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A professor, a software developer, a social worker and a physician may not have much in common but their collective aspirations for Singapore remains the nation's pride. Writers drawn from among community figures, thought leaders, professionals and youths reimagined the future and penned down their reflections, ideas and hopes for the Malay/Muslim community. The product – a special SG50 edition of the Yayasan MENDAKI Policy Digest consisting of 50 articles, titled 'Singapore Malay/Muslim Community: The Next 50 Years'.

The written contributions span five broad categories: Community & Governance, Education, Family & Youth, Science & Health and Business & Innovation. Minister for Communications and Information and Minister-In-Charge of Muslim Affairs & Minister-In-Charge of Cyber Security, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, is among those who shared his reflections on a piece titled, 'Our Place in History: Journey Towards a Community of Excellence'. Other writers include Ms Amira Karim, Consultant (Office of the Vice President of East Asia and the Pacific), World Bank, Ms Caroline Brassard, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, and Mdm Tuminah Sapawi, Chief Executive Officer, Yayasan MENDAKI.

Research & Policy Senior Manager and Content Editor of the publication, Mdm Sabrena Abdullah, shares, "Perhaps, the uniqueness of this edition is that it not only digests key national policies but it encapsulates the aspirations, imaginations and dreams of our younger generations and thought leaders on what it takes to be resilient, resourceful and giving, in building 'A Visionary Community of the Future'."

The Digest will be launched officially on 23rd January 2016 at MENDAKI's annual Research Seminar event. Copies of the Digest will also be made available to the public then.

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