

INFORMATION SHEET

***Arif Budiman* Malay Language Teacher Awards 2014**

1. The *Arif Budiman* Malay Language Teacher Awards 2014 is co-organised by the Malay Language Council, Singapore (MBMS) and Malay Language Teachers Association (PGBM), and Berita Harian (BH) 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. Since 2007, 30 Malay Language teachers have received the *Arif Budiman* Teacher Awards for their outstanding contributions to the teaching and learning of Malay Language.

Objectives

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

Categories of Awards

3. There are two categories for the *Arif Budiman* Malay Language Teacher Awards. They are:
- a. *Arif Budiman* Teacher Award (Role Model) – presented to outstanding Malay Language teachers with at least 10 years' experience in the teaching service
 - b. *Arif Budiman* Teacher Award (Motivation) – presented to outstanding Malay Language teachers with less than 10 years' experience in the teaching service.

Two winners will receive each of the categories above – one from primary school level and one from the secondary school level.

Criteria for Nomination

4. The *Arif Budiman* Teacher Awards 2014 is open to all Malay Language teachers teaching in local mainstream schools. Nomination is based on the performance of the nominees in 2012 and 2013. Teachers who have received the *Arif Budiman* Teacher Awards in the three (3) preceding years will not be considered.

5. Nominees are 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 7 July 2014 to 15 August 2014.
 - 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. mllpc.sg
 - ii. nie.edu.sg
 - iii. beritaharian.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 organising committee.
 - ii. Eight nominees will be shortlisted as finalists, who will each be further assessed through a face-to-face interview with the panel of assessors.

Description and Value of Award

7. Shortlisted candidates will receive a certificate of participation.
8. All finalists will receive a trophy and a certificate of achievement.
9. Four winners will be selected to receive the Award. Each award is made up of a trophy, a certificate of achievement, \$1,500 in cash and a fully sponsored overseas teacher professional development programme organised by Malay Language Centre, Singapore (MLCS).

Award Ceremony

The Award will be presented at in a ceremony on 8 November 2014.

¹ Arif Budiman – the learned person who contributes to society. One who has the characteristics of *Arif Budiman* has cognitive, moral, emotional and social strength. Amongst the attributes of *Arif Budiman* includes knowledgeable (*Arif*) about language, culture, values and literature and portray positive attitude and is always ready to contribute.