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JOINT PRESS STATEMENT BY THE ISLAMIC RELIGIOUS COUNCIL OF SINGAPORE (MUIS) AND THE SINGAPORE EMBASSY IN CAIRO FOR THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF SINGAPORE STUDENTS FROM THE AL-AZHAR UNIVERSITY ON 11 OCTOBER 2010, CAIRO

Twenty one Singapore graduands from the Class of 2009/2010 at the Al-Azhar University participated in a Graduation Ceremony jointly organised by the Singapore Embassy in Cairo and MUIS at the Al-Azhar Conference Centre in Cairo on 11 October 2010. The graduands received a specially-designed crystal memento from the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar Al-Shariff His Eminence Sheikh Dr Ahmed Al-Tayyeb, who was the Guest-Of-Honour. The Rector of the Al-Azhar University Dr Abdullah Hosseiny and the Deans of the various faculties were also present.

In his address to the graduands, the Ambassador of Singapore to the Arab Republic of Egypt Mr Tan Hung Seng warmly congratulated them for successfully completing their education at Al-Azhar University, which is one of the world's most esteemed and leading Islamic universities. He encouraged the graduands to leverage on the knowledge and experience that they have acquired in Egypt to play a positive role as future leaders of the Muslim community in Singapore. Ambassador Tan also presented mementos to the Top Male and Female First Year Students. The speech by Ambassador Tan at the graduation ceremony is attached.

President of Muis Mr Hj Mohd Alami Musa also offered his heartfelt congratulations to the graduands in a penned message. He encouraged them to further broaden their knowledge and skills to complement their undergraduate degree. This would better equip them to meet the more complex issues and diverse needs of the Muslim community. Hj Alami Musa's message is also attached.

The valedictorian for the Class of 2009/2010 is Khairunnisa Bte Abdul Rahim who graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Islamic Theology (Quranic Exegesis) from the Faculty of Islamic Theology.

The Graduation Ceremony will be held on an annual basis in Cairo. Presently, there are about 200 Singaporean students pursuing their undergraduate degree at the Al-Azhar University.

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