



## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### A SPECIAL COLLECTION AT ALL MOSQUES IN SINGAPORE IN AID OF VICTIMS OF EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI

All mosques in Singapore will be accepting contributions from members of the public on behalf of the Rahmatan Lil Alamin (Blessings-To-All) Foundation in aid of the humanitarian relief efforts in the Haiti after a 7.3 Richter earthquake devastated the island late last week. Latest updates on the tragedy reported over 200,000 deaths and over 3 million people displaced. The scenes of the devastation were clearly evident in all the media reports.

2. The Rahmatan Lil Alamin Foundation is a foundation initiated by the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (Muis) which was launched in July 2009 by PM Lee Hsien Loong to spread the message of compassion for all humanity and to further spread the ethos of the Singapore Muslim community of always being a community that is a blessing to all, regardless of race or religion. Members of the public wishing to make contributions can do so in the following ways:

- 2.1. **Donation boxes** will be placed at all 69 mosques starting Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010. The boxes will be marked “**Singapore Muslim Community’s Contribution to the Humanitarian Relief Effort in Haiti**”.
- 2.2. **Cash donations** can also be made at the Muis building at Singapore Islamic Hub, 273 Braddell Road, Singapore 579702
- 2.3. **Cheque donations** can also be sent to the above address. The cheques should be made payable to “**MUIS**” with words “**Humanitarian Relief Effort in Haiti**” written on its back. For further clarification, you may also contact Ms Hazrina at 6769-0770 during office hours.

3. The proceeds from the collection will be conveyed to the International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC) which a global relief organisation that is presently on the ground in Haiti organising the emergency relief operations especially in the areas of providing temporary shelter, restoring water and sanitation facilities as well as medical and psychological care for the affected population.

4. In the meantime, the Singapore Muslim community prays that the victims and the communities in the affected areas will be given the strength and resilience to face these adversities.

5. The mosques in Singapore hopes that contribution from this fund-raising effort will, in a small way, ease the lives and help to alleviate the sufferings of all the victims of the tragedy.

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