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### **MENDAKI PARTNERS' APPRECIATION 2017 – HONOURING SCHOOLS FOR THEIR SUPPORT**

Early this afternoon, MENDAKI held a simple but meaningful appreciation lunch honouring school leaders for the continuous support in MENDAKI's programmes.

Close to 40 school leaders comprising Principals, Vice-Principals and Heads of Departments attended the luncheon hosted by Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, Minister for Communications and Information, Minister in-charge of Muslim Affairs and Chairman of Yayasan MENDAKI.

In his address to the school leaders, Dr Yaacob highlighted the important role played by schools and school leaders in MENDAKI's journey for the past 34 years. Through their support and partnership, MENDAKI was able to expand its MENDAKI Tuition Scheme (MTS), providing educational support to an average of 10,000 students annually since 2012. This is indeed a far cry from the 822 students who attended its tuition programme when it was first launched in 1982.

Dr Yaacob also stressed on the importance of strengthening this partnership as part of a holistic approach in supporting disadvantaged families and their children. He is optimistic that with the strong support given by schools and other organisations, more students will be able to realise their potential and better prepared for the future.

The school leaders were also updated with an overview of MENDAKI's achievements and work for the past 34 years. They were also presented with a potted plant symbolising their effort in nurturing and grooming the future generation.



Dr Yaacob Ibrahim (left) presenting a potted plant to Mdm Raps Azrinah, Vice Principal Teck Ghee Primary School (middle). On the



Dr Yaacob Ibrahim (centre) personally thanking school leaders for their support and partnership together with Mdm Rahayu Buang,