

Ellorukam vanakam.

Dr Mohiadeen Abdul Kader, President and Management Committee Members of Jamal Mohamed College Alumni Association, invited guests, parents and students, good afternoon to you and to all Muslims, I would like to wish you and your family Selamat Hari Raya Haji, Haji thirunal valthukal.

First and foremost, thank you for inviting me for this certificate presentation ceremony for students who have successfully completed their programme on time management for exam preparation. I am indeed hearten to know of all the good works which Jamal Mohamed College Alumni Association has done and achieved for the individual, for the families for both the young and seniors, for those aspiring to be entrepreneurs, for those who wish to employable by embracing employability for the community and for the unity of the nation through sports and religious and racial appreciation. It is indeed noble of the alumni from its humble beginnings to have achieved extraordinary success in nurturing caring and sharing what it can for the growth and development of the society especially the young. The students of today will be the leaders of tomorrow. These values which the Alumni has demonstrated should also be passed down to the leaders

of tomorrow and it is important as students you must thank your parents and then the educators for your successes throughout your life. Therefore, alumni such this must be encouraged and developed to do more good for Singapore i.e. to continue to provide training programmes, courses, support and assistance as well as community activities to forge the spirit of unity, cohesiveness and progress of all who needs and deserves the support.

I am very delighted to learn of the Education-related Community Services which Jamal Mohamed College Alumni had organized over the last 6 years. Not only had this graduates who are now successful in their own career have established themselves in the society but has made a sterling effort to ensure the rest especially those from the not well-off families too benefit from what they could offer that is education and community binding and family unity through events and activities. They have also made a clear difference in embracing and promoting the use of Tamil Language.

In Singapore, we need more of such selfless people who wants to and willing to make a difference to the society, focusing on children to make better grades, organizing health talks to better the health of the nation, strengthening our unity and racial harmony in Singapore by organizing diverse activities through cultivation of good family values, sports and entrepreneurship.

There are too many to mention but many things to do and to achieve as a nation and as a society seems easily but it is not an easy feat. Today's event indeed signifies the importance of education in our lives to advance and progress in career, walk on the righteous path, stand united in diversity, help one and another and create value to build a strong, united, capable , progressive and caring Singapore that prepares us for the next 50 years. Students, you will be the author of the next 50 years of nation building and never forget your parents and never forget the establishments that have helped you to achieve your ambitions and success. Pay forward with gratitude and graciousness.

Thank you.