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MEDIA RELEASE

SMEF Launches New SMEF-Lieutenant Adnan Award for Students Who Have Overcome Adversity and Shown Resilience

1. Four years after its launch in 2013, the Singapore Muslim Education Fund (SMEF) is introducing a new award, the SMEF-Lieutenant Adnan Award, named after the late Lieutenant Adnan, in remembrance of his dedication and bravery in fighting for the nation during World War II. The award, which is worth \$700 each, will be disbursed to tertiary students who have overcome adversities in life and shown resilience to excel in their studies or those who have shown outstanding leadership qualities in any uniformed group co-curricular activity (CCA). Three inaugural recipients of the SMEF-Lieutenant Adnan Award will receive their award at the SMEF Disbursement Ceremony on **Saturday 11 February 2017 at noon at Mamanda Restaurant (73 Sultan Gate)**. The ceremony will be graced by Dr Janil Puthuchery, Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information & Ministry of Education.
2. Among the three recipients of the new award is Nursriwati Md Yusri, 19, a second-year student pursuing the Diploma in Mass Media Management at Nanyang Polytechnic. Despite her family's financial struggles, Nursriwati, who comes from a single parent household, displays strong leadership in her various roles at school on top of her studies. She is Vice-President of the Emcee Club, Council President of the Community Service Committee, and a member of the ambassadorial team. The financial assistance received through SMEF will help defray some of her study expenses as she works toward getting a degree after completing her diploma studies.
3. A total of \$41,100 worth of awards will be disbursed to 12 students at the ceremony, making it the highest amount disbursed to the largest number of recipients at a ceremony since SMEF was formed in 2013.

4. Of the 12 recipients, six medical students will receive the SMEF Medicine Award worth \$5,000 each, while three law students will be awarded the SMEF-Professor Ahmad Ibrahim Award worth \$3,000 each. The three recipients of the SMEF-Lieutenant Adnan Award will receive \$700 each.

5. The Singapore Muslim Education Fund (SMEF) was established by a group of community activists, who saw the need to address the under-representation of Malay/Muslims in the Law and Medicine fields. Launched in 2013 with Association of Muslim Professionals (AMP) as the custodian of the Fund, SMEF aims to provide financial assistance to relieve the financial load of students pursuing legal and medical studies overseas through the SMEF-Professor Ahmad Ibrahim and SMEF Medicine Awards respectively. It also aims to create awareness of the importance of pursuing these degree programmes to uplift the community by providing education advisory and coaching to the students and their parents on various university options available. At the same time, SMEF also recognises the efforts of students who may struggle financially and face multiple challenges in their lives yet rise above the adversities to pursue an education or those who show outstanding leadership qualities in a uniformed group CCA through the SMEF-Lieutenant Adnan Award.

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SMEF DISBURSEMENT CEREMONY 2017

Saturday 11 February 2017

Mamanda Restaurant

Programme

11.30 am	Registration
12.00 pm	Arrival of Guest of Honour <i>Dr Janil Puthucheary</i> <i>Minister of State</i> <i>Ministry of Communications and Information & Ministry of Education</i>
12.10 pm	Speech by Guest of Honour
12.15 pm	Presentation of SMEF Medicine Award
12.20 pm	Presentation of SMEF-Professor Ahmad Ibrahim Award
12.25 pm	Presentation of SMEF-Lieutenant Adnan Award
12.30 pm	Photo Taking Session
12.35 pm	Presentation of Cheques to SMEF
12.45 pm	Lunch
1.15 pm	End