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\$11.2 million worth of bursaries and scholarships disbursed since 2003

EDUCATION TRUST FUND DISBURSEMENT CEREMONY 2013

This Saturday, 30 November 2013, 100 students will receive ETF-SAS vouchers and Aziz Merchant bursaries worth \$20,000 at the annual Education Trust Fund Disbursement (ETF) Ceremony at St. Andrew's Autism Centre.

The ceremony will be graced by Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, Minister for Communications and Information, Minister-in-Charge of Muslim Affairs and Advisor to the Education Trust Fund Committee.

Since the establishment of Education Trust Fund (ETF) in 2003, more than \$11.2 million has been disbursed to Muslim students of all races. This year, a total of \$1.5 million (as at August 2013) has benefitted 6,877 students from low-income families. The ETF benefits low-income students from Primary 1 to Secondary 5 levels in both mainstream and madrasah schools. It also provides assistance to students in niche schools like NUS High, SOTA, Sports School, School of Science and Technology and Anglo Chinese School Independent since 2011. With the launch of SENSE College in March this year, ETF introduces a new scheme named the ETF SENSE College. This brings to a total of 7 schemes in all. We invite you to join us in the disbursement of the ETF-School Assistance Scheme and the Aziz Merchant Bursary.

MENDAKI recognises the generous donation of donors who contribute annually to ETF. Dr Reshma and Mr Aziz Merchant have assisted many needy students. This year, Mr Anil Baran Ghosh who is a philanthropist and retired teacher has kindly contributed an amount of \$100,000 to ETF.

There will be photo and interview opportunities. We cordially invite your reporting crew to cover the event and include the information in your media coverage.

Details of the disbursement ceremony are as follows:

Event: Education Trust Fund Disbursement Ceremony
Day, Date : Saturday, 30 November 2013
Time : 1.00pm to 4.00pm
Venue : St. Andrew's Autism Centre
1 Elliot Road
Singapore 458686

We would appreciate it if you could confirm your attendance by 5.00pm on Friday, 29 November 2013. Please do not hesitate to call or email the officer named below, if you require further information.

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

**EDUCATION TRUST FUND DISBURSEMENT CEREMONY
ST ANDREW'S AUTISM CENTRE
1 ELLIOT ROAD, SINGAPORE 458686
SATURDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2013**

Programme

- 1.00pm Registration**
- 1.45pm Guest to be seated**
- 2.00pm Arrival of Guest-of-Honour**
- Dr Yaacob Ibrahim
Minister for Communications and Information
Minister-in-Charge of Muslim Affairs
- 2.10pm Performance:**
- Science Presentation by Mad Science
- 2.45pm Presentation of:**
- Vouchers to ETF-SAS recipients (Primary)
 - Cheques to ETF-Merchant Primary School Bursary Award
- 3.40pm Refreshments**
- 4.00pm End of Event**