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FIESTA BAHASA 2025: CELEBRATING A DECADE OF LANGUAGE PROMOTION

Fiesta Bahasa (Malay Language Festival) commemorates its tenth anniversary since its inception in 2015 with a special celebration under the theme *Mencetus Pemikiran, Meneraju Perubahan* (Sparking Thought, Leading Change), which seeks to emphasise the Malay Language's vital role as a catalyst for critical thinking and creative expression in the digital era. Guest-of-Honour, Dr Syed Harun Alhabsyi, Member of Parliament for Nee Soon GRC and Chairman of the Malay Language Learning and Promotion Committee (MLLPC), graced the celebration at Anjung, Wisma Geylang Serai today.

2 To mark the 10th year since its inception, this year's Fiesta Bahasa introduced the **Pertandingan Cipta Kata** (Word Creation Competition), which saw the participation of more than 130 students from 66 primary and secondary schools. The on-site competition aims to kindle students' enthusiasm for learning the Malay language and enhance their vocabulary and spelling skills by challenging them to form Malay words in a letter grid.

3 More than 550 students from 595 primary and secondary schools, junior colleges and Millennia Institute also took part in the inaugural **Peraduan Menulis Cerpen Orang Singapura** ('Orang Singapura' Short Story Writing Competition) as part of Fiesta Bahasa 2025. 30 students emerged as winners of the competition, which required them to create short stories based on the themes of selected songs by renowned local music composer, the late Mr Zubir Said. Dr Syed Harun presented prizes to the winners. See [Annex](#) for the list of winners.

4 At the event, 350 members of the public and students came together to set a new Singapore Book of Records for the largest number of people participating in a traditional Malay mass dance. The participants sang and danced to 'Orang Singapura', a song composed by the late Mr Zubir Said. Two animated mascots, Arif and Suri, which respectively symbolises a learned person that contributed to society (Arif Budiman) and an individual with exemplary conduct (Suri Teladan), were also launched as the festival's language ambassadors.

About Fiesta Bahasa

5 Organised by the MLLPC, Fiesta Bahasa aims to empower the younger generation to use the Malay language confidently through creative expression and presentation, and to instil in them the joy of learning the Malay language through innovative platforms. To promote students' creative engagement with the Malay language, participants also took part in various hands-on activities at the interactive learning booths by preschools, primary and secondary schools, junior colleges and the National Library Board.

6 For more information, please visit <http://www.mllpc.sg>.

**LIST OF WINNERS FOR PERADUAN MENULIS CERPEN ORANG SINGAPURA
2025 ('ORANG SINGAPURA' 2025 SHORT STORY WRITING COMPETITION)**

The top 10 winners for each category are as follows (in no particular order):

Primary School

	School	Name of Student
1	Alexandra Primary School	Farid Bin Mohammed Khaled
2	Casuarina Primary School	Aaliyah Aiman Binte Azman Nirwan
3	Cedar Primary School	Nadra Umaira Binte Afif
4	Frontier Primary School	Wardah Sheifa Binte Muhamed Fauzi
5	Haig Girls' Primary School	Raniya Soraya Iona Binte Muhammad Haikal
6	Jurong West Primary School	Nur Hamizah Binte Mohammad Azar
7	Methodist Girl Primary School	Safiyratul Insyirah Binte Muhammad Hatta
8	Raffles Girls' Primary School	Almyra Binte Asmadi
9	Shuqun Primary School	Esya Arianna Binte Mohamad Mirza
10	St. Gabriel Primary School	Rayhan Ariz

Secondary School

	School	Name of Student
1	Boon Lay Secondary School	Anggun Qistina Binte Muhammad Zaidi
2	Fairfield Methodist Secondary School	Eva Neil
3	Gan Eng Seng Secondary School	Aydin Matin Bin Mohammed Junaidi
4	Marsiling Secondary School	Nur Aleeya Qaisarah
5	Marsiling Secondary School	Najiyah Binte Ali
6	Punggol Secondary School	Muhammad Aaqil Anaqi Bin Mohammed Farhan
7	Singapore Chinese Girls School	Najiah Binte Muhamad Nizar
8	Tampines Secondary School	Calihashim Arrauuf Bin Bahtiar
9	Yio Chu Kang Secondary School	Alysha Izwynda Binte Muhammad Amin
10	Yusof Ishak Secondary School	Qasih Qadisah Binte Ishak

Junior College/Millennia Institute

S/N	School	Name of Student
1	Jurong Pioneer Junior College	Daniyn Mardhiyah Binte Muhammad Ezzat
2	Jurong Pioneer Junior College	Mifdzal Syahmi Bin Muhsin
3	Millennia Institute	Nur Aleeya Binte Rahmad
4	Raffles Institution	Nurul Alya Syakinah Binte Abdul Jamal
5	Raffles Institution	Muhammad Arish Dani Bin Muhammad Nazrie
6	Raffles Institution	Mohammed Ezra Anaqi Bin Mohammed Ezrea
7	Tampines Meridian Junior College	Zuhur Mohamad Nabil Baroudi
8	Tampines Meridian Junior College	Muhammad Iqmal Marican
9	Yishun Innova Junior College	Ahmad Hakimi Idraki Bin Ramli
10	Yishun Innova Junior College	Aydrean Kasyief Bin Burhanudin