



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **CHEQUE HANDOVER OF SPECIAL COLLECTION BY RAHMATAN LIL ALAMIN (BLESSINGS TO ALL) FOUNDATION IN AID OF VICTIMS OF TSUNAMI IN JAPAN**

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The Rahmatan Lil Alamin (Blessings-To-All) Foundation (RLAF) in collaboration with all mosques in Singapore, has raised **S\$125,000** through a special collection from the Singapore Muslim community in aid of the humanitarian relief efforts in Japan.

2 The collection was organised for 7 days last month between Friday, 18 March to Thursday, 24 March at all 69 mosques as well as through online, cash and cheque donations to the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (Muis). We are grateful and humbled by the community's continued show of compassion and readiness to contribute towards humanitarian causes beyond Singapore.

3 The RLAF is handing over the total collection to Mercy Relief in a simple ceremony this **Friday, 29 April 2011 at Marine Parade Promenade (open space in front of Maybank)**. Chairman of the RLAF, Mr Poad Mattar will handover the cheque to Advisor of Mercy Relief, Mr Abdullah Tarmugi. The collection will go towards funding the Food Nutrition Programme developed by Mercy Relief. Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong will grace the handover ceremony.

4 According to Mercy Relief, since the twin disasters in Japan, food supply of the affected communities has largely been limited to instant food such as noodles, cakes and biscuits. Over the last two weeks, Mercy Relief has started the Food Nutrition Programme to provide food of higher nutrition content such as specifically produced ready-to-eat porridge, red bean soup as well as fresh vegetables and fruits.

5 The Foundation hopes the community's contribution towards funding the Food Nutrition Programme will help the victims on their road to recovery and normalcy. The Singapore Muslim Community prays that the victims and communities in the affected areas be given the strength and resilience to face these adversities.