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MEDIA ADVISORY

Extension of financial assistance in 2016 to support early learning

EDUCATION TRUST FUND DISBURSEMENT CEREMONY 2015 CUM CAHAYA M @ HEARTLANDS

The Education Trust Fund (ETF) continues to expand over the years to assist more students from pre-school up to tertiary level. In our effort to support children in their early learning and being ready for primary school, the ETF pre-school assistance scheme will be extended to younger, nursery students (4 years old) next year.

Since the establishment of ETF in 2003, more than \$17.5 million has been disbursed to Muslim students of all races. In 2016, more than \$1.83 million (as at October 2015) has benefitted close to 8,500 students from low-income families. As we continuously look into how ETF can meet the growing needs of our students, we will also be starting community fundraising efforts for the next two years.

This Saturday, 21 November 2015, 93 students will receive ETF-School Assistance Scheme vouchers and Aziz Merchant bursaries worth \$28,600 at Queenstown Community Club. 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.

Apart from the financial assistance, we also continue to engage students and their families in various aspects of education like experiential learning to build character and confidence through the Cahaya M @Heartlands activities.



We invite you to join us in the ETF Disbursement Ceremony and the Cahaya M @ Heartlands.

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 event are as follows:

**Event: Education Trust Fund Disbursement Ceremony 2015 cum
Cahaya M @Heartlands**

Day, Date : Saturday, 21 November 2015

Time : 10.00am to 11.00am

**Venue : Queenstown Community Club
365 Commonwealth Avenue
Singapore 149732**

We would appreciate it if you could confirm your attendance by 5.00pm on Friday, 20 November 2015. Please do not hesitate to call or email the officer named below, if you require further information. Thank you.

**EDUCATION TRUST FUND DISBURSEMENT CEREMONY
QUEENSTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB
365 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, SINGAPORE 149732
SATURDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2015**

Programme

- 9.30am** **Arrival of Parents & Recipients**
- 9.55am** **Guest to be seated**
- 10.00am** **Arrival of Guest-of-Honour**
- Dr Yaacob Ibrahim
Minister for Communications and Information
Minister-in-Charge of Muslim Affairs
- 10.05am** **Performance:**
"Marvels of Motion" by Mad Science
- 10.20am** **Screening of ETF Video**
- 10.25am** **Presentation of:**
- Vouchers to ETF-SAS recipients (Primary)
 - Cheques to ETF-Merchant Primary School Bursary Award
- 10.40am** **Refreshments**
- Tour of the booths at Cahaya M @ Heartlands**
- 11.00am** **GOH takes his leave**
- End of Event**