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YAYASAN MENDAKI EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM – NURTURING YOUNG LEARNERS TOWARDS A FUTURE READY GENERATION

How do we cultivate our young children to be enthusiastic lifelong learners, prepared for future challenges? This question, along with other issues on early childhood learning and development, will be discussed at **the inaugural MENDAKI Education Symposium on Saturday, 29 April at SMU School of Law**. Innovative and creative discussions such as interpreting children's drawings as well as how technology-enabled toys can support learning will be among the areas of focus.

As part of Yayasan MENDAKI's year-long activities and initiatives to commemorate its 35th anniversary, the Symposium serves as a platform to share, inform and discuss the pertinent issues affecting a young child's learning and development in relation to the Malay/Muslim community. Supported by the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA) and aligned to MOE's Nurturing Early Learner's Framework, the symposium also serves to add value to national Early Learning Initiatives. Topics ranging from Socio-Emotional Learning (SEL), to technology-enabled education for future readiness will be addressed. Through this platform, participants can also build partnership and support to enhance early childhood development within the Malay/Muslim community.

There will be two sessions which target primary stakeholders of Early Childhood Development in the community. The morning session, targets practitioners, professionals, community leaders and policy makers, will focus on the early childhood education landscape in Singapore by addressing themes like policies and teaching tools for a better learning environment. The afternoon session is open to parents and will

share ways to enrich their children's holistic development with tips such as effective mediation, wholesome nutrition and learning through play in the Digital Age.

Minister for Communications and Information, Minister-in-Charge of Cyber Security and Minister-in-Charge of Muslim Affairs, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim will be gracing the event as Guest-of-Honour.

Your reporting crew is invited to cover the event. Details are as follows:

Day, Date,	:	Friday, 29 April 2017
Time	:	Session 1: 9.30am – 1.00pm (registration starts at 8.30am)
		Session 2: 2.30pm – 5.00pm (registration starts at 1.30pm)
Venue	:	SMU School of Law 55 Armenian Street Singapore 179943

Please confirm your attendance by 5.00pm on Friday, 28 April 2017. For enquiries, please call the media officers below.

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Annex A

Yayasan MENDAKI Education Symposium
'Nurturing Young Learners Towards A Future Ready Generation'

Saturday, 29 April 2017

9:30am – 5:00pm

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55 Armenian Street, Singapore 179943

Programme Outline (Session 1)

Time	Programme
8.30am	Registration & Reception
9.25am	Arrival of Minister Dr Yaacob Ibrahim <i>Minister for Communications and Information, Minister-In-Charge of Cyber Security, Minister-In-Charge of Muslim Affairs and Chairman of Yayasan MENDAKI</i>
9.30am	GOH Opening Remarks by Dr Yaacob Ibrahim
9.40am	Presentation of Tokens of Appreciation
9:50am	Presentation 1: Singapore's Preschool Landscape and Policies by Mr Esa Han Hsien Masood Director - Policy Sector Funding/Regulations & Standards Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA)
10:25am	Presentation 2: Using Children's Drawings As a Resource of Information to Foster Learning and Development By Dr Rebecca Chan Associate Lecturer - Education (Early Childhood and Visual Arts Education) National Institute of Education / Nanyang Technological University (NIE/NTU).
10:50am	Plenary Discussion Session 1 Mr Esa Han Hsien Masood Dr Rebecca Chan Mdm Iryanti Moderator: Mdm Haslinda Zamani
11:35am	Tea Break

11:50am	Doostop Interview with Dr Yaacob Ibrahim
12:00nn	Minister Yaacob Ibrahim takes his leave
11:55am	Presentation 3: Innovation in Preschool Education – Technology to Support Play & Maker-centred Learning By Mr Adrian Lim Director Education – Sectoral Innovation Group, Info-communications Media Development Authority (IMDA)
12:20am	Presentation 4: The ABC of Brainworks for Preschoolers By Mdm Suhana Salleh Cluster Quality Manager, My First Skool
12:45pm	Plenary Discussion session 2: Mr Adrian Lim Mdm Suhana Salleh Ms Zhang Gui Yue Moderator: Dr Mardiana Abu Bakar
1:30pm	End of Session 1

Location:

