



**Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura**  
(Islamic Religious Council of Singapore)

# MUIS AWARDS CEREMONY 2023

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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.



## CONGRATULATIONS

The Muis Awards is a manifestation of the symbiosis between the community and Muis.

Congratulations to our Muis Award winners. They have led the way and are indeed shining role models for us all as we continue to build our community of success.

May they inspire the community to progress together.

**Kadir Maideen,**  
*Chief Executive, Muis*



## **JASA CEMERLANG**

The 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 the field of education, economics, community service or dakwah.

# JASA CEMERLANG NOMINEE

## Ustaz Pasuni Maulan



### Details of Service Rendered


Mosque / Organisation	Post	Years of Service
Asatizah Recognition Board (ARB)	Chairman	2023 - Current
	Vice-Chairman	2015 - 2022
Madrasah Aljunied Al-Islamiah	Madrasah Management Committee	1995 - Current
	Board of Governors	2008 - Current
Masjid Tentera Diraja	Vice-Chairman	2021 - Current
	Chairman	1998 - 2021
Masjid Hang Jebat	Vice-Chairman	2021 - Current
	Chairman	2014 - 2021
Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (MUIS)	Council Member	2004 - Current

Ustaz Pasuni Maulan is a highly-regarded religious teacher known for his distinguished service to the community. His service spreads across key religious institutions such as Muis, mosque and madrasah sectors, and the Asatizah Recognition Board (ARB).

As a key figure in the religious sector, Ustaz Pasuni Maulan has served as a member of ARB since 2007. During his term of service with the Board, he has contributed greatly to the development and professionalism of the asatizah fraternity. Ustaz Pasuni was a catalyst for the establishment of the Asatizah Recognition Scheme (ARS), which aims to enhance the professional standing of religious teachers, thereby making them a credible source of reference for the Singapore Muslim community.

Ustaz Pasuni was appointed Vice-Chairman in 2015 and during this period, the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) was introduced to further strengthen and enhance the standing of asatizah as the credible source of reference for the Singapore Muslim community. He was appointed Chairman effective 1 January 2023 and he played a crucial role in making decisions related to ARS applications including granting approval, refusal and cancellation. As Chairman of the Board, Ustaz Pasuni ensured that asatizah discharge their roles in accordance to the Code of Ethics while guiding the Muslim community and providing Islamic instructions appropriate to the Singapore context.

As a Masyaikh Pergas, Ustaz Pasuni also plays an important role in giving religious advice and guidance that can unite ulama' and asatizahs in facing various challenges. He joined several established asatizahs such as Ustaz Mohamed Fatris Bakaram, Ustaz Sallim Jasman, Ustaz Abdul Manaf Rahmat and Ustazah Sukarti Amoin.



Ustaz Pasuni led several development initiatives for the madrasah sector. He was appointed Chairman of the Madrasah Management Committee (MMC) in Madrasah Aljunied Al-Islamiah (MAA) in 1995 and led the many developments and accomplishments in the madrasah. He undertook development of the madrasah at its current site along Victoria Lane until its completion. Almost 30 years on, Ustaz Pasuni now sits in MAA Board of Governors (BOG) and will be overseeing the upcoming lease renewal of MAA in 2025.

Under his stewardship, Ustaz Pasuni provided BOG-level guidance to the Management Team in MAA when the madrasah was recognised as an International Baccalaureate (IB) world school - a first for a full-time madrasah in Singapore. The IB diploma program allows for MAA students to be through-trained from Year 7 to Year 12 with an eventual conference of an IB Diploma. Under Ustaz Pasuni's guidance in MAA for almost 30 years, the madrasah have continued to produce numerous religious scholars and leaders who are grounded in the religious sciences with sound knowledge of current and future challenges facing the community. Ustaz Pasuni is also ready to pivot MAA to further improve and soar to even greater heights for the next 30 years after its lease is renewed in the current site.

As member of the Committee on Future Asatizah (COFA), he contributed extensively on the Ten Recommendations centred around Three Key Thrusts to ensure the asatizah sector remain an important institution for the community for generations to come.

Currently as Vice Chairman of Masjid Tentera Diraja, he has reached out to numerous youths-at-risk through their signature Mudik ke Hulu project. Since 2006, Ustaz Pasuni and Masjid Tentera-Di-Raja, has been conducting the programme to help people from all races or religions to remove their tattoos at a subsidised rate, while giving them emotional and spiritual support through their tattoo removal journey. In 2018, the programme was revamped to add new content and structure and multi-level support from different stakeholders. More resources and expertise from the community were mobilised, in addition to the mosque's manpower. The mosque also established a support network with government agencies, community groups and corporate bodies. Participants were connected to a network of mentors and underwent free religious classes as part of the programme and took part in social good programs to foster a sense of community spirit. 845 participants have benefitted from the programme.

Being one of the more experienced Mosque Management Board (MMB) in District West, Ustaz Pasuni is well respected as a senior mosque leader. He often volunteers his service by giving tausiyah during District West Mosque Leaders retreat and council meetings to remind mosque leaders of their Amanah to the Muslim community. He regularly advised Mosque Religious Officers to go beyond and above their call of duty in being anticipatory to their approach of addressing our community's challenges of the future.

As a key leader in Masjid Hang Jebat and Masjid Tentera Di Raja, he has rallied his mosque management to support the Mosque Wakaf Investment Plan, where the profits will generate the corpus for Wakaf Masyarakat Singapura (WMS) by investing \$350,000 to the above cause. He has also supported District West initiative to support Masjid Hasanah A&A Works (which costs \$9.1 million) by contributing their Friday collection proceeds to Masjid Hasanah, in the spirit of One Mosque Sector.



## **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 the field of education, economics, community service or dakwah.

**HJ FARIHULLAH S/O ABDUL WAHAB SAFIULLAH**

**HJ ABDUL ROHIM BIN SARIP**

**MR ARIFF SULTAN S/O YOUSOFF SULTAN**

**HJ MOHAMED ARSAD BIN SALIM**

**HJ MOHD AMIN BIN ABDUL LATIP**

**HJH RUBIHA BINTE HASHIM**

# JASA BAKTI NOMINEE

Hj Farihullah S/O Abdul Wahab Safiullah



## Details of Service Rendered

Mosque / Organisation	Post	Years of Service
Tabung Amal Aidilfitri (TAA) Trust Fund	Head	2020 - Current
	Deputy Head of Executive Committee, Lead of Finance Committee (Treasurer) & Lead of Human Resource	2018 - 2020
	Treasurer, Audit Committee	2012 - 2016
	Treasurer, AMP Group	2008 - 2010
United Indian Muslim Association (UIMA)	President	1995 - Current
Singapore Amalgamated Services Co-operative Organisation (SASCO) Senior Citizen Home	Chairperson	2010 - Current
Nagore Dharga Society	Vice-President	2020 - Current
Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (MUIS)	Council Member	2004 - 2021
	Member of Audit Committee	2014 - Present
	Muis Award Committee	2015 - Present
	Indian Muslim Community Steering Committee (IMCSC)	2016 - 2019
Yayasan Mendaki	Board of Director Member	2013 - 2021
Federation of Indian Muslims (FIM)	Deputy President	2017 - 2022
	President	2012 - 2017

## Synopsis of Contribution

Hj Farihullah's desire to help the needy and the poor has motivated himself to join TAA Trust Fund in 2004. TAA runs 2 charity campaigns annually and he oversees the success of the 2 campaigns. The Ramadan Charity Campaign raised between \$1 million to \$1.8 million during his time serving in TAA. Today, there are 3,600 TAA beneficiaries who benefited from the fund raised.

Hj Farihullah played a crucial role in reorganising UIMA. UIMA runs 3 childcare centres serving 200+ students. In 2003, Hj Farihullah was appointed as president to lead UIMA. He turned around UIMA's position from \$80K deficit to current assets. The turnover is close to \$1 million. Through Hj Farihullah's efforts and leadership, UIMA partnered MUIS, Mendaki, TAA Trust Fund, SINDA and other charitable organizations to help over 1000 poor and needy families. UIMA is the only Indian Muslims' organisation with Charity status.

As Chairman of the SASCO Senior Citizen Home since 2010, the Home runs 4 senior citizen homes, 1 Dementia home and 2 activity centres to help the nation provide lodging and care for the destitute elderly. Under his leadership, SASCO has retained an IPC status with an asset of \$50 million.



# JASA BAKTI NOMINEE

Hj Abdul Rohim bin Saripa



## Details of Service Rendered

Mosque / Organisation	Post	Years of Service
Casa Raudha	Board of Member	2008 - Current
	President	2019 - 2021
Malay Language Learning and Promotion Committee	Deputy President	2011 - Current
Malaysia Singapore Business Council	Member	2011 - Current
Lembaga Biasiswa Kenangan Maulud (LBKM)	Council Member	2018 - Current
Muslim Law Practice Committee	Member	2006 - Current
Services Committee NCSS (National Council of Social Services)	Member	2020 - Current
Parents Maintenance Tribunal	Mediator	2018 - Current
Rotary Club Kg Gelam	Board Member	2019 - Current
Ain Society	Panel of Judges	2012 - Current
Yellow Ribbon SG	Director	2012 - 2019
Medishield Life Committee	Committee Member	2013 - 2016
Singapore Malay Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SMCCI)	President	2009 - 2013
Malay Heritage Foundation	Board Member	2009 - 2013
Institute of Southeast Asian Studies	Director	2007 - 2011
Jamiyah Legal Clinic	Volunteer Lawyer	1989

## Synopsis of Contribution

Mr Rohim's leadership and dedication to making a difference in the community have resulted in successful fundraising efforts through his passion for golf. Since 1997, he has organized golf tournaments, raising \$50,000 to \$60,000 per year for the Malay Chamber Scholarship Fund and over \$100,000 for Raffles Girls School. He also helped to raise \$120,000 for Casa Raudha through his visionary efforts.

As a lawyer of over 30 years, Mr Rohim started providing his legal services pro bono for the Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association (SANA) to assist drug offenders with their legal cases while delivering motivational talks and legal principles to SANA volunteers. Later on, he supported the Muslim missionary society, Jamiyah, by managing legal cases in their legal clinic. Mr Rohim further assisted Perdaus with their legal matters while establishing educational and leadership development services.

Mr Rohim is also actively engaged at the national level. He served on the board of The Thye Hua Kwan Moral Society, and is also a director of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies and was appointed as a committee member for Medishield Life to advise on how to include all Singaporeans in a life-long medical insurance plan, even those with pre-existing illnesses.

# JASA BAKTI NOMINEE

**Mr Ariff Sultan S/O Yousoff Sultan**

## Details of Service Rendered

Mosque / Organisation	Post	Years of Service
Muslim Converts Association of Singapore (Darul Arqam)	Trustee Management Council Member	2020 - Current 1986 - Current
Muslimin Trust Fund Association	Management Committee Member Member	2008 - 2014 Since 1997
Masjid Maulana Mohammad Ali	Vice-Chairman MMB	2020 - Current 1995 - Current

## Synopsis of Contribution

Ariff had contributed significantly to the Muslim community, especially towards Dawah programmes and events in Singapore and also in assisting the new Converts in their understanding of Islam. As the Vice-President of Corporate Affairs Division from 2018 to 2022, Ariff had managed the Division tremendously well, formulating several corporate governance, PDPA, Whistle-blowing policies as well as SOPs in adherence to the Charities Act and Societies Act in Singapore. He had also supervised several IT Projects deployment in MCAS from 1990 to 2023. All of these efforts had allowed MCAS to better support the support the Converts and provide social services to the rest of the Muslim community at large, in Singapore.

Ariff has also been serving as a Mosque Management Committee Member at Maulana Mohammad Ali Mosque since 1995. At the Mosque, he had supervised the Mosque Operations, the management of the Imam/Bilal and smooth operations of the Prayer sessions, including the daily Iftar Sessions for 600 attendees. Ariff had also been the Project Lead for the Mosque Renovation in 2018. He was appointed the Mosque's Vice-Chairman in 2020.

Ariff had also been a Member of the Muslimin Trust Fund Association (MTFA) since 1997, and part of the Management Committee member from 2008 to 2014, where he was part of the team managing Darul Ihsan, Darul Lilbant Orphanages, Bursary Applications, Zakat disbursement to Fakir/Miskin and Muslim Burial cases.

Ariff had also organized several Comparative Religion Workshops and Seminars in 1990s and 2000s. He also organized the annual dawah seminar "Islam and Challenges Seminars" from 1990s and 2000s. Ariff worked on the MOU with IIUM Malaysia for the Diploma in Islamic Studies, Diploma in Islamic Banking and Finance and Diploma in Shariah Law. In 2020, Ariff was appointed a Trustee of MCAS.

# JASA BAKTI NOMINEE

Hj Mohamed Arsad bin Salim



## Details of Service Rendered

Mosque / Organisation	Post	Years of Service
Masjid Pulau Bukom	Vice-Chairman	2021 - 2023
	Chairperson	2003 - 2021
	Vice-Chairman	2001 - 2003

## Synopsis of Contribution

Hj Mohamed Arsad had served dedicatedly and selflessly as Chairperson/Vice Chairperson in Masjid Pulau Bukom for more than 22 years since 2001 to 2023. Prior to the incorporation of the Mosque Management Board, he served as the president of Masjid Pulau Bukom Association since the 1980s.

Hj Mohamed Arsad managed the Masjid's administrative matters and operations and supported District West's initiatives such as the Mosque Wakaf Investment Plan, District West Mosque Open House, RLA collections, SalamSG Korban.

He has built a strong rapport with Shell Eastern Petroleum Management Committee to advocate the importance of the existence of the mosque in serving the needs of the Muslim workers through monthly meetings. He engaged various Muslim staff in Bukom Island which includes other nationalities such as Indonesians, Bangladeshis and visitors from Gulf countries. This was done through the mass iftar and porridge distribution organised in collaboration with Shell Eastern Petroleum Pte Ltd.

He worked with District West to arrange for ARS certified asatizahs to deliver Friday Sermons at Masjid Pulau Bukom. He has also obtained ARS certification in order to deliver the Friday sermons during the pandemic, when Shell Bukom Island did not allow non Bukom staff to enter the island.

# JASA BAKTI NOMINEE

Hj Mohd Amin bin Abdul Latip



## Details of Service Rendered

Mosque / Organisation	Post	Years of Service
Masjid Petempatan Melayu Sembawang	Chairperson	2010 - 2012; 2012 - 2015; 2015 - 2018; 2018 - 2022; 2022 - Current
	Vice-Chairman	2008 - 2010
	Treasurer	2004 - 2006; 2006 - 2008

## Synopsis of Contribution

Hj Mohd Amin bin Abdul Latip has been Chairperson of Masjid Petempatan Melayu Sembawang (MPMS) since 2010. Prior to assuming the Chairmanship of the Mosque Management Board, he was the Vice-Chairman and Treasurer. In his term as the Treasurer, he was involved in the major upgrading of the current building. He received his first Investiture in 1985 and has been serving the mosque since, demonstrating dedication, ethos in serving the community and good leadership.

He played a critical role in ensuring that the mosque provides the relevant services required by the community, in the wake of the resettlement of the residents in the area. The mosque continues to provide worship services and Islamic Learning programmes, despite its isolated location, serving the residents of Sembawang, Canberra and Yishun, as well as the Migrant Transient Workers from the dormitories in the Sembawang area.

His most impactful achievement was to helm the mosque through the COVID-19 crisis. He exercised decisive leadership to ensure that at the peak of the health crisis, the mosque remained safe even as it opened its services to worship activities.

Under his leadership, MPMS joined the Blossoms Seed network to support the under-served in the community, especially the elderly in the Sembawang and Canberra areas. He was appointed as a committee member to plan for and drive programmes to support the elderly. By joining the network, the mosque is able to participate in a larger network in Sembawang to better serve the local community, harness community resource and gain support from the leadership of the Members of Parliament/ Grassroots Advisers and be an active community builder.

He was also appointed as the adviser to the Malay Activity Executive Committee for Sembawang CC, which allows the mosque to play an active role in the community by raising funds to support the needy, providing groceries to families and providing Ramadhan porridge to the community, regardless of race or religion. His involvement allows the mosque to reach out and bring its dakwah programme to the community through events such as Takbir during Aidilfitri, supporting community events with an Asatizah delivering lectures and organising and participating in brisk-walking sessions involving mosque volunteers, staff, the MAEC activists and the community, promoting a healthy lifestyle.

# JASA BAKTI NOMINEE

**Hjh Rubiha Binte Hashim**



## Details of Service Rendered

Mosque / Organisation	Post	Years of Service
Masjid Pulau Bukom	Member	2004 - 2008; 2016 - Current
	Assistant Secretary	2008 - 2016

## Synopsis of Contribution

Hajjah Rubiha has been actively volunteering at Masjid Al-Ansar for over 40 years. She was one of the pioneer volunteers who assisted in the fundraising effort for the mosque. She was also appointed to lead the mosque Muslimah wing. She managed to galvanise the strength of the Muslimah in organising outreach programmes and activities such as Ramadan, Korban and Maulid.

As a befriender, she conducted many house visits and worked closely with the mosque social development officers for other befrienders engagements. Her passion in contributing for the betterment of the Muslim community has been consistent throughout her voluntary years. As one of the senior befrienders, she also helps to guide newer befrienders in preparing them to conduct home visits. She ensured clients issues are properly addressed and provide valuable feedback to the mosque social development officers.

During the Covid19 pandemic, Hajjah Rubiha helped out as safe entry officer at the mosque to ensure the safety of the congregants.

Hajjah Rubiha Hashim, a grandmother of three grandchildren, is still diligently rolling up her sleeves as a volunteer at Al-Ansar Mosque - even after almost 40 years. In fact, she felt that the mosque is close to her heart is one of the things that gives her happiness. She is more than capable to hold many roles in the mosque - member of Masjid Al-Ansar MMB, Befriender, and head of Muslimah Al-Ansar. She was featured in BH (Berita Harian) for the Long Service Award (volunteers) on 17 September 2021.



**ANUGERAH BELIA  
HARAPAN**

# ANUGERAH BELIA HARAPAN



**Mr Mohamed Ashiq bin Abdul Aziz**

## Details of Service Rendered

Mosque / Organisation	Post	Years of Service
IM Youth (Federation of Indian Muslim)	Vice President	2021 - Current
ASEAN Youth UNconference	Co-Chairman	2020 - 2022
Singapore Management University (SMU)	Vice Chairperson	2018 - 2019
Muslim Society	Volunteer & Deputy Head of Operations	2017 - 2018; 2018 - 2020
Project Xingfu (Overseas CIP)	Program Coordinator	2016

## Synopsis of Contribution

His work as Vice-Chairman of the SMU Muslim Society and Vice-Chairperson of IMYouth highlights his commitment to promoting interfaith dialogue, addressing social issues, and giving back to the community. Ashiq was able to bring together individuals from diverse backgrounds and promote dialogue and understanding among them. He demonstrated his ability to collaborate and communicate effectively with other members of the organisations, and his dedication to the causes they stood for.

As co-chair of the ASEAN Youth Unconference, he organised a successful two-day event that allowed participants to attend discussion groups based on their interests. He was able to bring together individuals from different countries and cultures and facilitate discussions on critical issues such as mental well-being, climate change, and social cohesion. This helped to foster a sense of active citizenship and social advocacy among young people in Singapore and Southeast Asia.

He organised the Iftar for migrant brothers for two consecutive years and managed to raise significant funds to support the cause. He also conducted a survey with 200 youths to understand their perspectives on critical issues affecting the Muslim community. He was able to inspire and motivate others to get involved and make a difference, and he demonstrated his commitment to the causes by consistently showing up and putting in the necessary effort.

At the global level, Ashiq's work with Project Xingfu has provided much-needed support to the local Muslim community in Yunnan, China. By teaching English and maths to Muslim children, Ashiq and his team have helped to improve educational outcomes and create opportunities for a better future. These initiatives have also helped to build bridges between different cultures and promote greater understanding and collaboration between Muslims in different parts of the world.

# ANUGERAH BELIA HARAPAN

**Ms. Nur Hidayah Binte Mohd Tahir**



## Details of Service Rendered

Mosque / Organisation	Post	Years of Service
Casa Raudha	Volunteer	2009 - Current
Access Academy	Mentor	2020 - 2021
Experiential Team Building	Student Leader	2020 - 2021
Youth @ Reach	Mentor	2020
Befrienders - SUSS Orientation	Organising Committee	2020

## Synopsis of Contribution

Since 2009, Hidayah has been actively involved in various volunteer activities. Her passion working with children is especially notable, as she has been instrumental in organizing and childminding activities. She has also played a crucial role in hosting and planning events, from small to large-scale events. Her tireless efforts in this area have helped to raise awareness and make a significant impact on the lives of the vulnerable community.

In Jan 2023, Hidayah facilitated the first of its kind interfaith symposium organised by the Jurong Family Violence Working Groups (JFVWG) supported by the Ministry of Social and Family Development, called Taking A Faithful Stand: Religious Communities Against Family & Domestic Violence. Hidayah encouraged individuals from all walks of life to come together and discuss important issues surrounding religion and taking a stand against violence. Her efforts in facilitating this symposium promoted respect and acceptance among people of different faiths.

In Mar 2022, she was involved in the workshop for My First Skool and the Mosque-based Kindergarten from the West Mosque Clusters where she encouraged discussions among the preschool teachers on their knowledge of child abuse. Her involvement in this workshop was vital in ensuring that teachers were equipped with the knowledge and tools needed to protect children under their care.

Hidayah co-created the storyboard for the educational video on child abuse for the preschools, both on national-level and Mosque-based Kindergartens (MBK). The two videos aimed to provide information and empower preschool teachers to detect, intervene appropriately, and manage any suspected cases of child abuse in the centres. The national-level videos were launched on 1st October, by Member of Parliament Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim and Grassroots Adviser to Chua Chu Kang GRC GROs (Keat Hong).

Hidayah's leadership potential was evident when she took on various leadership roles in the volunteering space for Casa Raudha. She has demonstrated her commitment to making a difference in the lives of those affected by domestic violence through her involvement in various initiatives and projects. Her willingness to learn and improve her skills has also allowed her to become an effective leader and team player.





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