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**CELEBRATING THE COMMUNITY'S QUEST FOR KNOWLEDGE AND EXCELLENCE
ANUGERAH MENDAKI AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY 2016**

For the first time at Anugerah MENDAKI 2016, two graduates of the Professional Conversion Programme (PCP) will be honoured for their exceptional academic accomplishments. Al Fatimah Begum Abdul Karim and Siti Khasminah Ismail's courage and determination to go back to school will be celebrated together with more than 500 other recipients at Anugerah MENDAKI Award Presentation Ceremony 2016 on 24 September 2016. The event will see the highest number of award recipients since Anugerah MENDAKI's inception in 1982.

Acting Minister for Education (Schools) and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Transport, Mr Ng Chee Meng will attend the prestigious event hosted by Minister for Communications and Information, Minister-In-Charge of Cyber Security and Minister-In-Charge of Muslim Affairs, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim.

This year, a group of Anugerah MENDAKI recipients will get the opportunity to meet and engage selected students of MENDAKI's tuition programmes. This sharing session is part of MENDAKI's Raikan Ilmu initiative aimed at inspiring the community in the quest for knowledge. Anugerah MENDAKI will also see the launch of MENDAKI's Let's-Pledge-A-Book initiative. Guests are invited to donate pre-loved book at MENDAKI's book drops. These books will be shared with other families through MENDAKI's programmes.

We cordially invite your reporters, cameramen and photographers to lend coverage and capture the momentous occasion in celebrating our aspiring craftsmen. There will be photo opportunities of Mr Ng Chee Meng, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim and the talented recipients. Interviews with Dr Yaacob Ibrahim and the students will also be made available. Details of the ceremony are as follows:

Day/Date: Saturday, 24 September 2016

Time: 12.15pm to 5.00pm

Venue: The Theatre @ Mediacorp Auditorium, 1 Stars Avenue, Singapore 138507

A detailed programme is also attached in **ANNEX A** for your reference.

Anugerah MENDAKI Award Presentation Ceremony 2016

Saturday, 24 September 2016
 12.00pm – 5.00pm
 The Theatre @ Mediacorp
 1 Stars Avenue, Singapore 138507

Time	Programme
12.00pm	Anugerah MENDAKI Engagement Session
2.00pm	Arrival of Guests
	<p>Arrival of Minister Dr Yaacob Ibrahim <i>Minister for Communications and Information, Minister-In-Charge of Cyber Security and Minister-In-Charge of Muslim Affairs</i></p> <p>Arrival of Acting Minister Mr Ng Chee Meng <i>Acting Minister for Education (Schools), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Transport</i></p>
	Opening Performance
2.40pm	Presentation of Awards
	<p>Valedictorian Speech by Muhammad Fariz Junaidi <i>Bachelor of Arts in Communication Design with Honours of the First Class Singapore Institute of Technology</i></p>
4.15pm	Reception
4.30pm	Doorstop Interview with Dr Yaacob Ibrahim
5.00pm	End of Ceremony