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MENDAKI APPRECIATES THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CLF LABS STEERING COMMITTEE (2016-2018) AND WELCOMES NEW FACES ONBOARD

Since its inception in 2011, the CLF Labs had provided opportunities for creative, innovative and daring groups of youths to test bed their ideas in addressing the gaps within the Malay/Muslim sector. These ideas were supported through seed funding enabling these groups to focus on developing and operationalising their ideas.

The CLF Labs Steering Committee consisting of seven enterprising individuals was responsible for analysing and selecting the projects that best suit its vision. On Sunday, 11 Feb 2018, the steering committee's efforts were recognised in a simple and intimate appreciation lunch organised by the CLF Secretariat. Held at the Furama Riverfront, the lunch was attended by Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, Minister for Communications and Information, Minister in-charge of Muslim Affairs and Chairman of Yayasan MENDAKI. Together with the advisor of the CLF Labs Steering Committee, Mr Saktiandi Supaat, committee members were presented with tokens of appreciation for their work over the two-year term.

In her opening address, Mdm Rahayu Buang, CEO of Yayasan MENDAKI paid tribute to the dedication and commitment of the steering committee in ensuring that CLF Labs continue to be a platform of choice among Muslim youths. She added that the committee approved more than 20 projects and disbursed an estimated \$150,000 in seed funding over the two years.

The event also witnessed the handover of the steering committee function to the new team. Mr Syakir Hashim, will continue in his capacity as the Chairman of the CLF Labs Steering Committee. Three other committee members will also continue to serve in the new committee. They are Dr Elmie Nekmat who will take on the role of Vice-Chairman (Outreach) , Mr Mohksin Rashid as the Vice – Chairman (Awardees, Community & Sustainability) and Mr Aslam Shah. They will be joined by new entrants, Ms Nabila Jalal, Ms Nurul Jihadah and Mr Nasrul Rohmat.

Mr Syakir Hashim, in welcoming the new committee said, "We hope to leverage on the social networks and expertise that the new members bring as we enhance our outreach efforts and strengthen the base of past awardees. We hope to offer them (past awardees) our continuous support, mentoring and creating opportunities for networking. This will be the core focus for this upcoming term. "

He called on Singaporean youths to get involved with creating positive social impact for the Malay/Muslim community and Singapore society in general.

The event also recognised the work of the mentors and advisors who supported the committee in its work.

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Outgoing CLF Labs Steering Committee. From left, Mr Saktiandi Supaat, Advisor CLF Labs Steering Committee, Dr Elmie Nekmat, Mr Aslam Shah, Mr Mohksin Rashid, Mdm Rahayu Buang, CEO Yayasan MENDAKI, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, Mr Syakir Hashim, Ms Liyana Sulaiman, Tengku Ahmad Syamil and Mr Muhd Suffian Zainuddin.



Pictured above, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim (centre) with members of the outgoing CLF Labs Steering Committee and the new steering committee for 2018-2020 led by Mr Syakir Hashim (in batik)