



ANNEX D

RECIPIENTS OF THE AL-IMAM AL-'IZZ AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FATWA

Ustaz Mohamed Fatris Bakaram

Ustaz Mohamed Fatris exemplifies the principles of 'upholding good and avoiding harm' through his leadership in developing contemporary fatwas that address modern challenges while preserving Islamic principles. His significant contributions include several landmark fatwas that demonstrate his expertise in balancing religious requirements with contemporary societal needs. The fatwa on joint tenancy showcases his ability to resolve complex issues affecting Muslim families in Singapore, protecting the welfare of surviving family members while ensuring compliance with both Islamic and civil law principles.

His guidance on several fatwa positions such as the Human Milk Bank fatwa and the Special Needs Trust Company (SNTC) hibah reflect his profound understanding of both Islamic principles and modern societal needs, resulting in practical solutions that serve the community's welfare. Whether enabling life-saving nutrition for premature infants or facilitating financial security for children with special needs, his work exemplifies how Islamic jurisprudence can effectively respond to contemporary challenges while upholding religious principles.

Ustaz Mohamad Hasbi Hassan

Ustaz Mohamad Hasbi's long-standing service on the Fatwa Committee reflects consistent excellence in developing religious guidance that balances Islamic principles with contemporary challenges. Drawing from his extensive experience spanning decades in fatwa development, he brings profound wisdom to deliberations, enriching discussions with deep insights that bridge classical Islamic scholarship with modern contexts. His thoughtful approach and measured consideration of various perspectives have been instrumental in shaping landmark fatwas that serve both religious and social imperatives.

His contributions to landmark fatwas, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, demonstrate masterful application of principles in preserving both religious practice and life. His work contributed to Singapore's recognition with the Imam Al-Qarafi Award for Distinction in Fatwa in 2022, highlighting his role in developing fatwas that promote peaceful coexistence and social cohesion while maintaining Islamic principles. The fatwa



on the Characteristics of Deviant Teachings (2021) shows his commitment to protecting the community's religious welfare while ensuring social harmony.

Both recipients have demonstrated exemplary leadership in applying Maqasid al-Shariah principles to contemporary challenges facing Singapore's Muslim community. Their work consistently shows a sophisticated understanding of balancing competing benefits in complex cases, particularly evident in landmark fatwas such as those mentioned above. Through their contributions, they have maintained religious authenticity while ensuring Islamic guidance remains relevant and practical for modern contexts, embodying the scholarly tradition of 'Izz al-Din ibn 'Abd al-Salam in prioritising community welfare through sound religious guidance.