



**Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura**  
(Islamic Religious Council of Singapore)

# Muis Awards 2020

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# Preface

The Muis Awards is a platform to acknowledge individuals who have made significant contributions to the mosque sector, our socio-religious institutions, partner organisations, as well as the larger Singapore society. Two awards have been given annually since 1990; the Jasa Cemerlang and Jasa Bakti Awards.

# *Congratulations*

The Muis Awards is a manifestation of the symbiosis between the community and Muis.

Congratulations to our Muis Award winners. They have led the way and are indeed shining role models for us all as we continue to build our community and success.

May they inspire the community to progress together.

***Esa Masood,  
Chief Executive, Muis***





# *Jasa Cemerlang*

The Jasa Cemerlang Award is conferred to individuals who have served a minimum of twelve continuous years of service and have made outstanding and distinctive contributions in the fields of education, economics, community service, or dakwah.



# *Jasa Cemerlang*

## **Hj Shafawi Bin Ahmad**

*BBM<sup>1</sup>, PBS<sup>2</sup>*

Hj Shafawi Bin Ahmad is a highly-respected community leader who has contributed in various capacities and across several institutions and sectors including Muis, madrasah and the mosque sector. He was one of the founding members of Yayasan Mendaki since 1981.

Hj Shafawi's key contributions to Muis are beyond measure. He was first appointed as a Muis Council member in 1986, a role he has served until 2019, making him the current longest-serving member. As a Council member, Hj Shafawi is in a decision-making body responsible for the formulation of policies to be implemented by Muis.

Hj Shafawi also contributed greatly to the Haj sector in Singapore. Not only was he the Chairman of the Pilgrimage Committee, he also served as the Head of Haj delegation in three occasions (1990, 1994 and 2005). In this role, Hj Shafawi led a team of doctors, nurses and welfare officers in providing medical and welfare services to Singapore pilgrims in the holy lands (Mecca and Medina). He represented Muis at various meetings with the Saudi Haj Authorities, ensuring compliance with directives for the welfare, safety and security of Singapore Haj pilgrims.

Hj Shafawi was also a key contributor in the mosque and madrasah sectors. As Chairman of Masjid Al-Muttaqin (1988 – 1991), he ensured that the mosque became a focal point for Islamic learning in the neighbourhood. As Chairman of the Steering Committee for the National Madrasah Education in 2000, Hj Shafawi was critical to ensure that the curriculum and education standards were comparable to national benchmarks. His service to the madrasah continues in his role as a member of the Board of Governors for Madrasah Al-Irsyad Zuhri (2008 – 2019).

Hj Shafawi also served various Boards and Committees such as in the National Committee against Drug Abuse and Probation Committee. For his meritorious contributions, he was appointed as a Justice of Peace<sup>3</sup> in 1989. His recent and major appointments include being a member of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights (1996 – 2011).

# Jasa Bakti

The Jasa Bakti Award is conferred to individuals who have served a minimum of eight continuous years of service, and have made outstanding and distinctive contributions in the fields of education, economics, community service, or dakwah.

***Mohamed Jaafar Bin Peer Mohamed***

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***Alimah Bte Hassan***

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***Abdul Rapol Bin Haron***

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***Salina Bte Ishak***

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***Haja Maideen s/o Kalandar Mastan***

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***Abdul Hamed Bin Babaji Mohamed Dawood***

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***Abdul Wahab Bin Ahmad***

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***Dr Abdul Halid Bin Abdullah***

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***Mohamed Zain Mohamed***

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***Kalthom Bte Muhammad Isa***

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***Taib Bin Abdul Rahim***





# *Jasa Bakti*

## **Mohamed Jaafar Bin Peer Mohamed**

Mohamed Jaafar Bin Peer Mohamed is the current General Secretary of the Singapore Tenkasi Muslim Welfare Society (STMWS), an organisation which he joined in 1989 as an ordinary member.

A committed and dedicated member of STMWS, Jaafar has undertaken many large-scale projects which have significant impact on the community. STMWS runs part-time madrasah classes in several mosques, and as Jaafar has obtained the QTRS certificate, he also teaches on Saturdays and Sundays. Other projects in which Jaafar was involved in include distributing vouchers to low-income families during festive periods (since 2013) as part of Sinda's Festival Gift Pack Project. In 2015, STMWS also celebrated its 75th year of establishment, with a Gala Dinner, where a showcase of the organisation's achievements left a lasting impression on the guests.

In all his years of services with the STMWS, he diligently attends and supports almost all their programmes. His unwavering support and commitment have spurred many other committee members to follow suit.





# *Jasa Bakti*

## **Alimah Bte Hassan**

Alimah Bte Hassan is a long-serving mosque and grassroots volunteer. She has been active at Masjid Hasanah and with the Malay Activity Executive Committee (MAEC) in Jurong since 2005. She has received recognition for her long service at both organisations with certificates of appreciation.

At Masjid Hasanah, Mdm Alimah has risen to be its Head of the Muslimah volunteer wing and its Assistant Secretary. She is actively involved in the mosque's community outreach programmes such as the annual porridge distribution, and most recently, the distribution of masks and hand sanitisers at the community club. Her other notable participation includes being involved in the West Mosque Cluster's religious programmes such as the Tilawahthon in 2018 joined by 15 mosques, Bicara Hati and the annual Rahmatan Lil Alamin Month.

Mdm Alimah is also a Muis Befriender. She actively visits zakat beneficiaries assigned to her in Teban and Pandan. She is also a helpful befriender and a team player, going to the extent of helping to cover her fellow Befrienders for home visits if they are not able to conduct theirs.



# *Jasa Bakti*

## **Abdul Rapol Bin Haron**

Abdul Rapol is an Ustaz (religious teacher) who has been a religious counsellor and khatib for inmates since 1994. Ustaz Abdul Rapol's advanced years is no hindrance to his contribution; his motivation is grounded on his belief that if an inmate remains willing to attend his religious session, he will carry on his mission. His good attendance is testament to his dedication and his volunteerism has been acknowledged by the Singapore Prison Service.

Ustaz Abdul Rapol is known for his strong knowledge in Quranic studies, especially amongst inmates. His label as a "Guru Quran" ("Quranic Expert") is evidence of that. More importantly, this knowledge draws in inmates who wish to further their Quranic knowledge.

Ustaz Abdul Rapol is also adaptive to changes, particularly to teach religious knowledge to inmates. He embraces the new religious curriculum as revised by FITRAH Office, and the use of technology during online trainings. He also looks forward to upgrade himself by attending trainings, courses and engagements. Indeed, Ustaz Abdul Rapol is an example of a senior who embraces lifelong learning while pursuing his sense of mission to guide inmates.



# *Jasa Bakti*

## **Salina Bte Ishak**

Salina Bte Ishak is a Syariah Appeal Board member, a role she has performed since 2010.

In the 10 years since her appointment, Salina has contributed immensely to the development of Islamic family jurisprudence. Her key contributions include hearing the more complex ancillary issues of Muslim divorces, as well as her well-thought and well-researched written judgements. These are reported in the Singapore Syariah Appeals Reports (SSAR), a law report publication which provides Singapore Muslim law practitioners with a self-contained and comprehensive set of significant Syariah Court and the Appeal Board decisions.

Salina was also appointed as a panel member of the Wakaf Dispute Resolution Committee in 2016 to assist Muis in strengthening its oversight, management and regulation of all wakaf vested in Muis under AMLA. Her expertise and knowledge in legal matter is truly an asset to the Committee.





# *Jasa Bakti*

## **Haja Maideen s/o Kalandar Mastan**

Haja Maideen s/o Kalandar Mastan is a community leader. His years in the United Indian Muslim Association (UIMA) has transformed the association into an established volunteer welfare organisation for all Singaporeans. Beyond this contribution, Haja Maideen also volunteers for Masjid Baalwie and IRO.

Haja Maideen first joined UIMA in 1989. Under his leadership, he ensured better management of records-keeping and administration. He also led UIMA to be established as a charity organisation in 2008 to ensure greater credibility by the public to run its welfare services. This is in line with Haja Maideen's earlier efforts to ensure greater governance in UIMA, thus underlining his effort to transform UIMA as a better-run welfare organisation for Singaporeans.

Under Haja Maideen, UIMA has also set up two childcare centres in Clementi and Choa Chu Kang called "Little Dolphins Playskool". The centre is open to children of all ethnic groups and offers mother tongue lessons in Mandarin, Malay and Tamil. Children from low-income families get priority admission, underscoring Haja Maideen's belief that no child should be denied an education.

Haja Maideen's work towards assisting families is also evident in UIMA's of adopting beneficiaries living in rental units at Toa Payoh, Yishun and Jurong East. Haja Maideen himself is responsible for the monthly delivery of rice and groceries to low income families, which benefits about 350 families. Beyond this, Haja Maideen has been a facilitator to Mendaki's Family Excellence Circle programme where families are guided to be self-reliant. Thus far, he has facilitated 19 groups through this programme, benefiting about 200 family members.





# *Jasa Bakti*

## **Abdul Hamed Bin Babaji Mohamed Dawood**

Hj Abdul Hamed Bin Babaji Mohamed Dawood has been a long-serving mosque leader at Masjid En-Naeem. He started as its Assistant Treasurer in 1996 before becoming its Vice-Chairman in 2007.

Under Hj Abdul Hamed's leadership, the mosque began offering a wide variety of services and assistance to the community. He was instrumental in setting up an education fund for children from low-income households to attend weekly madrasah. Most recently in 2018, he galvanised Masjid En-Naeem's Mosque Management Board to establish the FITRAH Office, an office that coordinates in-care and after-care support for inmates and their families.

Hj Abdul Hamed was also instrumental in uplifting the capabilities of the mosque's staff and volunteers. For staff, he places great emphasis on learning and upskilling; the mosque has adopted 100 training hours for staff and instituted a policy of continuous learning. For volunteers, he has also set up a volunteer management system, and established the Muslimin and Muslimah wings.

The mosque had also undergone a physical transformation. Between 2014 and 2015, Hj Abdul Hamed led a Mosque Upgrading Project in Masjid En-Naeem. The mosque now enjoys newly installed lifts and an iftar area for congregants.



# *Jasa Bakti*

## **Abdul Wahab Bin Ahmad**

Hj Abdul Wahab Bin Ahmad has dedicated over 25 years in community service through his roles as a mosque and grassroots leader. His key involvements are in Masjid Al-Khair, the Qaryah committee in the West Mosque Cluster and in the Citizens' Consultative Committee.

Hj Abdul Wahab has served in the Mosque Management Board of Masjid Al-Khair for the past 23 years, and is currently serving as its Vice-Chairman. His key contributions include overseeing the construction of the mosque in its current location and its recent upgrading works, which was completed in 2015. Under his leadership, Hj Abdul Wahab showed initiative by engaging with low-income families in Teck Whye and Choa Chu Kang, before the mosque's social development structure was set-up.

A notable figure amongst volunteers and congregants, Hj Abdul Wahab lends his presence to serve their religious needs, especially at the Qaryah level. For instance, he has helped to secure premises for residents in Choa Chu Kang and Yew Tee to perform their Eid prayers as Masjid Al-Khair tends to be overflowed with congregants during these prayers. Additionally, in his role as the Chairman of the West Mosque Cluster Qaryah Committee, he ensures that Qaryah groups under Masjid Al-Khair are better governed and adhere to better financial procedures.

Hj Abdul Wahab is also active in galvanising the mosque and qaryah groups to form close bonds with the larger community. His involvement has resulted in the mosque's strategic collaborations in various community projects, especially in the areas of health and community service. This is evident in the mosque's participation in the health campaign called Jaga Kesihatan Jaga Ummah, an initiative by the Health Promotion Board, and the annual Hijrah walks with grassroots members and leaders in Choa Chu Kang.



# *Jasa Bakti*

## **Dr Abdul Halid Bin Abdullah**

Dr Abdul Halid Bin Abdullah is a mosque and grassroots leader whose key contributions are in Masjid Hj Yusoff and Masjid Al-Istighfar. In both mosques, he is their Vice-Chairman, a post he has served since 2011.

Dr Abdul Halid has initiated a number of key projects at Masjid Al-Istighfar and he is committed to engaging youth at the mosques. One such example is the programme "Students' Friday Power", an initiative which provides a shuttle bus service for students from neighbouring schools to Masjid Al-Istighfar. The students are also served light snacks and would be engaged by the mosque's Youth Development Officer. From these engagements, some of the students have joined the mosque's youth group called "Wildan" (translated loosely as "Youth").

Dr Abdul Halid is also the Advisor for the mosque's Education and Youth department, further evidence of his passion to engage youth in the mosque. He provides steady guidance to the departments and his standing in the community is an inspiration for the youth. Dr Abdul Halid also acts as a bridge for youth and senior volunteers encouraging them to work together as a team.

Beyond his contribution to the mosques, Dr Abdul Halid is also an active IRCC and CCC member of Pasir Ris West, where he is involved in discussions for greater community engagement and inter-religious cohesion.





# *Jasa Bakti*

## **Mohamed Zain Mohamed**

Mohamed Zain Mohamed's key contribution is in his capacity as a mosque volunteer in Masjid Al Abdul Razak, and Masjid Kassim. For the latter, he first joined as an Assistant Secretary before becoming its Chairman in 2016.

Under Zain's leadership, Masjid Kassim has introduced new signature programmes such as the annual Bazaar Ilmu and Forum Perdana. The Bazaar Ilmu, for example, aims to bring a variety of educational activities for the family, including a religious talk, booths selling books, and workshops for personal development. These programmes are in collaboration with LBKM and Pergas, a testament to Zain's belief that the mosque should be collaborating with neighbouring mosques, business entities and community organisations to create a more meaningful experience for the Jemaah.

Zain's greatest contribution is in improving the infrastructure of the mosque. In the past four years, he has managed to lead several major building works. These include transforming the entire second floor of Wisma Indah to be a comfortable space for the jemaah's religious classes. Recently, working collaboratively with Warees, he also led a project to air-condition the mosque's prayer halls to ensure Jemaah's comfort while praying. Aside from these notable infrastructural improvements to the mosque, he also spearheaded the renovation of the first floor's wudhu areas, and installed new carpet for all the prayer halls.





# *Jasa Bakti*

## **Kalthom Bte Muhammad Isa**

Ustazah Kalthom Muhammad Isa is a religious teacher who contributes to the community via her volunteerism in organisations such as the RRG and Pergas. Her contributions are especially meaningful in the areas of da'wah and education.

Ustazah Kalthom's commitment to da'wah is evident in her contribution as a counsellor in RRG. Since her service in 2005, Ustazah Kalthom has helped to correct the misinterpretation of Islamic concepts, dispel extremist and terrorist ideologies and counsel inmates and their families to build their social resilience and reintegration. As part of her service in RRG, Ustazah Kalthom has also outreached to domestic workers and conducted religious classes for them. This initiative has enabled Ustazah Kalthom and her fellow RRG volunteers to become their religious reference point and helped to clarify any misinterpretation of religious knowledge by the domestic workers.

Ustazah Kalthom is also a dedicated learner who harnesses her knowledge for the benefit of the community. In addition to her religious qualifications, she has obtained a specialist diploma in counselling psychology and a diploma in positive psychology. With such knowledge, Ustazah Kalthom is contributing as an academic and council member in Pergas, a counsellor to chronic cancer patients in Ain Society and a member in the Appeal Board.

For her contributions to RRG, Ustazah Kalthom has also been awarded by the Ministry of Home Affairs for the National Day Award.



# *Jasa Bakti*

## **Taib Bin Abdul Rahim**

Hj Taib Bin Abdul Rahim has been a Mosque Management Member at Masjid Kampung Siglap since 1992. He is one of the longest serving members of the board, having been part of its Mosque Building Management member in 1990.

As a board member, Hj Taib was involved in leading many of the mosque's da'wah programmes and organizing key events such as its Muharram, Maulid, Korban and Ramadan activities. Hj Taib has also shown commitment to making the mosque as a Darul Quran. Aside from canvassing support from various organisations, he also helped to introduce memorisers (huffaz) of the Quran to lead its tarawih prayers, which was emulated by some mosques in Singapore. The huffaz recruitment was testament to Hj Taib's effort and willingness to network with huffaz beyond borders, including those from Mecca.

Hj Taib was also one of the lead slaughterers at the mosque and has supported the initiative of continuous upgrading and development of slaughterers. The mosque introduced new slaughtering tables and procedures in order to meet new Exporter Supply Chain Assurance System (ESCAS) requirements for slaughtering. He led the annual korban project at the mosque since 1998 to 2019.

As a member and now vice-chairman of the Singapore Islamic Missionary Committee (Jawatankuasa Haiah Dakwah Islamiah – JHD) Marine Parade, he has worked with grassroot advisors and organisations to help Muslim residents of the Marine Parade area with their religious learning and social development needs.

<sup>1</sup> Bintang Bakti Masyarakat (Public Service Star)

<sup>2</sup> Pingat Bakti Setia (Long Service Award)

<sup>3</sup> A Justice of Peace is an "outstanding Singaporean who have made significant contributions in their professionalism the public service, social services and the community at large".



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