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### MUIS CELEBRATES 50 YEARS WITH THE COMMUNITY

*Salam Singapore will feature various activities for different segments of community and for all ages*

The Islamic Religious Council of Singapore's (Muis) celebration of its golden jubilee continues with **Salam Singapore**, a community festival to be held at Our Tampines Hub. The festival is held as an appreciation and celebration of the partnership between Muis and the community for the past 50 years.

2 Over the course of three days from 7 to 9 September 2018, Salam Singapore will offer various touch points for visitors to discover and experience the many partnerships that have been forged and formed with the Muslim and larger Singapore society. A key highlight will be an **Augmented Reality (AR) Experience** where families can immerse in the Muis journey and understand various subject matters at different stations. Details can be found in **Annex A**.

3 The festival will also feature five main events, as well as fringe activities targeting at different sectors of the community.

4 **EduForum 2018**, will kick start the proceedings on the first day. The forum will discuss factors that impact students' educational experiences in the context of Islamic learning, as well as to increase educators' knowledge on the criticality of their role as nurturers and guides to youths. Executive Director and Chaplain for the Islamic Center at New York University (NYU),

Imam Khalid Latif is the guest speaker. Imam Khalid was also named one of 500 most influential Muslims in the world in 2009.

5 The focus on youth and education continues with **Youth TalkFest** in the evening. Participants will get valuable insight from prominent speakers (Imam Khalid Latif, Ustaz Tarmizi Wahid, Ustaz Zahid Zin and Ustazah Shameem Sultanah) on instilling a positive dream and have a vision of their future self, as well as laying down the foundation of success and steps needed to stay motivated achieving their desired goals.

6 The mosque fraternity (staff, volunteers and their families) will gather on the second day to celebrate **Mosque Family Fiesta**. The fiesta will have a familial and learning theme, encouraging a stronger bond among volunteers and their immediate family members. The fiesta will also feature a record-breaking attempt, fundraising activities and “*Masjid Kita*” photography contest.

7 Another key highlight of Salam Singapore is the **Bicara Perdana Mufti (Conversation with Mufti)** where Mufti Dr Mohamed Fatris Bakaram will engage audience on the worldview and values of *Rahmah* (Blessings) and how it can be further developed as key characteristic of the Singapore Muslim Community.

8 Wrapping up the three-day festival is the **Mosque Convention 2018**. The convention aims to discuss the roles of mosques in the ever-changing landscape of Singapore’s community and the vision and plans for the mosque sector to further enhance their position as a significant node in the national grid.

9 Several fringe events will also be organised throughout the three-day festival. Highlights of the events can be found in **Annex B**. More details can be found at [www.salamsingapore.sg](http://www.salamsingapore.sg). Members of the public may also get updates via Salam Singapore Instagram account, @salamsingapore or via the hashtag **#SalamSingapore**. For event synopsis, please refer to **Annex C**.

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## **KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF FRINGE ACTIVITIES**

### **Kindness To All – aLIVE Service learning Project**

Hand-drawn magnets designed by aLIVE students and stakeholders based on a specially designed lesson with the theme “Kindness to All” will be sold during the three-day festival. Members of the public can purchase the finished artwork for a minimum \$2 apiece and the proceeds to be given to Club Rainbow Singapore.

### **Community Conversation Circles**

This event brings together a group of invited individuals with interesting personal experiences and stories to share them with the community in small conversation circles. Amongst those invited are Team Singapore athletes who have triumphed at international competitions, madrasah students who have succeeded in various fields, active Youth Corps Singapore and community volunteers. The partners for this event are Youth Corps Singapore and Singapore Sport Institute.

Key messages to be shared include the following:

- There are many pathways to success. The most direct one may not be the best one.
- Patience and perseverance wins the day: take time to discover your goals and what it takes to get there.
- Pay it forward for a better world

### **Social Hackathon**

The aim is to empower the youth to come out with ground-up initiatives in tackling religious extremism, exclusivism and other issues affecting the Malay/Muslim community. At the end of the programme, participants would be able to come up with ideas for potential solutions to address emerging challenges, as well as design a user-centric solution (e.g campaign, video, mobile app) that fulfils the challenge statement with the guidance of trainers from relevant organisations - Majulah Community and Ground-Up Innovation Labs for Development.

### **Melody of Love – Song Writing Competition**

To promote and instil universal values of peace, love and respect through song composition and lyrics. In addition, this completion aims to engage budding young artists and songwriters in revitalising the Singapore pop music scene for social cohesion.



*Proceeds from the sale of the magnetic tiles (above) will be given to Club Rainbow Singapore.*

## SALAM SINGAPORE EVENT SYNOPSIS

*“Salam” is a common greeting that Muslims use to greet family and friends, and means “peace” in Arabic. In the Malay language, “Salam” refers to the shaking of hands as a gesture of respect, honour, the warmth of relationships and the bond of community.*

*Salam Singapore is a community celebration to express our appreciation to all who have contributed to Muis, the Muslim community and Singapore. This spirit embodied in the word “Salam” reflects our aspirations for a more gracious and inclusive society.*

*We hope Salam Singapore will further inspire Singaporeans to step forward and contribute towards a common good.*

