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**Building Legacy, Nurturing the Future:
Malay Muslim Fathering Month 2025 Celebrates the Spirit of Fatherhood**

Singapore, 27 August 2025 – The ninth edition of Malay Muslim Fathering Month (Bulan Kebapaan), an initiative by Centre for Fathering (CFF) and Bapa Sepanjang Hayat (BSH), will take place from 7 to 28 September 2025. This year's theme, *Building Legacy, Nurturing the Future*, affirms the lasting influence of fathers and the importance of passing down values, wisdom and love to future generations.

The annual Malay Muslim Fathering Month provides an opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate the unique role of fathers. It offers a dedicated time after Ramadan and Hari Raya for Malay Muslim families to engage in activities that strengthen family bonds and foster a culture of active and present fatherhood.

Exemplary Fathers Award

The highlight of this year's celebrations is the Exemplary Fathers Award (Anugerah Bapa Cemerlang), which recognises and honours Muslim fathers who embody engaged and responsible fatherhood. These role models inspire others in the community to embrace active involvement in family life. Organised for the first time in 2025, the award is led by BSH, in its role as secretariat to the Nakhoda Taskforce.

Earlier this year, the public was invited to nominate fathers they consider exemplary. Twenty submissions were received, each sharing inspiring stories of love, sacrifice, and dedication. An independent judging panel reviewed these nominations and

shortlisted three outstanding fathers — one *pemenang* or winner, and two *penerima* or awardees.

(See Annex 1 for the shortlisted nominees)

The award ceremony will be graced by Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, Acting Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs and Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim, Grassroots Advisor to Chua Chu Kang GRC GROS (Keat Hong).

Dr Xander Ong, CEO of the Centre for Fathering said, “Fatherhood is about planting seeds of love, wisdom and resilience that shape future generations. Through the Malay Muslim Fathering Month, we inspire fathers to lead with purpose, nurture with compassion, and build legacies that strengthen both families and community. The Exemplary Fathers Award is especially significant as it reminds us that role models are important. We celebrate these fathers who embody sacrifice and selflessness, so that other fathers may be inspired to become more present, loving, and committed to their families.”

Month-Long Series of Activities

Families will be able to take part in an exciting line-up of activities designed to strengthen bonds and create lasting memories. The month will open with *Jamming With Dad*, where fathers and children showcase their musical talents together, alongside exciting experiences such as *Go Kart With Dad*, *Bowling With Dad*, and *Fishing With Dad*. Sporting highlights include the *BSH Cup 2025 Futsal Tournament*, which brings fathers together in a spirit of teamwork and shared journey, while *Paddle Against Drugs* offers a dragon boat experience paired with interactive activities on drug prevention. The celebrations will culminate with the *Fathers Proud Walk*, a symbolic 2.8km journey across Sentosa that honours the father's role as protector, nurturer, and steadfast presence in the family.

(See Annex 2 for list of Malay Muslim Fathering Month Activities)

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Annex 1 – Exemplary Fathers Award Shortlisted Nominees

En Mansor Bin Mohd Yusof Father of 3 children	<p>En Mansor Bin Mohd Yusof is a devoted father who guides his children in observing fasting according to Islamic teachings and ensures they receive religious education by sending them to Madrasah. He believes in balancing faith with recreation, often bringing his children on holidays to relieve stress, and nurturing their talents in football. Through his support, his children advanced into clubs that gave them opportunities to travel to Thailand, Sweden, and even Barcelona. Once a football player himself, he is proud and excited to mentor his two sons, passing down his knowledge and passion for the sport.</p> <p>When his wife faced a severe health crisis that led to the amputation of her leg, he stood firmly by his children, offering them emotional support with assistance from Pertapis. He encouraged them to choose their own path after witnessing the challenges their mother endured. Today, with his eldest child married, he continues to provide wise counsel, reminding them to nurture their marriage with love and care.</p>
Hj Mohamed Hussain Bin Adam Shah Father of 2 children	<p>Hj Mohamed Hussain Bin Adam Shah has worked tirelessly to provide for his family with resilience and humility. Beginning his career as a welder, his determination and commitment to lifelong learning saw him rise to become a safety supervisor at one of Singapore's largest shipyards. Beyond professional success, he placed strong emphasis on religious education, sending his children to weekly madrasah and instilling in them the belief that a Muslim must strive for success in both this world and the hereafter.</p> <p>With their parents' guidance, his children have flourished in both religious and professional pursuits. One served as a long-standing teacher and Vice-Principal before returning to teaching to care for elderly parents, while another is now a manager at a statutory board. Inspired by the father's example as a part-time</p>

	<p>bilal, one of his children pursued Quranic studies and became an accredited professional Quran teacher.</p> <p>Throughout his life, Hj Mohamed Hussain has upheld trust, responsibility, and integrity as core values, encouraging his children to pursue knowledge and excellence. Even at 75, despite health challenges, he remains active — walking briskly, continuing his service as a bilal, and caring for his wife with patience and devotion.</p>
<p>En Suyasman Bin Haji Yadoni</p> <p>Father of 2 children</p>	<p>En Suyasman Bin Haji Yadoni has been married for 34 years and worked as a marine engineer, a career that often kept him overseas for long stretches of time. During those years, his wife managed the household and their two children, ensuring that their needs were met. But in 2018 and again in 2020, their family life was turned upside down. In 2018, his wife was hospitalised for nearly four months due to a severe bacterial infection, and in 2020, her leg had to be amputated after another attack. At the same time, her elderly parents were living with them, while their youngest child was preparing for the national PSLE examinations.</p> <p>From the very start of his wife's illness, En Suyasman never left her side. Despite long working hours and exhaustion, he would visit her every day, offering strength and reassurance to both her and their children. Recognising his family's need, he eventually informed his employer that he could no longer travel overseas for work, making the sacrifice of giving up a career that had brought him around the world. For him, family came first, and his presence brought stability during the most difficult years.</p> <p>At home, En Suyasman also took on the responsibility of caring for his wife's elderly parents. He taught his children independence, guiding them in daily chores such as washing their uniforms, helping with household duties, and looking after their grandparents. Even when a much-anticipated holiday to Finland had to be cancelled because his wife was hospitalised, he turned the disappointment into a lesson for his children — reminding them that unity, patience, and sacrifice were more valuable than any trip.</p> <p>After his wife's amputation and with his late father-in-law bedridden, En Suyasman remained steadfast in putting family first. Every weekend, he took his loved ones out for fresh air and bonding, pushing two wheelchairs, together with his children. They carried, cleaned, and cared for the elderly without complaint. Through his example, he showed that love</p>

	<p>and responsibility towards family are not burdens, but privileges to be embraced with devotion.</p> <p>His resilience, compassion, and unwavering commitment embody the true spirit of fatherhood. Today, his family proudly honours him, saying: <i>Thank you, Dad. We love you.</i></p>
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ANNEX 2 – Malay Muslim Fathering Month Activities

Jamming With Dad	
7 September 2025 Keat Hong Community Club	The eighth season of Jamming With Dad provides a platform for fathers and their kids to bond together through music. The family comes together to pick a song, rehearse, and perform live.
Father-Child Go Karting	
7 September 2025 KF1 Karting Circuit	Fathers and children enjoy a day of adrenalin-filled go-karting activity!
BSH Cup 2025 Futsal Tournament	
13 September 2025 The Cage, Kallang	The BSH Cup 2025 Futsal Tournament brings together fathers and youths in friendly competition, reinforcing the idea that fatherhood is a shared journey of teamwork, support and growth.
Bowling With Dad	
14 September 2025 Orchid Country Club	Bowling With Dad invites fathers and children to enjoy a light-hearted game together, creating space for laughter, encouragement and shared memories that strengthen family bonds.
BSH Fishing Competition 2025	
21 September 2025 D'Best Premium Pond	<p>The BSH Fishing Competition 2025 is more than just a tournament — it's a heartfelt celebration of the bond between fathers and their children.</p> <p>Set against the backdrop of an outdoor fishing pond, this event invites families to step away from screens, cast their lines, and reconnect through shared experiences. At its core, it's about mentorship, tradition, and creating lasting memories — one cast at a time.</p>

Paddle Against Drugs	
27 September 2025 Passion Wave at Marina Bay	The event offers a dragon boat experience for father-child pairs, combined with interactive activities on drug prevention, creating a meaningful opportunity to strengthen family bonds in a fun and engaging way.
Fathers Proud Walk	
28 September 2025 Sentosa	The Fathers Proud Walk is a symbolic 2.8km journey from VivoCity Sentosa Boardwalk to Palawan Beach, held in celebration of Fathering Month and SG60. More than just a physical walk, it honours the father's role as protector, nurturer and steadfast presence in the family.

About Centre for Fathering, DADs for Life, and MUMs for Life

Centre for Fathering (CFF) is a non-profit organisation founded in 2000 to promote active and involved fathering. The organisation turns the hearts of fathers and children towards each other by inspiring and activating fathers to strengthen families. We activate men and women to become effective fathers and mothers for their children.

Since 2015, CFF has been the driving force for Singapore's nationwide fathering movement – DADs for Life which seeks to inspire and mobilise fathers to become more involved with and a good influence to their children. In 2019, MUMs for Life was launched as a ground-up movement to celebrate a mum's unique identity as a woman, daughter, wife, and mother. MUMs for Life partners closely with DADs for Life because we believe that mums and dads play irreplaceable and complementary roles in parenting.