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**THE INAUGURAL MENDAKI RESEARCH SEMINAR 2015:  
ENHANCING MOTIVATION IN EDUCATION**

*“All children can explode into learning.” - Maria Montessori*

The key to unlock the curiosity to learn is motivation. To allow for a better understanding of motivation, Yayasan MENDAKI will be organising its first Research Seminar “Enhancing Motivation in Education” on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015, at the Social Service Institute (SSI).

The seminar is dedicated to all educators who are working directly with students from challenging background, practitioners as well as individuals who are keen and interested in issues and best practices on motivation in education research. Two experts from the Motivation in Educational Research Lab (MERL) in NIE, Professor John Wang and Dr Betsy Ng, will be sharing their research findings on the topic. Minister for Communications and Information and Minister-In-Charge of Muslim Affairs, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim will be gracing the event as Guest-of-Honour.

Your reporting crew is invited to cover the event. Details are as follows:

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| <b>Day, Date,</b> | <b>:</b> | <b>Saturday, 31 Jan 2015,</b>                 |
| <b>Time</b>       |          | <b>2 – 4.30pm</b>                             |
| <b>Venue</b>      | <b>:</b> | <b>Training Hub, Social Service Institute</b> |
|                   |          | <b>111 Somerset Road</b>                      |
|                   |          | <b>TripleOne Somerset</b>                     |

Please confirm your attendance by 5.00pm on Friday, 30 January 2015. For enquiries, please call the media officer below.

**The First MENDAKI Research Seminar 2015**  
*Enhancing Motivation in Education:  
 Creating an environment whereby learners can motivate themselves*

**Saturday, 31 January 2015,  
 2pm – 4:30pm**

**Training Hub, Social Service Institute  
 111 Somerset Road, TripleOne Somerset**

**Programme Outline**

| Time   | Programme   |
|--------|---|
| 2:00pm | <b>Arrival of Minister Dr Yaacob Ibrahim</b><br><i>Minister for Communications and Information, Minister-In-Charge of<br/>       Muslim Affairs and Chairman of Yayasan MENDAKI</i> |
| 2:05pm | Welcome Address by Minister Dr Yaacob Ibrahim   |
| 2:15pm | Presentation of Tokens of Appreciation to Presenters  |
| 2:20pm | <b>Motivation in Educational Research Lab: Translating Research in<br/>       Practice</b><br>by Professor John Wang  |
| 3:00pm | Q & A session   |
| 3:10pm | Break (Light refreshments will be provided)   |
| 3:30pm | <b>Why are some students more academically driven than others?</b><br>by Dr Betsy Ng  |
| 4:10pm | Q & A Session   |
| 4:30pm | End of Event  |