



Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura
(Islamic Religious Council of Singapore)

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Preface

The Muis Awards is a platform to acknowledge individuals who have made significant contributions to the mosque sector, our socio-religious institutions, partner organisations as well as the larger Singapore society. Two awards have been given annually since 1990; the Jasa Cemerlang and Jasa Bakti. In 2023, a new award, Belia Harapan was introduced to recognise young leaders in our Muslim community.



Congratulations

The Muis Awards exemplify the collaborative relationship between Muis and the community.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the award recipients, who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and serve as inspiring examples for us all in our ongoing efforts to cultivate a thriving community.

We hope their achievements will motivate others to join in our collective journey of progress and success.

Kadir Maideen,
Chief Executive, Muis



Anugerah Jasa Cemerlang

Jasa Cemerlang Award is conferred to individuals who have served a minimum of twelve continuous years of service and have made outstanding and distinctive contributions in Islamic Education, Religious Guidance, Sector Development and Community Service and Engagement.

Tasa Cemerlang Recipient

Mr. Suhaimi Salleh

Mr. Suhaimi is a beacon of inspiration in his role in developing Singapore's Muslim community. As Lembaga Basiswa Kenangan Maulud (LBKM)'s President for a decade, he transformed the organisation from a modest bursary provider into a cornerstone institution for the Malay/Muslim community.

Under his leadership, LBKM became renowned for its comprehensive educational support, offering bursaries and scholarships for both secular and religious education. This included crucial assistance to Madrasah students and those pursuing higher studies at esteemed Islamic universities.

Mr. Suhaimi's foresight led to significant policy changes, such as allowing multiple bursaries per household. This strategic shift expanded LBKM's reach, benefiting over 35,700 students from primary to postgraduate levels since 1965, with total disbursements exceeding \$31 million.

He modernised LBKM's operations by implementing the Charity Accounting System, elevating its governance standards. This led to LBKM achieving Institution of Public Character status in 2009 and the prestigious Singapore Quality Class certification.

Mr. Suhaimi's vision extended to leadership succession. He mentored young leaders, resulting in a rejuvenated board, with most members under 40, including the current President, Dr. Syed Harun Alhabsyi who is 37 years old. This ensures LBKM's continued relevance and dynamism.



Beyond LBKM, Mr. Suhaimi contributed significantly to Islamic finance, served on various boards including the Charity Council and National Council of Social Service (NCSS). He has also chaired SG Enable's Audit Committee, underscoring his commitment to inclusive growth and empowerment, extending his influence beyond the Muslim community to benefit all Singaporeans. His impact on the business sector, particularly with the Singapore Chamber of Commerce & Industry, has also been widely recognised.

Mr. Suhaimi's legacy exemplifies transformative leadership, marked by his commitment to education, community cohesion, and empowering future leaders. His contributions embody service excellence, making him a worthy candidate for commendation.

Anugerah Jasa Bakti

The Jasa Bakti Award is conferred to individuals who have served a minimum of eight continuous years of service, and have made outstanding and distinctive contributions in Islamic Education, Religious Guidance, Sector Development and Community Service and Engagement.

Mr. Abdul Rahman Bin Mohd Hanipah

Mr. Ahamed Sha Sayed Majunoon

Mr. Muhammad Jawad Abdullah

Hj. Nordin Bin Mustafa

Mdm. Patimah Binte Abdul Rahim

Mdm. Shamim Hasanali Dhilawala

Tasa Bakti Recipient

Mr. Abdul Rahman Bin Mohd Hanipah

Mr. Abdul Rahman stands as an exemplary leader, demonstrating unwavering dedication to the mission of Muslim Trust Funds Association (MTFA). Under his guidance, MTFA has implemented numerous impactful projects benefiting the community. His profound understanding of issues and strategic planning have steered MTFA towards success.

A notable achievement is the creation of the first transitional living programme for Muslim youths aging out of care. This initiative addresses a critical gap in community support, providing safe shelter for those lacking family members or a secure place to return. Widely recognised for its innovation, it has garnered praise from sector regulators.

Mr. Abdul Rahman also established MTFA Ihsan Casket, operating on a plough-back model to fund pro bono burials for poor Muslims in Singapore. His commitment to Islamic education is evident in his efforts to provide financial support to students pursuing religious studies. In 2022, MTFA supported 30 Singaporeans studying in various countries with \$72,000 in scholarships and bursaries.

As Chairman of the MTFA Ihsan Aid subcommittee, he has emphasised the importance of relevant, contemporary, and high-quality religious education for young residents. His focus on financial support and educational innovation has resulted in a more knowledgeable and spiritually connected community. He also laid the groundwork for employment opportunities and career pathways for asatizahs within MTFA, collaborating with various partners to create a sustainable ecosystem promoting professional growth in the social service sector.

Mr. Abdul Rahman has cultivated a strong pipeline of future leaders through mentorship and a comprehensive leadership development programme. His efforts have ensured MTFA's continued positive impact in the years ahead.

As someone who recognises the importance of community engagement, Mr. Abdul Rahman serves on multiple non-profit boards related to the Muslim community in Singapore (e.g. Muslim Converts Association of Singapore (MCAS), Jamiyah's Legal Clinic and Madrasah Wak Tanjong Al-Islamiah). His thought leadership has helped these organisations deliver impactful work, uplifting thousands of Singaporean Muslims.



Tasa Bakti Recipient

Mr. Ahamed Sha Sayed Majunoon

For over two decades, Mr. Ahamed has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to community service and educational enrichment through his contributions through organisations, showcasing his versatility and dedication.

In the realm of communication and documentation, Mr. Ahamed has played a crucial role. Since 2016, he has served as the Editor of the Singapore Tenkasi Muslim Welfare Society (STMWS) Quarterly Newsletter, ensuring effective dissemination of information within the community. His editorial skills were further utilised in the production of the 82nd Anniversary Magazine, preserving and celebrating the organisation's rich history.

Mr. Ahamed's passion for education and youth empowerment is evident in his involvement with the Waterfalls After-School Care Management Committee from 2019 to 2021. This hands-on approach contributed to the holistic development of young minds. The Waterfalls Student Care Centre, a collaborative effort between Tenkasi, Leng Kee Community Centre, and Central Singapore Community Development Council, provides essential before and after-school programmes for children of all races and religions.

His commitment to educational enhancement is further demonstrated by his design and development of a CLF-supported Educational Enhancement Programme for Needy Lower Secondary Students. Mr Ahamed personally delivered courses on self-esteem, time management, and memory skills, specifically tailored for Malay/Muslim secondary students.

Mr. Ahamed's expertise and insights have been shared on broader platforms. He presented a paper on "Economic Contributions by Indian Muslims in Singapore" at the Singapore Indian Youth Conference in 2000 and was a speaker at the Singapore Muslim Youth Engagement in 1996, contributing to important discussions on community development and youth issues.

Within the Association of Muslim Professionals (AMP), Mr Ahamed has been instrumental in serving its pioneer sub-groups. This includes Early Childhood Family Education, Resource Centre, and Scholars Programme, he contributed significantly to the conceptualisation, design, and implementation of programmes. The above initiatives catered to a diverse range of stakeholders, including students, parents, and caretakers, reflecting Mr. Ahamed's comprehensive approach to community support and development.



Tasa Bakti Recipient

Mr. Muhammad Jawad Abdullah

Mr. Jawad stands as a respected mosque leader who has spearheaded transformative initiatives at Masjid Haji Yusoff (MHY). His journey in volunteerism began in 2008, progressing through various roles within the Mosque Management Board, including five terms as Secretary and one as Assistant Treasurer.

He played a pivotal role in the mosque's major upgrading, ensuring it provided relevant services to the Upper Serangoon community, including residents and Migrant Transient Workers. Mr Jawad's efforts focused on engaging under-served segments, such as Foreign Domestic Workers (FDW) and children with special education needs. Under his leadership, MHY established strong programmes for these groups, including weekend classes for Indonesian maids and the SYAMS programme for children with autism.

As a member of the Safety and Security Working Group in Ang Mo Kio, Mr. Jawad enhanced the mosque's security network, addressing potential risks like cyber scams and hacking. His participation in the District Emergency Preparedness Core Group strengthened the district's mosques' ability to deter and react to emergencies.

For MHY's centenary celebration, Mr. Jawad organised fundraising and disbursement to ten welfare organisations, embodying the mosque's Rahmatan Lil Alamin ethos. He also supported Mosque Sector Leadership development by conducting workshops and contributing to its Leadership Competency Model.

Mr. Jawad played an active role in various Muis initiatives, including the Asatizah Career and Competency Framework, Common Salary Guidelines, and mosque governance manual reviews. He assisted a mosque's District Office in commencing its leadership development roadmap.

Known for his drive, dedication and diligence, Mr. Jawad has built a new team of leaders for the mosque's future, and these values continue to inspire team members to performing their best. Mr. Jawad's systems thinking approach to crisis management and development allows him to identify purpose, methods, and action plans effectively, making him an asset to the mosque and wider community.



Tasa Bakti Recipient

Hj. Nordin bin Mustafa

Hj. Nordin has been a stalwart presence at Masjid Al-Amin for over two decades. His journey commenced as an Assistant Secretary in the 1990s, before assuming the esteemed role of Chairman at Al-Amin's Mosque Management Board (MMB) in the early 2000s. Presently serving as Vice-Chairman, his sustained leadership has been instrumental in propelling the mosque to unprecedented levels of excellence.

In 1997, Hj. Nordin was appointed to an advisory panel established by Muis to offer technical guidance on mosque construction projects. He provided crucial advice on design briefs, technical specifications for optimising prayer spaces, and analysis of congregants' needs.

Leveraging his experience from the advisory panel, Hj. Nordin has offered valuable insight and recommendations for maximising space utilisation at Masjid Al-Amin, balancing prayer and functional requirements. During the recent Mosque Major Renovation Works, he collaborated with the MMB members to raise over \$6 million in funding. The project, which began in early 2023 and concluded in March 2024, resulted in enhanced facilities that have facilitated the mosque's programme expansion. His contributions over 27 years have shaped Masjid Al-Amin's infrastructure to its current state.

Hj. Nordin's impact extends beyond Masjid Al-Amin, as he has shared his expertise in design and maintenance with other mosques across Singapore. His significant contributions to mosque design and upkeep have not only enriched the architectural landscape of Singapore's mosques but also created a lasting impact within the community.

Furthermore, Hj. Nordin has played a crucial role as a mentor to staff and newly appointed MMB members, inspiring them to fulfil their commitments and dedicate themselves to the mosque, its congregants, stakeholders, and the broader community.



Tasa Bakti Recipient

Mdm. Patimah Binte Abdul Rahim

For over 15 years, Mdm. Patimah has exemplified selflessness and dedication in community service. Her journey began as a pioneering volunteer at Masjid Al-Mawaddah, where her passion for giving back sparked a series of impactful contributions. In 2010, she took on the role of Mosque Befriender, offering compassionate support to those in need. By 2016, she had assumed significant positions within the Mosque Management Board, further enhancing her impact on Singapore's Muslim community.

Central to Mdm. Patimah's service is her steadfast commitment to those requiring assistance. As a Senior Befriender, she leads by example, guiding a team that aids zakat beneficiaries, focusing on the elderly and those with chronic illnesses or disabilities. Her influence extends beyond the mosque, as seen in her valuable contributions to Muis' FITRAH programme, which enhances support services for incarcerated Muslims and their families, underscoring her dedication to social justice and inclusivity.

Mdm. Patimah's legacy is intergenerational, with her daughter following her path of community service. Together, they demonstrate the transformative power of familial dedication to community welfare.

Even without formal roles, Mdm. Patimah's leadership is evident. She steps up when needed, such as in the absence of a Muslimah Mosque Religious Officer, ensuring programmes run smoothly. Her commitment is visible in her assistance during Friday prayers and her tireless efforts during Ramadan, where her "always-ready" attitude shines through in serving the community during iftar, tarawih, and qiyamullail.

The impact of Mdm. Patimah's work resonates throughout the community, earning her widespread respect and admiration. Her unwavering commitment to service inspires all, embodying compassion, selflessness, and inclusivity. In recognition of her efforts, FITRAH nominated her for the Exemplary Mother Award in 2021, a prestigious event organised by Jamiyah Singapore, where she was shortlisted as a finalist.



Tasa Bakti Recipient

Mdm. Shamim Hasanali Dhillawala

For over 30 years, Mdm. Shamim has exemplified dedication and service through her extensive work with Persatuan Pemuda Pemuda Singapura (PPIS) and other organisations. Her journey began as a volunteer in PPIS's Empowerment of Muslim Women programme, which educated women about their rights and family management. This initiative, featuring roadshows and workshops on inheritance, marriage, and divorce, also engaged men in understanding women's multifaceted roles. Mdm. Shamim was crucial in achieving the programme's goals of uplifting women and families. This work laid the foundation for PPIS's current Research and Engagement Department, launched recently to offer legal, financial, and wellness support.

As her involvement grew, Mdm. Shamim became PPIS's voluntary legal adviser, guiding the organisation through various legal challenges and agreements. Her expertise was instrumental in establishing Oaks Plus Ltd., enhancing PPIS's preschool education services.

Mdm. Shamim also contributed significantly to PPIS's governance by serving on the Nomination and Constitution Review Advisory Committee. Over eight years, she helped revise the constitution and renew the Institute of Public Charter status.

Her commitment extended to PAVE, where she provided legal counsel and aided its transition to a Company Limited by Guarantee. As a founding member of the Muslim Financial Planning Association (MFPA), she addressed community financial and inheritance issues, contributing to proposed changes in the Administration of Muslim Law Act.

Collaborating with Muis, Mdm. Shamim played a key role in aligning fatwas with Singapore's secular laws, particularly regarding joint property ownership, bank accounts, and CPF nominations. She advocated for these changes at joint MFPA-Muis conferences, highlighting her role in harmonising religious and legal practices.





Anugerah Belia Harapan

The Belia Harapan Award is conferred to passionate and dedicated youths who actively volunteers in the community.

Ms. Amalina Abdul Nasir

**Ustaz Muhammad Luqman Hakim
Bin Roslan**

Mr. Muhamad Shahril Bin Samri

Ms. Nur Khairunnaqiyya Binte Azhar

Belia Harapan Recipient

Ms. Amalina Abdul Nasir

Ms. Amalina has been at the forefront of numerous initiatives, ranging from humanitarian relief efforts to career mentoring programmes for youths. Her strategic leadership in organisations like Muhammadiyah Welfare Home and MENDAKI Club has empowered thousands of youths and fostered partnerships to support various communities. She has represented the community on national platforms, advocating for youth and female leadership while ensuring their voices are heard in policy discussions.

Under her guidance, MENDAKI Club pioneered several programmes, including industry career conversations and speed networking sessions, which were subsequently adopted by other Malay/Muslim organisations. She successfully revamped MARA, overseeing three key career programmes that benefit over 400 youths annually. Her efforts in empowering youth, particularly in the tech sector, earned her the Singapore 100 Women in Tech Award 2023. Ms. Amalina has also represented the Malay/Muslim community in national forums, such as the CNA Youth Forum with then-Deputy Prime Minister Lawrence Wong, where she championed educational resource equality. She was further selected for the National Youth Council (NYC)'s Our Singapore Leadership Program, engaging with policymakers on various issues.

As Lead for NYC's inaugural Youth Panels, she guides a diverse group of 30 youths in addressing financial security issues among young people, working closely with government agencies to propose meaningful policy ideas.

An active member of the Asatizah Youth Network, Ms. Amalina has spoken on various issues, including misinformation and social media echo chambers. She has been appointed to the Faculty of Muis' Postgraduate Certificate in Islam in Contemporary Societies and led panel discussions on global Ummah and domestic violence.



Ms. Amalina participated in humanitarian relief efforts for Syrian and Palestinian refugees through The Warmth of Mercy. She became the first youth and Malay/Muslim appointed to the Board of Governors of Singapore International Foundation, helping to unlock collaborations between countries and impact communities in Malaysia and Indonesia.

As a Management Committee member of Muhammadiyah Welfare Home (MWH), she incorporated youth perspectives into the MWH Care model and conceptualised a career mentoring programme for MWH boys. Ms. Amalina also champions Muslim women empowerment, addressing misconceptions about female roles in Islam and raising awareness of historical female figures.

Belia Harapan Recipient

Ustaz Muhammad Luqman Hakim Bin Roslan

Ustaz Luqman has contributed significantly to nurturing youth leadership and fostering constructive dialogues on positive religious values and practices. His initiatives have resulted in numerous impactful community programmes, engaging and inspiring a wide audience. His influential presence within the youth community is evident in the substantial support and resonance he garners, showcasing his exceptional leadership and dedication to uplifting and empowering the community.

As the most active Asatizah Youth Network member in 2023, Ustaz Luqman produced diverse content including articles, videos, and posts, while participating in key initiatives. His articles on Muslim.SG addressed important topics such as seeking Allah in times of distress, the concept of Rizq in Islam, and the virtues of solat. These articles have served as valuable resources for spiritual guidance and contributed to the global outreach of Islamic knowledge.

Ustaz Luqman's active participation in Instagram and Facebook live sessions on various topics, such as "Is Sacrifice A Loss?", facilitated meaningful discussions and provided a platform for engaging with Islamic teachings in a contemporary context. During the Gaza crisis, his involvement as a speaker in Muslim.SG's pop-up event demonstrated his commitment to addressing contemporary social issues and providing spiritual guidance during times of adversity.

His leadership extends beyond the mosque, with active involvement in volunteerism at Harmony Centre. As a docent, he has hosted and initiated numerous learning journeys for aLIVE students, local primary and secondary school students, and madrasah students. Ustaz Luqman curates unique and engaging ways to deliver Islamic teachings, tailoring them to the specific profiles and needs of the visitors.

Ustaz Luqman has emerged as an inspiring figure amongst youths and the mosque fraternity, embodying outstanding leadership qualities. His caring and compassionate nature has driven numerous successful youth camps and donation drives, tirelessly working to uplift and empower the vulnerable. Through his unwavering dedication, he has nurtured a strong base of youth leaders, shaping them into beacons of light for the community.



Belia Harapan Recipient

Mr. Muhamad Shahril Bin Samri

Mr. Shahril exemplifies outstanding leadership through his dedication, empathy, and ability to inspire positive change, particularly among students and youths. He has assumed various leadership roles in organisations such as Malay Youth Literary Association (4PM), Malay Language Council of Singapore (MBMS), and Pantunism, while also serving as a preschool educator.

His deep involvement in community service initiatives includes Ramadan on Wheels, Bahas 4PM, and chairing the Penterjemah Pintar programme for primary school students. Mr. Shahril's commitment extends beyond Singapore, as he has participated in voluntary community work across the region.

Recognising the importance of language conservation, Mr. Shahril has become a passionate advocate for the Malay language. Through lectures, workshops, and advocacy, he has empowered people of all ages to become language ambassadors, fostering a local movement for positive change. His collaborative approach involves working with government agencies, community organisations, and fellow activists to develop holistic language conservation strategies.

As an active linguistic activist, he leads a language learning programme focusing on pantun for children, youth, and seniors, dedicating several hours weekly to teaching on MediaCorp Warna. His initiatives extend to addressing social issues within the Muslim community through pantun and storytelling programmes. By collaborating with local mosques and organisations, Mr. Shahril has organised language awareness and volunteer efforts to support marginalised individuals and families, fostering solidarity and compassion within the community.



As a debate facilitator, Mr. Shahril provides opportunities for participants to practice speaking and listening skills while building friendships and understanding. He also organises various cultural events, including storytelling nights, language festivals, and cultural potluck dinners, to celebrate linguistic diversity and promote multicultural understanding. This is evident in events like Bahas Muhibbah 2023, fostering connections between Singaporean and Bruneian youth debaters.

Mr. Shahril's tireless efforts in community engagement, sector development, global advocacy, and language education exemplify a commitment to service, empowerment, and positive social change. His work leaves a legacy of inspiration for future generations of Malay Muslim leaders, contributing significantly to the preservation and promotion of Malay language and culture.

Belia Harapan Recipient

Ms. Nur Khairunnaqiyya Binte Azhar

Ms. Nur Khairunnaqiyya embodies dedicated service and selflessness, serving as a beacon of community empowerment and social responsibility. From 2013 to 2023, she has made an indelible mark through her commitment as a Board Member, Assistant Secretary, and Secretary of Masjid Assyakirin and the District West (DW) Muslimah Committee.

In 2019, Ms. Nur Khairunnaqiyya played a crucial role in spearheading the 'Love Your Living Environment Youth Challenge', a collaborative effort between South West CDC, Municipal Services Office, West Mosque Cluster (WMC) Muslimah, and WMC Mosque Youth Leaders and Youth Development Officers. This initiative aimed to raise awareness about keeping common corridors clear of clutter, demonstrating her dedication to improving the community's living environment.

Her proactive volunteerism extended far beyond mere participation, encompassing a wide array of initiatives designed to uplift and empower the Muslimah community. She garnered support for Muslimah participation in M³ projects such as the Family Fiesta and Youth Festival, while also facilitating socio-religious programmes in District West Mosques. These programmes included the Maulid Seminar Muslimah, Khataman Al-Quran, DW Muslimah Action Planning Day, Muslimah Hari Raya celebration, and Muslimah Hi-Tea, all of which sought to enrich the lives of community members.

As Secretary of the DW Muslimah Committee, Ms. Nur Khairunnaqiyya exemplified collaboration and compassion. She forged partnerships with organisations like the Kumpulan Orang Cacat Muslim Singapura, implementing joint programmes and initiatives. These efforts, which included providing Ramadan hampers and support for underserved members and families, demonstrated her profound commitment to fostering inclusivity and support within the community.

Through her decade-long service, Ms. Nur Khairunnaqiyya has consistently shown dedication to creating positive change, empowering the Muslimah community, and promoting social responsibility. Her efforts have not only improved the lives of individuals but have also strengthened the fabric of the entire community, setting a remarkable example of selfless service and leadership.





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