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### **YAYASAN MENDAKI AND GLOBAL RADIANCE GROUP EXTEND PARTNERSHIP AND INTRODUCE NEW SCHOLARSHIP FOR MARITIME AND ENGINEERING STUDENTS**

**Friday, 9 January 2026** - Yayasan MENDAKI (“MENDAKI”) and Global Radiance Group of Maritime Companies (“GRG”) have signed a five-year Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to extend the Education Trust Fund – Global Radiance Group Bursary and introduce a new scholarship, the Yayasan MENDAKI – Global Radiance Group Scholarship.

GRG has committed \$100,000 from 2026 and 2030 to empower Malay/Muslim students pursuing careers in the maritime and engineering sectors. Of this, \$70,000 will fund bursaries for 40 Malay/Muslim Polytechnic and Institutes of Technical Education (ITE) students pursuing full-time Maritime or Engineering studies. Each year, four Polytechnic students will receive \$2,000 each, while four ITE students will receive \$1,500 each.

In addition, \$30,000 will support a newly established scholarship programme, benefiting 10 Polytechnic students over five years. Each scholarship recipient will receive \$3,000 in recognition of their outstanding academic results, exemplary conduct, and leadership qualities.

The MOA was signed at Yayasan MENDAKI Headquarters by Mr Feroz Akber, Chief Executive Officer of Yayasan MENDAKI, and Mr Abdul Lateef Siddiqui, Chairman and Managing Director of Global Radiance Group of Maritime Companies. The signing was witnessed by Dr Noraslinda Zuber, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Yayasan

MENDAKI, and Mdm Nooraine Minhaj, Senior Human Resource Manager of Global Radiance Group of Maritime Companies.

GRG has been a donor since 2020, contributing to MENDAKI's bursary awards. Since then, their contribution has benefitted more than 200 ITE and Polytechnic students. Mr Abdul Lateef Siddiqui said: "I strongly believe in giving back to society. That is why we support education, because its impact goes far beyond the classroom. When a child is educated, an entire generation is uplifted, a community is strengthened, and a nation moves forward. I firmly believe in teaching how to catch a fish rather than merely giving a fish to eat, because education creates dignity, independence, and lasting change."

Mr Feroz said: "We appreciate GRG's continued support and expanded commitment to include a new scholarship. This partnership empowers our students with opportunities to excel in their education and future careers. With the support, more Malay/Muslim students will benefit over the next five years, building on the success we have seen since 2020. MENDAKI remains committed to provide continued opportunities for our Malay/Muslim community."

A past-recipient of the Education Trust Fund – Global Radiance Group Bursary in 2025, Muhammad Nur Iman, 18 years old, Year 2 student in Higher Nitec in Sports Management shared: "The ETF-GRG Bursary has eased my financial concerns and allowed me to focus on my studies with greater confidence. It has also inspired me to give back to the community by coaching younger students. I am deeply grateful for the support. It is motivating to see more students benefiting from this bursary."

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## **About Yayasan MENDAKI**

Yayasan MENDAKI (“MENDAKI”) (Council for the Development of the Singapore Malay/Muslim Community) is a Self-Help Group and was set up in 1982 to uplift the academic performance of the Malay/Muslim community in Singapore through education and lifelong learning.

Its programmes assist students, families, workers, and individuals at various stages of life with their education, learning, and training needs. MENDAKI’s strategies include:

- Empowering parents as the child’s first teacher, nurturer, and partner;
- Preparing children and youth to be resilient and future-ready;
- Empowering workers to be enterprising, connected, adaptable, and lifelong learner; and
- Enhancing its organisational capacity to achieve excellence.

MENDAKI’s programmes are accessible to all and are highly subsidised. Its education programmes aim to support students’ pathway to success and are designed to supplement or complement national initiatives.

MENDAKI works extensively with the public sector, people sector partners, as well as private sector foundations that share and support its vision and mission. These include fellow self-help groups, government agencies, schools, community centres, community and grassroots organisations, and family and student service centres.

Visit [www.mendaki.org.sg](http://www.mendaki.org.sg) for more information.

## **About Global Radiance Group**

Global Radiance Group (GRG) is a Singapore-based maritime solutions provider with a global footprint spanning ship management, offshore support, logistics, manpower solutions, and maritime training services. Operating across regions including Singapore, Pakistan, the Middle East (Doha), Australia, the Kingdom of

Saudi Arabia, and the Philippines, GRG is committed to both industry excellence and community impact. The Group upholds the highest standards of professionalism and safety while creating long-term value for stakeholders, supported by a diverse network of certified seafarers and maritime professionals dedicated to excellence at sea and ashore and to contributing positively to the communities in which they operate.

At the core of GRG's corporate ethos is a robust approach to corporate social responsibility (CSR) that goes beyond compliance and commercial goals. In addition to prioritising the well-being, safety, and development of its own employees and seafarers, the Group actively supports environmental stewardship and community upliftment through strategic philanthropic engagement. GRG views CSR as an expanding circle of responsibility—from internal workforce welfare to global humanitarian impact and community empowerment.

A central pillar of GRG's CSR is its commitment to education as a vehicle for social mobility and human empowerment. Recognising that access to quality education can be a significant enabler for individuals from under-resourced backgrounds, the Group invests in educational initiatives that help bridge opportunity gaps and build human capital. This commitment is manifested through internal scholarship programmes for maritime cadets as well as external partnerships that broaden the reach of its support.

For more information, visit : <https://globalradiance.com.sg>

**Photos of the MOA Signing Ceremony**



*(from left) Mdm Nooraine Minhaj, Senior Human Resource Manager of Global Radiance Group of Maritime Companies; Mr Abdul Lateef Siddiqui, Chairman and Managing Director of Global Radiance Group of Maritime Companies; Mr Feroz Akber, Chief Executive Officer of Yayasan MENDAKI; and Dr Noraslinda Zuber, Deputy Chief Officer of Yayasan MENDAKI at the Signing Ceremony.*



*(from left) Mr Abdul Lateef Siddiqui, Chairman and Managing Director of Global Radiance Group of Maritime Companies, and Mr Feroz Akber, Chief Executive Officer of Yayasan MENDAKI with Mr Muhammad Nur Iman, past-recipient of the Education Trust Fund – Global Radiance Group Bursary in 2025, and Mr Herman Yazid, Manager, Partnerships, Yayasan MENDAKI.*