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MERCU Learning Point to disburse \$25,000 to top academic achievers in its inaugural Bursary Awards

MERCU Learning Point would be disbursing a total of \$25,000 in its inaugural Bursary Awards program. 85 top academic achievers from low-income families would benefit from these awards. The application for the bursaries is open to Primary 3 to Secondary 5 students of all races who fulfill both the academic criteria and income eligibility criteria.

In line with MERCU's mission to be a socially responsible corporate citizen, the Bursary Award targets students from low-income families in our effort to assist them financially in their pursuit of academic excellence.

"We realize that these deserving students play an integral role in helping their family in the future and we wish to provide a stepping stone for them to achieve continued success. We plan to continue with this bursary programme in the coming years and even to increase the total amount in subsequent years to reward more top academic performers," said Mr Azman Atan, General Manager of MERCU Learning Point Pte Ltd.

The value of this award for each level is as follows:

- \$200: Primary 3 to 6 (Standard)
- \$300: Secondary 1 to 3 (Express) & N level
- \$500: O level

The academic criteria is as follows:

- Pri 3 to 5 (Standard): Grade A or Band 1 in Eng, Math & Sci based on overall grade
- Pri 6 (Standard): At least an aggregate of 250 for PSLE
- Sec 1 to 3 (Express): 75% score in overall grade
- N & O level: L1R4 not more than 10 points

The income eligibility criteria are as follows:

- Total monthly household income: \$2,500 and below **and**
- Household per capita income: \$500 and below

Application forms can be obtained at any of the MERCU Centres from 24 October 2011 onwards. Closing dates for application will be as follows:

- Pri 3 to 5: 21 November 2011
- Pri 6: 9 December 2011
- Sec 1 to 3: 11 November 2011
- 'N' level: 30 December 2011
- 'O' level: 27 January 2011

About MERCU Learning Point

MERCU Learning Point Pte Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of Association of Muslim Professional (AMP). MERCU is an education and training provider that offers a comprehensive range of programmes and services to the general public, corporate, grassroots organisations and other Voluntary Welfare Organisations (VWOs). Set up in 1999, MERCU has an extensive network of early childhood educational centres, student care centres, learning centres and a private school offering private GCE 'N' and 'O' Level programmes.

MERCU comprises of a kindergarten and three childcare centres, four student care centres and four learning centres that offer tuition and 2 of which also offer GCE 'N' and 'O' level programmes.

We kindly request the media's support and assistance to inform members of the public of these programmes so that they may take advantage of its benefits. Should you require more information, please contact Ms Amirah Alkaff at 6346 8301 or e-mail: amirah@merculearning.com

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