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YAYASAN MENDAKI UNVEILS MENDAKI 2030 WORKPLAN TO EMPOWER THE MALAY/MUSLIM COMMUNITY TOWARDS GREATER SUCCESS

Thursday, 15 January 2026 – Yayasan MENDAKI (“MENDAKI”) today launched its MENDAKI 2030 Workplan (2026 to 2030), unveiling a five-year roadmap of strategies, outcomes and programmes aimed at empowering the Malay/Muslim community and navigating them towards greater success.

2 The comprehensive workplan focuses on nurturing confident learners, building stronger families, supporting a future-ready workforce, and growing a thriving community. The five-year roadmap sets out clear outcomes to support individuals at every life stage, from early childhood through adulthood, while strengthening partnerships across education, employment and community sectors.

MENDAKI 2030: With You, Every Step Forward

3 Anchored on education and guided by a vision to build a stronger future together, the MENDAKI 2030 Workplan strengthens partnerships across sectors and ensures every individual has a stake in our shared progress and success.

a. Confident Learners

MENDAKI will strengthen education support to help students build strong foundations, develop future-ready skills and gain clarity in their education and career pathways. Building on its core education programmes, MENDAKI will introduce the following initiatives from 2026:

(1) Enhanced MENDAKI Achievement Programme (MAP):

- (a) MAP (formerly known as the MENDAKI Tuition Programme) will be expanded beyond academic support to include enrichment activities and engagement sessions. These include numeracy and literacy activities, STEAM challenges, robotics, technology and AI exploration, career sharing sessions, and learning journeys. Collectively, these initiatives will equip our students with 21st Century competencies, and guide them on education and career pathways.
- (b) To elevate learning outcomes, MENDAKI has integrated AI-powered tools into MAP, equipping tutors with AI competencies and enabling them to personalise lessons and tailor activities to individual student needs.

(2) Expanded Scholarships and Bursaries: Over the next five years, MENDAKI will increase the number of scholarships and bursaries by 25% annually, enabling more students from diverse backgrounds to access quality higher education, and prepare for the future economy.

b. Stronger Families

MENDAKI will introduce the ReadySetLearn (RSL) programme to empower parents, with children aged 16 and below, to play an active role in their children's learning journey and strengthen the home learning environment through four initiatives:

- (1) RSL Roadshows: These roadshows equip parents with practical, play-based learning strategies, and connect them to national, community and MENDAKI resources, enabling them to nurture and guide their children with confidence.
- (2) RSL Maths Explorer: MENDAKI will continue to run RSL Maths Explorer (formerly known as KelasMateMatika), with the introduction

of a new blended learning model, comprising onsite and online sessions to provide greater convenience for parents.

- (3) RSL Language Explorer: A new reading programme will be introduced to empower parents to guide their children in developing literacy skills in both English and Malay, while cultivating a love for reading.
- (4) RSL Kit: The kit will contain several resources to help families understand developmental milestones, access guidance at different stages of their children's development, and receive timely support from MENDAKI and our partners.

c. Future-Ready Workforce

The Ready At Work (R@W) programme, is designed to support Malay/Muslim workers – from fresh graduates and jobseekers to mid-career workers and professionals, and those re-entering the workforce – to upskill, reskill, and build future-ready mindsets through four initiatives:

- (1) "Future of" Series: These sessions, including workshops, learning journeys, and career advisory, provide participants with exposure to growth industries and equip them with insights to navigate evolving career landscapes.
- (2) MENDAKI Professional Networks: These platforms are for professionals to connect, collaborate, and grow within a supportive community.
- (3) Women At Work: This initiative facilitates and supports Malay/Muslim women returning to the workforce through skills upgrading, capacity-building, and job-matching opportunities.

d. Thriving Community

MENDAKI will expand our mentoring programme to strengthen long-term support for our award recipients, by introducing seminars and workshops that connect students and their parents with volunteers from MENDAKI Professional Networks. These platforms provide exposure to diverse career pathways, practical guidance and real-world insights, while strengthening networks of support beyond financial assistance. Mentoring efforts will also begin earlier, from Secondary 1, to foster inter-generational learning and inspiration, and nurture a strong culture of paying it forward within the community.

4 Through close collaborations with national, community, and corporate partners, MENDAKI remains committed to shaping a confident, resilient, and thriving community that is prepared to meet the challenges of the future. At every stage of this journey, MENDAKI will stand alongside the community, steadfast in its mission to uplift lives and transform futures.

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