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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Record Disbursement Amount under SMEF Made Possible through Growing Support for the Fund**

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1. The Singapore Muslim Education Fund (SMEF) will present a record amount of \$71,000 to 24 students in its fifth disbursement ceremony on **Saturday 3 March 2018 at 1.00 pm** at **AMP Auditorium (Level 4, 1 Pasir Ris Drive 4)**. This will be the highest amount disbursed to the highest number of recipients since SMEF's inception in 2013. This is made possible by the increased support SMEF has enjoyed over the last five years from its donors and partners.
2. Says Dr Ameen Talib, Chairman of the SMEF Management Committee, "As a ground-up initiative, we are heartened by the growing donations that we received through our various fundraising initiatives throughout the years. From disbursing to only two recipients in 2013, our number of recipients have increased significantly in five years. This year also, we received a record number of applications, especially for the SMEF-Lieutenant Adnan Award, which was launched only last year. This clearly indicates the need for opportunities like SMEF and we are committed to levelling up our community by helping our students."
3. The ceremony, which will be graced by Mr Amrin Amin, Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Health as Guest of Honour, will see 11 medical students, three law students and ten diploma students receiving awards and scholarships from SMEF.
4. The medical students will be awarded the SMEF Medicine Scholarship worth \$5,000 each, while the law students will be awarded the SMEF-Professor Ahmad Ibrahim Scholarship worth \$3,000 each. The diploma students will receive \$700 each under the SMEF-Lieutenant Adnan Award.

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 Scholarships 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 2018**

**Saturday 3 March 2018**

**AMP Auditorium**

**Programme**

1.00 pm	Registration
1.15 pm	Arrival of Guest of Honour <i>Mr Amrin Amin</i> <i>Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs &amp; Ministry of Health</i>
1.20 pm	Opening Address <i>Dr Ameen Talib</i> <i>Chairman, SMEF Management Committee</i>
1.25pm	Speech by Guest of Honour
1.30 pm	Presentation of SMEF Medicine Scholarship
1.40 pm	Presentation of SMEF-Professor Ahmad Ibrahim Scholarship
1.45 pm	Presentation of SMEF-Lieutenant Adnan Award
1.55 pm	Photo Taking Session
2.00 pm	Reception
2.30 pm	End