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## **MENDAKI PARTNERS' APPRECIATION 2017 – CELEBRATING COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

Day/Date: Wednesday, 26 July 2017

Time: 11.30am

Venue: The Pod, National Library Board

This afternoon, MENDAKI hosted 70 community partners at a luncheon in recognition of their significant roles in supporting MENDAKI's efforts and programmes. This is one of the series of appreciation lunches to different groups of partners as part of M35 (MENDAKI's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) celebration. The previous invitees included donors and school partners.

Minister for Communications and Information, Minister in-charge of Muslim Affairs and Chairman of Yayasan MENDAKI, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, graced the event to personally thank representatives from Community Centres, Community Development Councils, Family Service Centres, mosques, Resident Committees, Self-help groups and Social Service Offices, among others.

In his welcome address, Dr Yaacob emphasized on the strong support given in the various partnerships since 1982. As MENDAKI evolves, it continuously looks for creative ways to support Malay/Muslim students' educational pursuits. The continued

pooling of resources and new collaborations with community partners ensure we remain relevant and visible in the social service ecomap.

Dr Yaacob also highlighted the key role partnerships played in providing holistic support in the development of underprivileged Malay/Muslim students and their families. Indeed such partnerships allow students to benefit from a common platform and shared resources as well optimizing its utilization to help prepare them for the future.

Partners were given an overview of MENDAKI's work for the past 34 years as well as its range of programmes and services including its financial educational schemes. Dr Yaacob also presented partners with a terrarium as a symbol of collaborative efforts that is needed in nurturing and grooming the future generation.



Dr Yaacob Ibrahim (first row, seventh from the right) and Mdm Rahayu Buang, CEO of Yayasan MENDAKI (first row, sixth from right) presenting terrariums to community partners.