



Malay Muslim Fathering Month 2022 encourages fathers to support each other as they strengthen their families

Singapore, 31 August 2022 – The fifth edition of the Malay Muslim Fathering Month (Bulan Kebapaan), an initiative by Centre for Fathering (CFF) and Bapa Sepanjang Hayat (BSH) which aims to encourage active fathering among Malay Muslim fathers – will kick off on 3 September 2022 with a series of online and physical activities that will take place throughout the month.

This year's Malay Muslim Fathering Month, themed *Towards A Community of Involved Fathers*, encourages fathers to come together to support each other as they strive to become more involved fathers to strengthen their families.

The annual Malay Muslim Fathering Month aims to highlight the importance of an involved father to their children and encourages fathers to be present for their families and bond with their children. Through the Malay Muslim Fathering Month, fathering workshops and father-child bonding activities, CFF and BSH reach over 300,000 Malay Muslim fathers and family members each year.

“We want to take this opportunity to show appreciation to the Malay Muslim fathers who have taken up the mantle and overcome challenges in supporting their families during the pandemic where they become more involved in the families through multiple roles,” said Mr Bryan Tan, CEO, Centre for Fathering, DADs for Life and MUMs for Life.

He added, “This is the first Malay Muslim Fathering month since we entered the endemic season with relaxed social distancing measures. It’s a great opportunity for families to spend time having fun outside the home so we hope that the activities we have lined up will give families, which have been under much stress the past two years, an opportunity to relax and have fun together.”

CFF honours fathers through the annual Celebrating Fathers initiative during Father’s Day in June. However, the Malay Muslim community is not able to join in the celebrations due to Ramadan and Hari Raya. As such, CFF and BSH organise the Malay Muslim Fathering Month later in the year so that Malay Muslim fathers and their families can participate in family bonding activities after the busy Hari Raya period.

Some of the activities taking place during this year’s Malay Muslim Fathering Month include Jamming With Dad – a competition where fathers and children team up to showcase their musical talent; Special Moment With Dad - a special programme when fathers and daughters affirm their relationship; and other father-children bonding activities such as go-karting and fishing.

One of the key events for this year’s Malay Muslim Fathering Month is the inaugural Dad’s Forum on Education which will focus on the importance of a father’s involvement in his children’s learning and how fathers can be involved effectively. Grace by guest of honour, Second Minister for Education, Dr Maliki Bin Osman, the forum will also feature notable

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See below for details of the activities.

Jamming With Dad	
3 September 2022 7.30pm to 9.30pm Warung In The East @ ITE Simei	Now into its fifth Season, Jamming With Dad provides a platform for fathers and their kids to bond together thru music. The family comes together to pick a song, rehearse and perform live.
Detik Istimewa Bersama Ayah (Special Moment With Dad)	
Date and venue to be determined	Studies have shown that young girls with positive and good relationship with their dads not only do well in their studies, they also have high self-esteem and often make good decision when it comes to choosing their partners later on in life. More than 10 father-daughter pairs will come together for Detik Istimewa Bersama Ayah where they will discover each other's love language, improve communication, affirm one another and make promises to love each other.
FB Live Interview with Mohd Khair	
4 September 2022 8.30PM to 9.30PM fb.com/bapasepanjanghayat	A hugely popular and highly influential socialite in the Malay Muslim community, Mohd Khair is widely known for his strong proponent of family as well as fathering.
Father-Child Go Karting	
4 September 8PM to 9.30PM Jurong	Father-child go karting activity
Fishing With Dad	
11 Sept 2022 9am to 12pm D'Best fishing. Pasir Ris Pond. Ocean Kelong.	The second Fishing With Dads programme will be a time fathers and children cherish and bond as Dads teach their children to fish without helping them do it.
Dad's Forum on Education and STEM Fair	
18 September 2022 Dads Forum (10am to 12pm) STEM Fair (11am to 3pm) Institute of Lifelong Learning Guest of Honour: Second Minister for Education Dr Maliki Bin Osman	One of the key events for this year's Malay Muslim Fathering Month is the inaugural Dad's Forum on Education which will focus on importance of a father's involvement in his children's learning and how fathers can be involved effectively. Grace by guest of honour, Second Minister for Education, Dr Maliki Bin Osman, the forum will also feature notable speakers such as Deputy Mufti of Singapore Dr Hannan Hassan; clinical psychologist Md Haikal Jamil; educator Jailani Bin Abu Talib and social media enthusiast Sofian Rosla.

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Townhall Discussion – What it Means to Be a Good Father in Islam with Deputy Mufti Singapore	
24th September 2022 PM Blk 103 Multi-Purpose Hall, Canberra Street, S750103	A recent study revealed many gaps as well as an asymmetrical understanding of what it means to be a good father within Islam. Different Fathers have very different understanding of what being a good Father means, especially within the context of living and raising children in Singapore. This session with Deputy Mufti of Singapore is meant to discuss this issue openly and wholeheartedly with fathers.
Father Walk	
25th September 2022 7.30 to 9am Esplanade Area to the Merlion	Because fatherhood is a noble calling and fathers need to be proud of who we are and what we do for our families, fathers are invited to celebrate being a Dad and walk proudly alongside other Dads in this 2km walk.

Follow facebook.com/bapasepanjanghayat for more details on the Malay Muslim Fathering Month. For more enquiries, please contact Eruandee Prayitna at eruandee@dadsforlife.sg or 88747947.

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Centre for Fathering (CFF) is a non-profit organisation founded in 2000 to promote active and involved fathering and address issues caused by fatherlessness in Singapore. The organisation aims to turn the hearts of children towards their fathers by empowering more fathers to be better role models and an enduring inspiration to their children.

Since 2015, CFF has been the driving force for Singapore's nation-wide fathering movement - DADs for Life which seeks to inspire and mobilise fathers to become more involved with and a good influence to their children... for life. Under the DADs for Life umbrella are initiatives such as Back to School with DAD, Eat With Your Family Day and Celebrating Fathers – to encourage fathers to spend time with their families and create a culture that promotes active fathering.

MUMs for Life celebrates a mum's unique identity as a woman and her irreplaceable roles as a daughter, wife and mother. When Mums are confident in their unique identity and multiple roles, they can better nurture our children and support DADs in building a stronger family in an increasingly complex world.

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