence.

The children also put up 3-D exhibits of their innovative ideas on how Jamiyah Singapore will be beyond 85 years. The exhibition caught the interest of many of the guests, including our Guest-of-Honour. Many took pictures of the occasion to treasure their wonderful creative works!

Congratulations to all our K2 children and may we wish them all the best as they proceed onwards in their life-long journey.

Parenting Workshop

- Sharing session by a parent volunteer
- Art and craft workshop conducted by teachers

“Very informative information... is timely and relevant as the kids... move on to primary school”

Madam Nancy Getuaban
(Mother of K1 child)

“The workshop was reassuring.”

Madam Noorhayati
(Mother of K1 child)

“It’s enriching. Full on info on the next step for our kids as they proceed to primary one.”

Madam Fadzilawati
(Mother of K2 child)

“Awesome sharing session.”

Madam Ervinwa
(Mother of K2 child)

“Thank you for organizing the activities... will be wonderful to have such workshops in the future.”

Madam Diana
(Mother of K1 child and parent volunteer)



Parents were briefed about what to expect for Primary 1 by our parent volunteer

A sharing session was conducted by Jamiyah Childcare Centre in November 2017. The parents had a fruitful time understanding the needs for the Kindergarten 2 children who are moving on to primary school. They understand better the curriculum for primary one and how their children could cope with the smooth transition to primary one. The workshop focused on the activities that bond the child and the parents and how parents could support their children academically. At the end of the day, the parents were confident that their children will be able to progress smoothly to the next stage. The staff had supported the parents during workshop with guidance and tools. The children from K1 and K2 later performed some sketches for their parents.



Bonding session through art and craft

Family Day/ Entrepreneurial Dare Global Child Development Centre @ Woodlands

Family Day

A total of 20 families turn up for the ‘Family Day/Entrepreneurial Dare’ event. Parents were involved in various activities with their children such as exploring with the play dough, discovering shapes in bottled waters, exploring with the robotics (Kibo and Beebot) and sensory water play with sea creatures.

This Family Day was meant to engage parents to be involved in activities that their children are involved in the school. The K1 children showcased their collaborative 3D work and had a great time exploring the tech toys. K2 students set up a small stall in the classroom to sell homemade popcorns, lemon tea and handmade magnet crafts.



Students from GCDC Woodlands become entrepreneurs for the day

Entrepreneurial Dare

Students took part in this mock-up event, aimed at engaging K2 students to plan and conduct a small enterprise that will have a profit of \$100.

The children spent a week ‘brainstorming’ on the items to sell. They also made a trip to the Supermarket to purchase the items needed for the stall, and put in a lot of effort to create posters and the magnetic crafts. They then had an opportunity to role-play on the manning of the stall: some prepared food and drinks, others were in charge of vending the magnetic crafts while the rest on the collection of the money.

They were actively involved in carrying out their duties and were seen promoting the items to the parents. The result of their efforts: the K2 kids managed to raise \$251 from the sale of items-double the \$100 target!



Students engaged in the Entrepreneurial Dare

“It was fun to see children working together to sell their handmade-magnets and it is really good for children.”

Parent of Teo Jun Xiang,
Ms. Valerie Yow

“I feel great and happy selling and pouring ice-lemon tea for the customers. I like being the cashier and collect money from the customer. I enjoy seeing people buy our stuff.”

Nur Adlina, Kindergarten 2 student

Jamiyah Singapore: Events & Happenings



Distinguished guests at the International Conference 2017



Secretary General of the Muslim World League, His Excellency, Dr Mohammad bin Abdul Karim Al-Issa, addressing the participants of the International Conference 2017



Ustaz Zakaria Al-Hafiz delivering his Talk at the 'Ceramah Dakwah Bulanan'



Guest lecturer at a session of 'Siri Ceramah Dakwah'



From left : Ms Claire Chiang, Mdm Yu-Foo Yee Shoon, Her Excellency, Mdm Halimah Yacob, Ms Nora Rustham and Dr Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar before the start of the Exemplary Mother Award Ceremony 2017



President of Singapore, Her Excellency, Mdm Halimah Yacob delivering her address at the EMA Ceremony



Finally graduating!



Parliamentary Secretary for Home Affairs and Health, Mr Amrin Amin, listening to an explanation conducted by an Ustaz at the Islamic Artefacts Exhibition



Graduating students from Jamiyah Kindergarten performing a skit at their Graduation Ceremony



High Commissioner of Canada, Ms Lynn McDonald, delivering her address at the Kids Graduation Ceremony



Cultural Medallion Winners performing during the Exemplary Mother Award Ceremony 2017



Centre - Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Teo Chee Hean, flanked by Dr Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar (left) and Minister Dr Yaacob Ibrahim (right) arriving at our Gala Dinner



Performers during 'Konsert Sejuta Harapan'

New Childcare Centre GCDC@ Tampines

GCDC@Tampines just launched its new 'Playdate Program' in November 2017. The objectives of the Program are to create awareness about the centre and to increase student enrolment. Staff at GCDC@Tampines will continue to offer this Program given the potential to create a mutually respectful relationship with young families within the vicinity.

Ever since the launch, there has been considerable interest, so much so that a total of eighty parents have enrolled in the Program. So far, with greater awareness and knowledge of what are being offered. We expect more enrolment.



Teachers during a story telling session at the Centre



Teachers planning a lesson



Jamiyah @ West Coast

Minister in Prime Minister's Office, Mr S Iswaran, observing Mdm Zainab Khamis as she completes a wall mural at Jamiyah @ West Coast

Jamiyah Singapore collaborated with several bodies and launched a series of youth-centric community service initiatives at West Coast in an attempt to make more of its services available in the Western part of Singapore.

The Centre, Jamiyah @ West Coast, now provides community outreach, counselling for youths, Wellness, Tuition and literacy services and programmes while serving as a food ration distribution and dry food collection centre for Jamiyah FoodBank.

To broaden the initiatives available for the community in the West, Jamiyah signed a Memorandum of Understanding with a few agencies: The Green Apple Project Pte Ltd to provide character building and motivational programmes; Ngee Ann Polytechnic to expose youths to basic electronics, robotics assembly, basic programming skills, 3D printing technology and the Android system; the Grasio Association (Singapore) to provide Pencak Silat classes; the Student Welfare Services of Nanyang Technological University, for

a youth mentorship programme; and, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to provide a tuition and self-enhancement programme. During the launch of Jamiyah @ West Coast, Jamiyah Singapore was also presented the Chartered Certificate by the Toastmasters Club of Singapore for the setting up of Singapore's first Malay Toastmasters Club.



SEA Games 2017 silat medalists honoured at Jamiyah @ West Coast

The ‘Heart & Soul Approach’ to Handling Drug Abuse

...Mr Mohd Shariff Yatim

Mr Mohd Shariff Yatim started helping-out in the Social Service sector as a youth volunteer when he was 17 years of age. For the next 3 decades, since 1980, Mr Shariff continued to pursue his passion to do voluntary work, particularly in the area of counselling of drug addicts. His exemplary contributions, especially in counselling of youths and educating them; He was bestowed with the ‘National Council against Drug Abuse (NCADA) Awards 2017’ (Individual Category).

NCADA believes that the vision of making Singapore a drug-free country can only be realised through the concerted efforts of various committees, grassroots organisations and individuals, working hand-in-hand to eradicate the drug scourge. Established in 1998, the NCADA Awards (comprising three categories, namely, the Star, Merit and Special Award) serves to recognise and honour organisations and individuals who have made significant contributions to the drug-free cause. Mr Shariff, who was given the responsibility to head Jamiyah’s Half-Way House (JHH) since 2003, said that the greatest challenge in his work was in making sure that peer presence does not override family, to the extent that it became a norm amongst those addicted to the drug menace.

Thus at JHH, a structural approach was developed which focussed on the cognitive and emotional factors, cemented with the religious component. Mr Shariff reiterated that it is imperative to understand the multi-faceted reasons for addiction-dependence so as to help drug patients to recover faster.



Mr Shariff Yatim receiving his award from Chairman of NCADA, Mr Hawazi Daipi

When asked as to whether he has any particular success story to share, Mr Shariff highlighted the case of a Mr. Alfian who was “in and out of prison” for repeated drug offences. He did not care much about his life and future until one day when his mother visited him in the prison. His mother told him that because of him, she had visited many of the prisons in Singapore! This made him realise that he was a great disappointment, contributing to her great unhappiness and sorrow. This incident opened the heart of Alfian so much so that when he later joined Jamiyah Halfway House’s six month’s programme, he decided to turn over a new leaf. He never turned back.

In fact, after leaving this JHH program, he obtained a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering and is now in his final year Degree course in the University. Given that it is not easy for a persistent drug-addict to repent and stay clear of drugs and anti-social activities. Alfian’s story is one that is worth to be re-told. Kudos to Jamiyah Half-Way house and congrats to Mr. Shariff!



Mdm Zubaidah (Asst. Superintendent of Jamiyah Children’s Home) briefing visitors at the Jamiyah Children’s Home

Endowed are the Children. Blessed are the Donors.

Ever since it was set-up, Jamiyah Children’s Home has been blessed with donors and sponsors who regularly provide for the needs of the children and residents over and above what the Home already provides. Among the most popular items donated are food and clothing. Often, there were items for school, especially in the run up to the preparations for the next academic year – such as school bags, shoes, stationery. These are received from donors as early as November, thereby ensuring our children and residents are properly equipped for school way ahead of the first day.

Another favorite activity is in the invitation that our children received for *walimah*, or more endearingly known as “Jemputan”, during the weekends. Here, the participating residents get to feel the buzz of the community at the majlis.

In September this year, a new kind of sponsorship emerged – inviting children to an auspicious dinner. At the recent Exemplary Mothers’ Award, our donors sponsored two tables for our residents and their chaperones. Our staff took the opportunity to train and share with the residents, skills and etiquette for proper dining. Training sessions were conducted in the week before the event itself. On the day of

the dinner, chaperoned by our ever-present staff, residents enthusiastically dressed up for the occasion and were eager to apply their newly-learnt skills. From their feedback about the dinner, it was a sponsorship worth every dollar that our donors put in. Alhamdulillah!



Visitors entertaining the residents of Jamiyah Children’s Home

Edging Ageing Folks @ Darul Takrim

“You dont stop laughing when you grow old; you grow old when you stop laughing”

George Bernard Shaw



Residents of Jamiyah Home for the Aged engaged in an activity

Located right in the middle of Tampines neighbourhood, the Soka Association, the Tampines West CC, and the People’s Associaton Club, is the Jamiyah Home for the Aged (Darul Takrim). Established in 1973, the Home housed some 141 residents who shares some common characteristics- they are aged, need a sanctuary and hope to live their remaining life with peace and happiness.

Many suitable activities are conducted for the residents of the Home – such as Art of Breathing therapy, ceramic pottery classes, high-tea, musical performances, BBQ’s, and Festival Celebrations commemorating Chinese New Year, Hari Raya, Deepavali, Vesak Day, New Year and National Day Celebrations. Outdoor events are also organized, such as outing to the Zoo and Bird-Park.

The residents at the Home are classified under several categories: those employed outside the Home (Day Release Scheme), those under Home earning scheme (Internal Employment) and those on hospitalisation leave. The staff at the Home currently stands at about 46 and include nurses, nursing aides and personal care officers.

The Home receives a fair share of public interest - visitors are mainly from the schools, grassroots organisations, Muslim and Non-Muslim NGO’s, government agencies and even overseas bodies, which operates similar institutions. Being a multi-racial Home, Jamiyah Home for the Aged, ensures that the residents continue to embrace the noble values taught by their respective religions. Given the increasing ageing population and the trend of families leaving their parents at the Home, Darul Takrim try to ensure that the ageing residents are given the loving and pastoral care they much needed.

Being a Home for the aged folks, Darul Takrim’s daily routine includes cleaning, bathing and dressing the residents, offering them a hygienic and conducive environment, maximising on areas to help their mobility and providing programs that will add cheer and value to their life as they proceed into their twilight years.

Improving Care Of The Elderly Through Technology



In an effort to achieve a zero accident vision for the Nursing Home, Darul Syifaa’ will tap on increasingly advanced technology, such as overhead lift systems for residents who face difficulty in moving about, training games to benefit those with dementia and compressed air power tools to reduce strain on joints during rehabilitation.



The Nursing Home in West Coast is already employing various modern technology that help to improve both the level of service offered and staff productivity, such as machines that help patients to stand and assist in their rehabilitation, shower trolleys, devices that monitor patients’ vital functions and automated pill crushers.

NHelp, a centralised IT facility that enables integrated care across healthcare systems, is also being utilized. The details for each patient, including doctors’ notes are digitally recorded in the system, thereby reducing the risk of human error.



As Dr H.M. Saleem, Vice-President I of Jamiyah Singapore, explains: “We have gained from experience, including overseas learning journeys to the US, before Jamiyah’s Nursing Home began operations. We also visited local care institutions to learn more about their amenities, and strive to offer similar amenities that are in line with the needs of Darul Syifaa’s patients”.

25th Exemplary Mother Award



Winner of Exemplary Mother Award 2017 - Mdm Nooria Bte Abdul Hameed-receiving the President's Shield from Her Excellency, Mdm Halimah Yacob. They are flanked by Ms Claire Chiang (extreme left), Dr Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar and Mdm Yu-Foo Yee Shoon (extreme right)

2017 was indeed a memorable year for the Women and Family Department of Jamiyah Singapore. Celebrating 25 years of our annual 'Exemplary Mother Award' (EMA) program, the Department also set a Guinness World Record on the occasion of the launch of EMA nominations and the search for a truly inspirational and deserving mother.

The Exemplary Mother Award (EMA) has been a hallmark annual event of Jamiyah Singapore where the Winner is awarded a Presidential shield in recognition of her contributions and achievements both as a mother in the family and community at large. The Presidential shield was first given to Jamiyah Singapore by the late President Wee Kim Wee in 1993 and the second by late President S R Nathan, 12 years later. The current Presidential shield is the third in sequence and was presented to Jamiyah Singapore, by the then President Dr Tony Tan earlier in August 2017.

The achievements of the winners over the years, be they personal or towards their family or community, are inspiring as well as humbling. Jamiyah Singapore is proud to continue with the tradition of honouring these women who have been steadfast in their lives and gave back to their family and community in more ways than one. Every year, Jamiyah receives encouraging public responses in nominating women from all walks of life, women who demonstrate high levels of personal, professional and community achievements.

The winner of the Award is decided annually by a Panel of Judges, chaired by Ms Claire Chiang after the shortlisting of nominees and an interview session with the selected candidates. This Senior Vice-President of Banyan Tree Holdings Limited and co-founder of Banyan Tree Hotels and Resorts, is the guiding force of this annual project, contributing much of her time and effort to ensure its success. Other members of the Panel of Judges last year include Mdm Yu-Foo Yee Shoon, who acts as the Advisor to the Panel, and Dr Della Lee, Mdm Mary-Hoe Tan, Dr Bibi Jan

Ayyub, Mrs Laura Hwang, Mrs Sarojini Padmanathan, Mdm Jenny Yeo, Ms Joanna Portilla and Mdm Sheila Durgude.

On 30th September 2017, in a glittering ceremony at a Swissotel Stamford Hotel, Jamiyah Singapore awarded the '25th Exemplary Mother Award' to Mdm Nooria Bte Abdul Hameed, a mother who wowed the judges for her dedication, selflessness and sacrifice for her family. The presence of our new President, Dr. Halimah Yacob, first female President of Singapore, to present the 25th EMA, made the event especially meaningful and poignant.

The EMA event included a performance specially choreographed by 3 Singaporean Cultural Medallion winners, Mdm Joanna Wong, Mdm Santha Bhaskar and Mdm Som Said and was performed by artistes from the Chinese Opera Circle, Bhaskar Arts Academy and Sri Warisan. The idea was to emphasise the role of mothers and their unconditional love at various phases of family life and was titled, "You are everything, Mother". The performance combined elements of Chinese opera, Malay and Indian dance and was accompanied by a multi-disciplinary art piece depicting the story of love and care of mothers through Wayang Kulit, Tableau, Dance, Music, Songs and Poetry.

The evening ended with musical performances by the Teng Ensemble, a not-for-profit organisation that provides a platform for exceptional Singaporean musicians with an environment to experiment and create original music. Their performances in various cities across the world and their online music videos have received much attention and viewership.



Finalists of the Exemplary Mother Award 2017 with the President of Singapore, Her Excellency, Mdm Halimah Yacob, and Panel of Judges

ISESCO-JAMIYAH International Conference



From left : Director General of ISESCO, Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, Secretary General of the Muslim World League, Dr Mohammad Karim Al-Issa, Minister for Home Affairs, Mr K Shanmugam and President of Jamiyah Singapore, Dr Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar

Jamiyah Singapore, together with the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), continue its long-standing annual collaboration this year, 2017. This JAMIYAH-ISESCO collaboration take the form of hosting an International Conference on the theme of 'Role of Muslim NGOs in Spreading the Culture of Peace'.

Held at the Pan Pacific Singapore on 13-14 October 2017, the Conference was attended by Speakers and Delegates from more than 20 countries, such as the United Kingdom, France, Russia, Morocco, Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, India, Argentina, and Singapore. The Guest-of-Honour was Mr K. Shanmugam, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law, while the Keynote Addresses were by the Heads of both ISESCO and RABITAH, Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri and Dr Mohammad Karim Al-Issa, the Director-General and Secretary-General of ISESCO and RABITAH respectively.

The main objective of this International Conference, attended by about 200 invited guests, was to give the platform to Muslim NGOs from many countries to share their experiences in promoting peace in their own countries. Participants took the opportunity to discuss what they have done, the problems and challenges they encountered, and the initiatives they took to cement better relations and goodwill with Muslims and non-Muslims alike in their own environments.

In his Official Opening Address, Mr Shanmugam lauded this conference by Jamiyah Singapore and ISESCO. He also

outlined the Singapore government's philosophy and approaches in managing the threats of extremism in particular and in bolstering peaceful co-existence among the Republic's multicultural population. This peaceful 'live and let live' nation-building approach was also reiterated by Jamiyah President, Dr Mohd Hasbi Abu Bakar in his Welcome Address. Picking up on this similar theme, both the Director-General of ISESCO and Secretary-General of RABITAH, also showered praises at what they saw as the successful Singapore model of building an integrated and cohesive nation.

After two hard days of brainstorming and deliberating on a serious and sober topic of 'peace', Jamiyah Singapore decided to offer speakers and delegates some fun time - with a Night City Tour of Singapore and a Gala Dinner at the Marina Bay Sands Ballroom, attended by about 1,000 guests. Alhamdulillah, the feedback from all speakers and delegates that was conveyed to Dr Hussin Mutalib (Chairman of Organizing Committee) was universally positive. Some of their appreciation notes are included here.

What some Speakers and Delegates said of the Conference...

Really it was very good experience. I have benefited a lot from this conference. It was a well-organized event. I could see the great efforts of your whole team in each and every part of this historic program. My hearty congratulation and sincere thanks for your wonderful hospitality. May Allah accept your good deeds and reward you here and there after.

Dr Jahir Hussain (India)
Director, Arabic Department, University of Madras

An excellent conference and a great opportunity to network!

Mr. Zia Ahmad (Australia)
Editor-in-Chief, AMUST Newspaper

The conference is indeed a success. I've never attended a conference with so much energy and representation across so many countries, united in discussing the role of Islam and peace.

Dr Elmie Nekmat
Assistant Professor,
National University of Singapore

The conference indeed was a huge success! I believe I can speak for all the delegates - we are very lucky to have been a part of it. You played a very significant role in the whole event, all the way from planning to execution. Congratulations on the amazing outcome and thank you all for the hard work.

Dr Azmi Mohamad (Brunei Darussalam)
Deputy Director & Lecturer
SOASCIS, Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD)

It was a great pleasure and honor to be part of this important event. I thoroughly enjoyed participating in the event as well as enjoyed the wonderful hospitality in all respects. Your organizational skills are commendable, I learned many things from this conference.

May Allah bless all the efforts. Thank you so much and Jazaumullah wa Barakallahu fikum for the opportunity to contribute, for your 5 star hospitality and exemplary efficiency.

Prof Rahmah Osman (Malaysia)
Deputy Rector, International Islamic University, Malaysia

Prof Anwar Gilani (Pakistan)
Chairman,
Pakistan Council for Science & Technology

Many thanks for inviting me for such an exciting conference. It was a great success. You did very well in every aspect to make the conference a very successful one.

Dr Seyed Sherifudeen (Sri Lanka)
Community & Peace Advocate

It was an amazingly well organized conference and I enjoyed my time in Singapore immensely. The night tour was so nice and eye opening, and the gala dinner was breathtakingly well done. So, so good! ... Your team are extremely brilliant at organizing... I had a really good experience, one of the best organized conferences I have ever attended.

Ms. Kosher Shaheen (United Kingdom)
Secretary, Association of Muslim Lawyers



Speakers and delegates of the International Conference



**Sharifah Masaad
Binte Syed
Muhammad Shahab**

Designation: Public Relation Officer
Join Date: 20 March 2017
Centre: Jamiyah Hq

I have been working in the service line for 20 years. Although new, working in Jamiyah for the past months has been a very rewarding experience and an eye opener. I am just grateful to know this new 'family' and hope to continue contributing in a great cause that Jamiyah has been doing for the past 85 years. And having a family that supports where I am now is very important to me in getting on with my daily duty.

Since my job also involve answering telephone calls from the public, I'll try my best to help answer their queries as professionally and as courteously as I can because I want to give a good impression of Jamiyah Singapore.

With cooperation all round and willing to adopt a give-and-take attitude, we can all continue to maintain a good working environment, which will be good for us and also to the general public that we serve.



**Abdul Rahman
Bin Osman**

Designation: Social Worker
Join Date: 3 April 2017
Centre: Darul Islah

I have had about 7 years' experience in the social service industry, serving as a social worker in various sectors and capacities from assisting the reintegration of destitute who are both without means of shelter and subsistence back to the community, to the coordination of care service delivery to low-functioning clients and families in a healthcare setting. It is through these experiences that I increasingly find the need for a strong, inclusive society to leave no one behind as we progress towards a modern and prosperous nation. Giving back to the community has been a constant theme in my work, and to help people, regardless of circumstance, to realise their potential to do the same is a goal that I strive to. In Jamiyah Singapore, I have found an organization that shares the same values and goals that I strive for, while giving me the valuable opportunity to work with prominent leaders in the industry to help fine tune my craft.

Today, I am a social worker with Jamiyah Singapore at Jamiyah Halfway House, helping to reintegrate the vulnerable back as valuable contributing members to society. Tomorrow, I aim to inspire others to lead the change we want to see in our community, *insya-allah*.



**Nooraini
Bin Yusoff**

Designation: Nurse Clinician
Join Date: 6 March 2017
Centre: Darul Syifaa

I have graduated from nursing school in 1985. Then I started working at government hospital for 2 years after that I went to private hospital for 10 years. Soon after that I took up nursing job at Oman and I worked there for over 15 years. In between the overseas stint, I sacrifice my time to pursue my degree in nursing and advanced diploma in critical care.

In January 2016, I decided to return to my home country and I was baby-sitting my grandson for almost 1 year. After that I apply jobs at several places and finally landed at Jamiyah. At Jamiyah Singapore, I am able to put my head cover that meets my expectation for a new job. I was given the opportunity to be in the infection control at Jamiyah Nursing Home. The infection control looks into controlling and prevention of infection and it also look into staff and resident safety. As I am now at Jamiyah Nursing Home as a nurse clinician, I aspired to make this home a great home for the resident to be comfortable so that they can spend their days meaningfully as one family.



**Mohd Noor b Mohd
Said (MSc HRM)**

13 Years of Service

My passion for community service became further enhanced after I joined Jamiyah from my previous workplace where I was Executive Secretary, Industrial Relations and Head of Productivity, Employees' Development and Youths Departments. I had then gained an in depth knowledge and skills in these areas. Whilst serving in several community and grassroots organisations, I was glad to have met with the late Tuan Haji Abu Bakar Maidin, former President of Jamiyah who brought me to an extension of my community service in Jamiyah where I became a member since January 1981, and then staff. Having work for several years, I had developed a sense of fulfilment working in Jamiyah owing to my passion for community service, with areas of interest in employees' development, secretarial work, Malay culture as well as Islamic and inter-religious related matters.

Having a keen interest in organisational and employees' training and development, I am very much inspired by the pro-active and value-adding approach adopted by our President Prof (Adj) Dr Mohd Hasbi in bringing Jamiyah to a higher platform and achievements. For the opportunity given to me to further harness my skills and knowledge and reinforcing my passion whilst contributing towards the development of Jamiyah Singapore, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to the management of Jamiyah Singapore!



**Kasturi d/o
Mahnoharan**

18 Years of Service

I am a teacher in Jamiyah Childcare Centre. I have been in this Centre since 2000 and couldn't be much happier to have the opportunity to work with children and build a strong foundation for them. Let me share a few memories with everyone. Morning is the most chaotic part of the day for a preschool teacher but there was this particular child who would be a sunshine. As soon as the child enters the school with her parents, she would call out for my name. Upon seeing me, she would ask her mum/dad who was carrying her to put her down and will come running towards me. As I squat down, she would hug me and give a peck on the cheeks. "I love you Teacher Kas" were the most satisfying words that makes my day.

The next memory was a "Thank You" letter written by a parent, which have touched me very deeply. "For my boy, I would also like to thank his N1 teacher Madam Kas for handling his fragile emotions during his first weeks in childcare when he was only 3 years old. It took a long time for him to settle and my family and I were really glad that his teacher found ways to capture his heart. JCCC should really be proud to have a gem of teachers in your centre."



Aida B. Villanueva

11 Years of Service

Following my line of profession as a Social Worker, I started work at Jamiyah Singapore on the 1st of February 2007.

Just like everyone else unfamiliar to new working environment, I had my reservations. These reservations soon began to diminish because of the warm and supportive colleagues of mine, who helped familiarise me with the ins-and-outs of the working environment here in the Jamiyah Home.

Not long after, my lack of knowledge in the different languages posed a daunting task, disenabling me to perform my duties as a social worker to my outmost. Determined not to be thrown off by this setback, I gave effort into learning some languages through spoken interactions amongst colleagues as well as the residents in the Home. Jamiyah also provided training programmes which helped polish up my skills, as well as enable me to deal with cases independently with some guidelines and through the help of my years of experience as a social worker.

Eventually, I became accustomed here in Jamiyah and was able to see changes within myself through the years. Till this day, I deem my working experience here in Jamiyah to be worthwhile.

International Youth Forum

18 November 2017 at University of Toronto, Canada

Jamiyah Singapore was tasked to be the Co-Organizer (Secretariat) for this Forum; we worked together with the Malaysian Student Associations based in Toronto, the Dunia Melayu Dunia Islam (Canada Chapter), and the Malaysian High Commission in Canada. The Forum brought together Speakers from three countries, namely Malaysia, Canada and Singapore.

Much of the preparations for this Forum was spearheaded by Jamiyah two months before the Forum proper. These included proposing the Concept Paper, guiding the Speakers, preparing and printing the Program and liaising with the organizing team in Toronto to ensure all administrative arrangements are well prepared.

The theme of the International Forum was 'Multiculturalism, Nation-building and Volunteerism: Empowering Youths for Action'. Five Speakers – Ms. Alyssa Lai and Shaykh Daood Butt (Canada), Ms. Rabiatul Adawiah (Malaysia) and Mr. Rafiuddin Ismail and Mr. Abdul Hakeem Yunus (Singapore) – enthralled the approximately 250 participants with their critical perspectives on the theme, focussing on two principal areas. The first was on their countries' experiences in going about forging a multicultural polity and the second was on how to capitalize on the potential of youths in spreading the message of 'unity in diversity' in the plural and diverse environment, characteristic of the three countries being discussed.

The Keynote Address was presented by Tan Sri Dr Mohd Ali Rustam, the President of Dunia Melayu Dunia Islam (DMDI) and the former Chief Minister of Malacca. Tan Sri Mohd Ali also took the floor during the Plenary Session where he also deliberated further on the international networks that DMDI has established in more than 20 countries.



The Closing Session of the Forum offered a pleasant surprise to all present: Singapore's Seri Warisan dancers put up a splendid performance of Malay dance repertoire that was widely applauded.



அண்ணல் நபிகளின் அறம்

சென்ற நவம்பர் மாதம் பத்து நாட்கள் நடைபெற்ற சிங்கப்பூர் எழுத்தாளர் விழாவின் கருப் பொருள் அறம். எல்லா மொழிகளின் இலக்கியங்களும், ஏடுகளும் எவ்வாறு அறத்தினை முதன்மைப்படுத்தி பதிவிட்டுள்ளன என்பது குறித்து ஆங்கிலம், சீனம், மலாய் மற்றும் தமிழின் கல்வியாளர்கள், இதழாளர்கள், ஆய்வாளர்கள், கலைஞர்கள் மற்றும் இலக்கிய ஆர்வலர்கள் தத்தம் மொழி சார்ந்த தளங்களில் எவ்வாறு அறம் பேசும்பொருளாய் பதிவுசெய்யப்படுகிறது என்பதை முன்வைத்தார்கள்.

அறம் குறித்த உரையாடல்களை பதிவிடும்போது அகில உலகிற்கும் ஓர் அருட்கொடையாய் எல்லாம் வல்ல பரம்பொருள் அனுப்பிவைத்த அறத்தின் நாயகர் நம் அண்ணல் பெருமான் முஹம்மது நபி (ஸல்) நம் சிந்தனையை நிறைக்கின்றார்கள். அறம் தழைக்க வந்த அண்ணல் நபிகள் தோன்றிய காலம் மறம் ஒங்கிநின்ற காலம்.

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என்றுரைப்பார் சீறாப்புராணச் செல்வர் உமறு. இவ்வாறு தோன்றற்கரிய தோன்றலாய்த் தோன்றிய அண்ணலார் நபிபெருமான் நமக்கெல்லாம் அழகிய முன்மாதிரி. அருள் மறை குர் ஆன் நபிகள் நாயகம் குறித்து பேசும்போது அகில உலகுக்கும் ஓர் அருட்கொடையாகவேயன்றி உம்மை நாம் அனுப்பவில்லை என்னும் இறை வாக்கினை அன்பியா இயலில் இயம்புகிறது

தவஞானி பீர் முஹம்மது அப்பா அண்ணல் நபிகளின் சன்மார்க்க நிழலில் நம்மை ஒதுங்கவைத்த இறையருளை நினைந்து நன்றி பாராட்டுவார்

ஆதம் பெறும் மக்கள் எல்லாரிலும் நம்மை அன்பு கொண்டே வேத நபி இரதலுக்கு உம்மத்தாக்கினான்-அந்த வெகு நன்றிக்குப் பாதங்கள் மேலும் சிரம் கீழுமாய்ப் பத்து நூறாயிரம் ஆண்டு ஒதித் தவம் செய்தாலும் போதாதாம் அவன் அன்று உகந்ததுக்கே

என்று தனது ஞானப்புகழ்ச்சி பாடலில் பதிவு செய்வார்கள். அண்ணல் நபிகள் அறம் தழைக்க வந்த அருளாளாளர். அவர் புகழ் போற்றுவோம் அவர் காட்டித்தந்த அறவழி பேணுவோம்.

முனைவர் எச். முகம்மது சலீம்





Ringkasan Liputan Isu Terkini VOI

Alhamdulillah, di edisi yang lalu – Edisi Khas VOI - kita telah mengajak anda untuk mengenang kembali pelbagai khidmat yang Jamiyah Singapura tawarkan kepada masyarakat Melayu/Islam khususnya dan kepada Singapura amnya. Kami berharap liputan kegiatan-kegiatan tersebut selama lapan setengah dekad yang lalu telah merakamkan cebisan ‘Cerita Jamiyah’ – permulaannya, para perintis kami, cabaran dan pencapaiannya.

Untuk keluaran ini, kami ingin berkongsi dengan anda beberapa projek mega dan kegiatan yang kami sebagai tuan rumah, telah meraikan sambutan ulangtahun Jamiyah yang ke-85. Seperti yang dijangkakan, semua para pegawai, samaada di ibu pejabat kami di Lorong 12 Geylang mahupun juga di lain-lain Pusat dan Rumah-Rumah kebajikan di seluruh Singapura, amat sibuk menganjurkan serta mengelolakan lebih dari tiga dosen projek. Ini termasuk Pembukaan Gedung Bank Makanan, perluasan Rumah Rawatan Jamiyah, mengalu-alukan Presiden baru Singapura, Ulangtahun ke-25 Anugerah Ibu Teladan, Persidangan Islam Antarabangsa, Pameran Kesenian dan Artifak Islam di Singapore Expo, Konsert ‘Sejuta Harapan’ dan Jamuan Gala di Marina Bay Sand yang dihadiri oleh lebih dari 1,000 para tamu. Mudah-mudahan artikel dan gambar-gambar berkaitan acara-acara tersebut yang kami tampilkan dalam keluaran VOI ini akan dapat membantu menyemarakkan semangat gembira berpesta yang kami ingin berkongsi bersama-sama para pembaca sekalian.

Bagi kami, meraikan Sambutan Ulangtahun Jamiyah ke 85 tahun lalu seharusnya bersifat lebih dari melambangkan perasaan gembira akan apa yang telah kami sumbangkan kepada semua golongan masyarakat Singapura selama ini. Sudah tentu, kakitangan Jamiyah, para sukarelawan, para penderma dan para

penyokong mempunyai banyak sebab untuk turut merasa gembira diatas apa yang telah dicapai selama ini. Namun demikian, kami juga ingin meraikannya dengan kepelbagaian cara yang lebih bermakna. Justeru, kami telah meluaskan Rumah Rawatan sebagai respons kepada meningkatnya keperluan wargatua kita. Kami telah menyewa gudang Bank Makanan yang luas bagi menyimpan sebilangan besar barang-barang makanan dalam keadaan yang terjaga dan dalam sebuah bangunan yang moden. Menjadi tuan rumah bagi Persidangan Islam Antarabangsa kepada lebih dari 20 negara untuk memperkukuhkan jaringan antarabangsa kami.

Kami juga melancarkan Konsert Amal di mana sebahagian besar dana yang dikumpulkan disalurkan kepada mereka yang memerlukan dan kurang bernasib baik. Ini adalah hanya sebahagian dari sebilangan besar kegiatan yang telah dilaksanakan tahun sudah.

Kegiatan sepanjang tahun dan peristiwa yang berlangsung seperti yang disebutkan, merupakan hanya separuh dari cerita-cerita kami yang ditampilkan dalam edisi ini. Sebahagian yang lain pula merangkumi berita dan kegiatan berkaitan Jabatan-Jabatan kami, Rumah-Rumah Kebajikan, Pusat-Pusat Pendidikan, Pendekatan & Pembangunan Masyarakat, Dakwah, Latihan dan Pembagunan, Wanita dan Keluarga dan juga ruangan yang menampilkan kakitangan Jamiyah.

Sila beritahu kami pandangan anda tentang penerbitan VOI kami serta kegiatan dan khidmat kami.

Sehingga bertemu lagi, ‘Selamat Membaca’!

இந்த இதழில்

ஜாமியாவின் 85- ம் ஆண்டு சிறப்பிதழாக வெளிவந்த Voice of Islam இதழ் கடந்த எட்டு பதிற்றாண்டுகளுக்கும் மேலாக ஜாமியா அறநிறுவனம் ஆற்றிவந்திருக்கும் பணிகள் குறித்தும் இதில் அரும்பணியாற்றிய ஆளுமைகள் பலர் பற்றிய குறிப்பும் விரிவாகவும் விளக்கமாகவும் உங்களுடன் பகிர்ந்தது.

இந்த இதழில் ஜாமியாவின் 85- ம் ஆண்டு நிறைவு தொடர்பாக ஆண்டு முழுவதுமாய் நிறைவேற்றப்பட்ட பல்வேறு நிகழ்வுகள் செயல் திட்டங்கள் ஆகியன குறித்த செய்திகளை உங்களுடன் மிக்க மகிழ்வுடன் பகிர்ந்து கொள்கிறோம்.

ஜாமியாவின் தலைமையகம் உள்ளிட்ட எல்லாத்துறைகள் மற்றும் மையங்களில் பணியாற்றும் அலுவலர்கள் மற்றும் தொண்டோழியர்களின் பேருதவியும் கடின உழைப்பாலும் இவ்வாண்டு ஏராளமான சமூகப் பயன்பாடுமிக்க புதிய செயல் திட்டங்கள் செயலாக்கம் கண்டன. குறிப்பாக ஜாமியாவின் தேவையுள்ளோர்க்கு வழங்கப்பட திரட்டும் உணவுப் பொருள் சேமிப்புக்காகத் திறக்கப்பட்ட ஜாமியா உணவு வங்கி , ஜாமியா தாதிமை இல்லப் பணிகளின் விரிவாக்கம், அதிபரின் சுழற் கேடயம் பரிசாக வழங்கப்பெறும் ஜாமியாவின் ஒப்பற்ற அன்னை நிகழ்வின் 25- ம் ஆண்டு நிறைவு விருந்து , , சிங்கப்பூரின் புதிய அதிபருக்கு வழங்கப்பெற்ற வரவேற்பு நிகழ்வு , அமைதிப் பணியில் ஆசிய- பசிபிக் வட்டார நாடுகளில் தொழிற்படும் தொண்டு நிறுவனங்களின் பணி குறித்த பன்னாட்டுக் கருத்தரங்கம், இஸ்லாமியக் கலை மற்றும் பண்பாட்டுக் கண்காட்சி , 85- ம் ஆண்டு சிறப்பு விருந்து நிகழ்ச்சி என்று சிலவற்றைக் குறிப்பிடலாம். இந்த நிகழ்வுகள் குறித்த விரிவான தகவல்களை இந்த இதழில் படிக்கலாம்.

ஜாமியாவின் பல்வேறு துறைகளிலும் செயல் திட்ட மையங்களிலும் நடைபெற்ற முக்கிய நிகழ்வுகள் பற்றிய செய்திகளையும் இந்த இதழில் தொகுத்துத் தந்துள்ளோம். இதழ் குறித்த உங்கள் கருத்துக்களை எங்களுக்குத் தெரிவியுங்கள். அடுத்துவரும் இதழ்கள் மேலும் சிறப்புடன் அமைய உங்கள் கருத்துக்கள் உதவும்

الحمد لله! في العدد السابق - الإصدار الخاص لمجلة صوت الإسلام - قمنا بدعوتكم للانضمام معنا في إعادة إحياء العديد من الخدمات التي قدمت جمعية الدعوة الإسلامية بسنغافورة للمجتمع الملايو المسلمين خاصة، وسنغافورة عامة. أملاً أن تكون تغطية الأحداث والمناسبات والمشاريع الخاصة بالجمعية خلال العقود الثمانية والنصف الماضية قد أعطت لكم بعض ملامح "قصة الجمعية" - أوائلها ومؤسسها وتحدياتها وإنجازاتها المتواضعة.

وبهذا العدد، كنا نفكر بأنه يجب علينا أن نقدم لكم العديد من المشاريع والمناسبات الكبيرة والتي قمنا بتنظيمها طوال العام الماضي للاحتفال بالذكرى مرور 85 عاماً من تأسيس الجمعية، ومن المتوقع، كان جميع الموظفين في الجمعية. سواء كان في مقر الجمعية الرئيسي في لورونغ 12 غيلانغ أو غيرها من مراكزها بسنغافورة إلى جانب الدور الخيرية في جميع أنحاء سنغافورة، مشغولين جداً في تنظيم وإدارة ما يقرب إلى أربعين مشروعاً بما في ذلك المبادرات التالية: افتتاح مستودع بنك الأطلعمة "فود بانك"، وتوسعة دار التمريض المسى بدار الشفاء، وتكريم فخامة رئيسة الدولة الجديدة، والذكرى السنوية الخامسة والعشرين لجائزة "الأم المثالية"، والمؤتمر الدولي للسلام، ومعرض الفنون الإسلامية والمصنوعات الفنية في أرض المعارض بسنغافورة، وحفل مليون أمل "سيجوتا هارابان"، وحفل عشاء ضخم في مارينا باي ساندز حضره نحو 1000 ضيفاً. نأمل أن المقالات والصور عن هذه المناسبات والتي عرضناها في هذا العدد سوف تساعد على التقاط المزاج الاحتفالي الذي أردنا بتقديمها إلى جميع الضيوف.

ونرى أن الاحتفال العام الماضي بمرور 85 عاماً عن خدمة الجمعية ينبغي أن يكون أكثر من مجرد ابتهاج فيما قدمتها الجمعية لجميع السنغافوريين على مر العقود، ومن المؤكد أن الموظفين والمتطوعين والمتبرعين والمؤيدين لديهم جميع الأسباب التي تجعلنا نشعر بمنتى السرور فيما حققناه حتى الآن، ومع ذلك، أردنا أيضاً أن نحتفل بطرق أكثر وضوحاً وتبعية. ومن هنا، قمنا بتوسيع دار الجمعية للتمريض رداً على الاحتياجات المتزايدة لسكان المسنين، واستئجار مستودع فودبانك كبير لتخزين مجموعة واسعة من المواد الغذائية في مبنى آمن وحديث، واستضافة مؤتمر دولي حضره أكثر من 20 دولة لتعزيز شبكة عالمية، وتنظيم حفل جمع التبرعات حيث ما جمعناها من خلالها يتم إعطاؤها إلى المحتاجين والمحرومين. وهذه ليست سوى بعض الأمثلة البارزة من مجموعة كبيرة للأنشطة التي قمنا بتنظيمها في العام الماضي.

وتشكل الأحداث والمناسبات المذكورة أعلاه حوالي نصف القصص عنا والتي يتم إبرازها في هذا العدد والنصف الآخر يتكون من تغطيتنا المعتادة للأخبار والأنشطة حول العديد من الإدارات والدور الخيرية والمراكز التوعوية والتنمية الاجتماعية والدعوية والتعليمية والتدريبية والقسم النسائي والأسرة، وتغطية حول موظفي الجمعية.

اسمحوا لنا أن نعرف ما هو رأيك عن مجلة صوت الإسلام وأنشطة الجمعية وخدماتها وفي هذه الأثناء، قراءة

سعيدة!!!

ملخص تغطية هذا العدد

这一版的总结



所有的赞美及感谢归于阿拉！在前一版 – 特别 VOI 版，我们邀请您加入我们的行列，重新点燃、在众多服务、Jamiyah 新加坡提供给马来族/穆斯林社会，特别是以新加坡作为一个整体。我们希望的覆盖面，我们的活动和项目，在过去的八十五年里，也会给予你一些遐想的《Jamiyah 的故事》— 我们的开端，创始人、挑战和谦卑的成就。

对于这个问题，我们认为我们还应该与您分享的重点内容的一些大项目和事件，我们接待了去年全年，庆祝我们的八十五周年活动。正如预料，我们所有的工作人员，散布于全岛各地，包括芽笼十二巷的总部，和其他中心及之家，每人都非常繁忙的组织和管理多过三十六个和周年庆有关的项目。周年庆相关的项目包括：Jamiyah 食行仓库的开幕典礼、扩建 Jamiyah 安老院、为新上任总统而设的晚宴、Jamiyah “模范母亲奖” 二十五周年庆、世界和平大会、在新加坡博览馆主办伊斯兰艺术和工艺品展览、‘百万希望音乐会’、以及在滨海湾金沙主办八十五周年千人宴。但愿，我们在这一版所刊登的照片及内容，能让您体验及感受到我们庆功的心情、与您分享。

对我们而言，庆祝八十五周年 Jamiyah 为社会服务，不仅仅是喜悦，而是我们为国家的贡献。可以肯定的是，我们的工作人员、志愿者、捐助者和支持者都为我们已经实现的目标感到开心。但是，我们认为周年庆祝方式应该要含有正觉的目标和意义，不单单为了喜悦而庆祝。因此，我们劫持机会扩大了我们的护理院，食行仓库尽量达到日益增长、人口老化的需求。此外，食行租也储存了范围更广的食品，存放在一个安全和富有现代的建筑。也举办一个国际会议，参加者超过二十个国家，以加强我们的全球网络，并推出了一个慈善音乐会中，大部分款项拨给有需要的人和处于不利地位。这些只是一些显著的例子，从一个大泳池的活动，我们承担了去年。

上述的为期一年的活动和发生的事件，在此占约一半。而另一半则是由我们的许多部门如之家和中心 — 社区推广和发展、伊斯兰教推广、教育、培训和发展、妇女和家庭等功能、发表平时的新闻报道和活动。

请告诉我们您的想法，我们的 VOI 和关于我们的活动和服务。同时，祝您阅读愉快！



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A wooden pier extends from the bottom right towards the horizon over a clear blue ocean under a bright sky. The text 'Jamiyah 2018' is overlaid in a large, white, cursive font with a blue outline.

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