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YAYASAN MENDAKI AND JUZAR MOTIWALLA ESTABLISH NEW MASTER'S DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Thursday, 22 January 2026 – Yayasan MENDAKI (“MENDAKI”) and Mr Juzar Motiwalla have launched the first Master’s degree scholarship in Artificial Intelligence (AI) under MENDAKI. Through the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), the MENDAKI – The Saleh and Gato Motiwalla Scholarship will support a postgraduate student pursuing a Master’s degree in AI as well as undergraduates pursuing Bachelor’s degrees in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). The Education Trust Fund (ETF) – The Saleh and Gato Motiwalla Bursary will provide additional assistance to undergraduates in STEM disciplines

2 Under the MOA, Mr Juzar Motiwalla have committed a total of \$51,000 over two years from 2026 to 2027, to cover one Master’s degree scholarship valued at \$15,000, two Bachelor’s degree scholarships valued at \$10,000 each, and four Bachelor’s degree bursaries valued at \$4,000 each.

3 The Master’s degree scholarship will support a postgraduate enrolled in AI-related programmes at the National University of Singapore (NUS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), and the Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD). Eligible programmes include the NUS Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence & Innovation, the NUS Master of Computing (AI Specialisation), the NTU Master of Science in AI, and the SUTD Master of Science in Design and AI for Enterprise.

4 The Bachelor’s degree scholarships and bursaries will be awarded to undergraduates pursuing full-time STEM degrees at NUS, NTU or SUTD.

5 The MOA was signed at Yayasan MENDAKI Headquarters by Mr Feroz Akber, Chief Executive Officer of MENDAKI, together with Mr Juzar Motiwalla.

6 Mr Juzar Motiwalla said: "We wish to embrace the leaders of tomorrow. They will engage vibrant, rapidly breaking opportunities in a world where the unknowns eclipse the stability of the past. Financial constraints must have no bearing on opening the doors for remarkable young persons motivated to succeed."

7 Mr Feroz Akber shared: "We are grateful to begin 2026 with the generous support of Mr Juzar Motiwalla, whose commitment to education strengthens our shared mission to uplift the Malay/Muslim community. Their contribution enables us to introduce a new Master's degree scholarship in AI, supporting our community's readiness for a rapidly evolving, technology driven future. As part of our five-year workplan to nurture confident learners, we look forward to expanding such opportunities and deepening our impact."

8 This partnership reinforces MENDAKI's commitment to expanding educational access, especially in disciplines that will define Singapore's future economy. By enabling more students to pursue AI and STEM pathways, MENDAKI and its donors aim to cultivate a strong pipeline of future-ready leaders equipped with the expertise, adaptability, and confidence to thrive in a technology-driven world.

About Juzar Motiwalla

Mr Juzar Motiwalla, is a fourth generation Motiwalla in Singapore and has been an academic, venture capitalist and tech entrepreneur. The donor's father, the late Mr Saleh Motiwalla, was married to Madam Gato and ran E J Motiwalla & Co.

Founded in 1886, E J Motiwalla & Co. operated in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Penang. From its origins as an import-export company trading mainly with India and Burma (Myanmar), the company later had the agencies for stationery as well as surveying and mapping systems. Today, it provides professional digital scanners to the ASEAN region and continues to be run by the donor's brother, Mr Zoher Motiwalla.

Mr Juzar has Board-level experience in global technology start-ups and is the co-founder and Board member of Ziliqa. He is also the co-founder of Anquan Capital, Professor of Digital Strategy & Entrepreneurship in NUS, Partner in Green Dot Capital and former President of Singapore Computer Science. His wife, Virginia Sipiere was a banker for 20 years until her retirement 13 years ago. She has been involved with several charity organisations including Centre for Fathering and was on their Board of Directors for 10 years.

Photos of MOA Signing Ceremony



The Memorandum Of Agreement was signed by (second from left), Mr Juzar Motiwalla, and (second from right) Mr Feroz Akber, Chief Executive Officer, Yayasan MENDAKI



Mr Juzar Motiwalla giving a speech during the Memorandum of Agreement signing ceremony