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MENDAKI INVITES NOMINATIONS FOR THE RIDZWAN DZAFIR COMMUNITY AWARDS

In line with its core focus of supporting the development of the community through education, Yayasan MENDAKI is pleased to announce that applications for the Ridzwan Dzafir Community Awards (RDCA) have been opened on Saturday, 1 June 2013. Incepted in honour of the late Mr Ridzwan Dzafir, MENDAKI's first Chief Executive Officer, the RDCA is aimed at supporting career professionals realise their potential and pursue postgraduate studies with awards of up to S\$50,000 for successful applicants. MENDAKI invites recognised local institutions or organisations to identify and nominate any deserving member(s) or staff pursuing postgraduate studies in relevant sectors for the awards. Nominators from recognised local organisations or institutions can obtain the application form at MENDAKI's website, www.mendaki.org.sg.

Priority will be given to studies in areas relating to Organisational/Public Policy & Governance, Community Building, Culture & Citizenry, Trade & Enterprise. The two categories of awards are as follows:

- **RDCA Distinction Award**
This award is for career professionals in the Public and Social Services sector to gain a specialised and accredited post-graduate training. The quantum of each award will be based on the course of study. Each year up to two post-graduate awards will be given totaling up to S\$100,000.
- **RDCA Merit Award**
This category is for middle managers in the Public and Social Services Sector pursuing three to six month overseas internship/attachment or short term programmes organised or hosted by reputable institutions. Two Community Fellowship awards worth up to S\$25,000 each will be presented annually.

The completed application forms with necessary supporting documents must be submitted to Yayasan MENDAKI, 51 Kee Sun Avenue off Tay Lian Teck Road, Singapore 457056 by 20 July 2013. More information on the RDCA can be found in Annex A.

We appreciate it if you could include this information in your news coverage this Monday, 3 June 2013. Please do not hesitate to call or email the officer mentioned below should you require further information on this matter.

Thanking you in advance and looking forward to your continued support of this community effort.

POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship aims to nurture career professional in the public and social service sector who are pursuing postgraduate studies in the relevant sectors.

RDCA Distinction

For career professionals in the Public and Social Services sector to gain a specialised and accredited post-graduate training.

The quantum of each award will be based on the course of study. Each year up to two post-graduate (Doctoral/Masters) awards will be given. Total amount : \$100,000.

RDCA Merit

For middle managers in the Public and Social Services Sector pursuing three to six month overseas internship/attachment or short term programmes organised or hosted by reputable institutions.

Two Community Fellowship awards annually each worth up to \$25,000

Completed application forms with necessary supporting documents must be submitted to Yayasan MENDAKI by 20 July 2013

Eligibility Criteria

- Singaporean Muslim between 25 and 40 years of age
- Nominee must produce the letter of acceptance from the institution on the programme
Either :
 - i) full-time post-graduate programme for RDCA Distinction Award or
 - ii) short-term programmes organised or hosted by reputable institution for RDCA Merit Award
- Must have at least 3 years of working experience and nominated by a recognised local organisation or institution

Field of Study

- Nominees will pursue any discipline that will benefit the Muslim community.
- Priorities will be given to nominees pursuing :
 - Organisational / Public Policy & Governance
 - Community Building, Culture & Citizenry
 - Trade & Enterprise

Criteria for Nominator

- The nominator must be from a recognised local organisation or institution

Submission of Application Form

- All completed forms and supporting documents must be submitted in hardcopy Yayasan MENDAKI, RDCA Community Award, Wisma MENDAKI, 51 Kee Sun Avenue, Singapore 457061, by 20 Jul 2013. This include :
 - i) Form A – Nominator
 - ii) Form B – Nominee
 - iii) Form C - Referee

Supporting Documents

- Documents to be submitted together with the application form
 - Nominee's copy of NRIC (front & back)
 - All secondary, post-secondary and tertiary education certificates and testimonials
 - Course acceptance letter from institution
 - Course fee breakdown from institution
 - Nomination Form

Selection process

- The selection panel members will shortlist nominees for interview
- The selection committee's decision is final. Yayasan MENDAKI does not enter into correspondences with regard to the reasons for non-selection of applicants.
- Nominees will be required to share a plan of action to contribute back to the community through a Voluntary Welfare Organisation upon completion of the post-graduate study
- Only shortlisted candidate will be notified for an interview