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Arif Budiman Malay Language Teachers' Award 2012

1. The *Arif Budiman* Malay Language Teacher Awards 2012 is organised by the Malay Language Council, Singapore (MBMS) and Malay Language Teachers Association (PGBM) and funded by the Malay Language Learning and Promotion Committee (MLLPC). The award recognises the contributions of Malay Language teachers in the teaching and learning of Malay Language.

Objectives of the Arif Budiman Teacher Award

2. This award aims to :
- give recognition to Malay Language teachers for their contributions in the teaching and learning of Malay Language in school;
 - recognise and support the contributions of Malay Language teachers in promoting and developing Malay language and culture in education; and
 - give recognition to excellent Malay Language teachers who are exemplary in their efforts in promoting and enhancing the use of Malay Language.

Title and Number of Awards

3. The two categories of the Arif Budiman Teacher Award are:

	Award Title	Primary School	Secondary School & Pre-University
1	Arif Budiman Teacher Award - Role Model	1	1
2	Arif Budiman Teacher Award - Motivation	1	1
	Total	2	2

The Arif Budiman Teacher Award - Role Model is presented to outstanding Malay Language teachers with at least 10 years of teaching service.

The Arif Budiman Teacher Award - Motivation is presented to outstanding Malay Language teachers with less than 10 years of teaching service.

Criteria for Nomination

4. The Arif Budiman Teacher Award is opened to all Malay Language teachers teaching in local mainstream schools. Nomination is based on the performance of the nominees in 2010 and 2011. Teachers who have received the *Arif Budiman* Teacher Awards will not be considered.



5. Nominees will be evaluated based on the following criteria:
- a. Their ability to raise the knowledge, skills and interest in the learning of the Malay Language, literature and culture;
 - b. Their dedication and commitment to the pursuit of excellence in the teaching and learning of the Malay Language in the classrooms and beyond;
 - c. Their care and concern for the well-being and needs of the students; and
 - d. The display of the values of '*Arif*' and '*Budiman*'¹ through excellent service as a teacher.

Nomination Process

6. The nomination period is from **18 July 2012** to **16 September 2012**.
- a. Nominations can be made by students, parents, teachers, school principals, heads of departments in schools, and the general public.
 - b. Nomination forms will be distributed to all mainstream schools, and will be advertised through Berita Harian. Nomination forms can also be downloaded from the following websites:
 - i. www.mllpc.sg
 - ii. www.mbms.sg
 - iii. www.nie.edu.sg
 - c. Nominees will be assessed through a two-step process:
 - i. Each nominee will be evaluated by a panel of assessors appointed by the organizing committee.
 - ii. Eight nominees will be shortlisted as finalists, who will each be further assessed through:
 - One 1-hour lesson observation in their respective schools; and
 - A face-to-face interview with the panel of assessors.

¹ Arif Budiman – the learned person who contributes to society. The role of Malay Language instruction would be to equip each student with the attitude, skills and knowledge.

Awards

7. Four winners will be selected to receive the Award. Each award is made up of \$1,500 in cash, \$3,000 in scholarship to be utilized for teacher professional development (e.g. to attend or present a paper at a conference on teaching and learning, or Malay Language; attend in-service training courses on the teaching of Malay Language, etc.), a trophy, and a certificate of achievement.

Awards Day

11. The Award will be presented at a modest high tea reception in end November 2012.

About the Malay Language Learning and Promotion Committee (MLLPC)

- The Malay Language Curriculum and Pedagogy Review Committee (MLCPRC) conducted comprehensive review on the teaching, learning and assessment of Malay language.
- In November 2005, the MLCPRC proposed several recommendations to enthuse ML students in the learning of language. One key recommendation was for MOE to establish a committee to collaborate with Malay community organizations in promoting the use of the language.
- In line with the recommendations of the MLCPRC, the Ministry of Education (MOE) set up the Malay Language Learning and Promotion Committee (MLLPC) in February 2006. The Committee is chaired by Mr Hawazi Daipi, Senior Parliamentary Secretary (Ministry of Education and Ministry of Manpower). The committee comprises community leaders, and representatives from tertiary education institutions, and Malay community organizations, media and other professional bodies. The Committee aims to further enthuse students in learning the Malay Language, and to develop in them an abiding interest in the respective languages, literature and cultures.