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MEDIA RELEASE

AMP and Second Chance Launch New Study Award for STEM Undergraduates

1. To encourage the Malay/Muslim community to prepare themselves for the future economy, the Association of Muslim Professionals (AMP), together with Second Chance Properties Limited, have introduced the AMP-2nd Chance Properties Limited (AMP-SCPL) STEM Study Award. The new study award worth \$2,000 each is open to Malay/Muslim Singaporean students who are pursuing their undergraduate studies in science, technology, engineering and mathematics courses at local universities. Six inaugural recipients will receive the award at a disbursement ceremony on **Saturday 20 May 2017 at 12.30pm at AMP Auditorium (Level 4, 1 Pasir Ris Drive 4)**. Mr Amrin Amin, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Health, will be gracing the ceremony as Guest of Honour.
2. Among the six recipients of the AMP-SCPL STEM Study Award is Muhammad Shalihin Othman, 26, who is pursuing a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computing Science at the Singapore Institute of Technology-University of Glasgow. The eldest of two children, Shalihin is a budding technopreneur who hopes to bring about improvements through the technologies he will be developing such as in easing urban mobility. Prior to his degree studies, he graduated with a Diploma in Business Information Systems with a Diploma Plus Certificate in International Business from Republic Polytechnic. During his final year in polytechnic, his team developed a 3D game app, which clinched the Silver Award under the Singapore IT Federation (SiTF) tertiary category. He plans to use the Study Award for his doctorate studies after completing his bachelor degree.

3. Mr Mohd Anuar Yusop, Executive Director of AMP, said, “In line with Singapore’s transition into an innovation-driven economy, AMP hopes that this new award we have introduced in collaboration with Second Chance Properties Limited will encourage more students from our community to develop and deepen their skills needed in the growth industries or in sectors of demand. This will in some way help to ensure that the community possesses relevant skills in the future economy.”
4. AMP will also be awarding the AMP Education Bursary at the ceremony to 88 students pursuing full-time diploma or degree studies, as well as part-time degree studies from approved institutions. The bursary seeks to foster lifelong learning, on top of assisting disadvantaged tertiary students in their pursuit of higher education. Each recipient receives a cash bursary in the amount of \$500 for diploma students and \$1,000 for degree students.
5. Out of an expected total of \$228,500 worth of AMP’s education assistance to be disbursed this year, \$85,000 will be disbursed at the ceremony, while the remaining will be expended in the form of other socio-educational assistance and programmes throughout the year. A total of 820 students from less privileged families will benefit from the assistance. The event programme can be found in Annex 1, while details of the disbursement can be found in Annex 2.
6. The AMP Education Bursary is funded under the Ready for School Fund, which was launched in 2002 to assist less privileged school-going children of all races in their educational pursuit. Since its inception, the Fund has disbursed more than \$3.6 million to support close to 15,000 students including this year’s disbursement.

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**AMP EDUCATION BURSARY & AMP-2ND CHANCE PROPERTIES LIMITED STEM
STUDY AWARD DISBURSEMENT CEREMONY**

Saturday 20 May 2017

AMP Auditorium

Programme

12.15 pm	Guests to be seated
12.30 pm	Arrival of Guest of Honour <i>Mr Amrin Amin</i> <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i> <i>Ministry of Home Affairs & Ministry of Health</i>
12.35 pm	Opening Remarks
12.40 pm	Speech by Guest of Honour
12.50 pm	Presentation of AMP Education Bursary Award
1.35 pm	Presentation of AMP-2 nd Chance Properties Limited STEM Study Award
1.45 pm	Reception
2.30 pm	End

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AMP Ready for School (RFS) Fund Disbursement Details

Description	Amount	Beneficiaries
Cash Disbursement	\$73,000	88 AMP Education Bursary award recipients
	\$12,000	6 AMP-2 nd Chance STEM Study Award recipients
Socio-Educational Assistance	\$100,900	433 preschool, primary, secondary and post-secondary school recipients
Early Childhood & Student Care Programmes	\$42,600	293 pre-school and primary school recipients
Total Expenditure / Beneficiaries	\$228,500	<u>820</u>

**AMP EDUCATION BURSARY DISBURSEMENT 2017
DISBURSEMENT FIGURES FOR ALL CATEGORIES**

APPROVED BURSARY

LEVEL	TOTAL
Diploma – Polytechnics, LASALLE, NAFA and other institutions (Full-time)	30
University – Local (Both Full-time & Part-time)	26
University – Private (Both Full-time & Part-time)	32

88

**BREAKDOWN OF RECIPIENTS
– BY RACE**

RACE	%
Malays	74
Others	26

APPROVED STEM STUDY AWARD

LEVEL	TOTAL
Data Science & Analytics	
Systems / Software / Computer Engineering	
Computer Science / Computing	5
Information Engineering & Media/ Information Security	
Information & Communication Technology	
Mathematics / Applied Mathematics	1
Others	

6