

Sandhesham

AMMA FOUNDATION'S Digital Newsletter
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Namaskaram!

We are happy to reach out to you with our 2nd edition of SANDHESHAM for the 2021/22 term. With the year already going into September, we take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy Onam and Happy Malaysia Day!

As you know, AMMA Foundation's mission is to assist students who require funding support to pursue tertiary education. In this regard, over the course of 40 years since its inception in 1980, the Foundation has utilised funds towards study loan schemes, scholarships and achievement awards that enable students to continue their academic journeys towards becoming self-sufficient young adults.

On page 3 of this newsletter, we highlight our collaboration with Taylor's University and AMMA for the sponsorship of a desktop computer project called the DuckiePi! The response to this project has been overwhelming. So much so that we'll probably have to stagger demand into future phases.

On page 4, you'll read of our initiative with HELP University - a Study Awards scheme (fee rebate) to commence a Foundation course at the university. We are currently also in the process of finalising further details for selective undergraduate and masters programmes.

With the ever-increasing number of new loan applications and our ongoing commitment to help current beneficiaries, the AF Board has to constantly look at ways to raise funds to meet our costs and obligations. The continuing pandemic has made it difficult for the Board to fully execute planned programmes this year. As always, we seek the assistance of all existing members to help increase the membership base introducing your relatives and friends to the Foundation. Their contributions in membership fees and donations go towards our very worthy cause - to help students pursue their academic aspirations.

We'd like to make SANDHESHAM not just a channel for updates to our members and friends but also an opportunity for you to provide feedback on education and related opportunities (engage@ammafoundation.com.my). Stay safe and keep well!

Sasikumar Poduval
(Editor)

Uday Jayaram
(President)

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GOALS AND ACHIEVEMENTS



STUDY LOAN & SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Interest-free study loans** for students pursuing diploma and degree courses.
- Disbursement of **merit-based scholarship funds** for diploma and degree level students.
- **RM6.14 million** in study loans, scholarships and awards provided to students.
- **RM111,000** was disbursed as study loans to 13 students during the year ended 30th June 2021.



HIGH ACHIEVERS AWARDS

- Annual awards for **SPM High Achievers**.
- **708 students** recognised through achievement awards.
- **RM12,700** was disbursed as High Achievers to **11 students** in 2020/21.



MEMBERSHIP

- Become a life member by paying a one-time membership fee of **RM1,000**.
- **38 new members** joined the Foundation during the year ended 30th June 2021.



DONATIONS

- You can make a **tax-exempt** or **recurring donation** to AMMA Foundation.
- **RM100,470** received as donations during the year ended 30th June 2021.

AMMA FOUNDATION-TAYLOR'S UNIVERSITY-AMMA DuckiePi - desktop computer project for sponsorship



AMMA Foundation, Taylor's University's Taylor's MeraMakerspace (TMM) and the All Malaysia Malayalee Association (AMMA), have joined forces to provide the DuckiePi, an affordable desktop computer to marginalised children in the B40 category in Malaysia. We invite you to sponsor a DuckiePi computer for a deserving child for only RM500 per device. Your contribution will help empower the child to learn effectively during and beyond the pandemic.

You can pledge your donation at <https://airtable.com/shrJXQSQ31fUuEPPU> Please write a personalised message for the child who will receive the DuckiePi computer, thanks to your kind donation. You may bank-in your contribution to AMMA Foundation - CIMB Bank Account No:8000161475. All cash donations are tax deductible. Please send a screenshot of your transaction receipt to Mr. Nathan (+6012-4131050). Once the computer is assembled, we will deliver them to the child/children along with your message.

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Sponsor a Child, Build Their Future with DuckiePi

The Covid-19 pandemic continues to disrupt learning for five million Malaysian students. Many children are unable to join online classes due to the lack of a computer device.

AMMA Foundation, Taylor's University's Taylor's MeraMakerspace (TMM) and the All Malaysia Malayalee Association (AMMA), have joined forces to provide the DuckiePi, an affordable desktop computer device to marginalised children in the B40 category in Malaysia. The DuckiePi is an effective, multifunctional, and cost-efficient digital device built to cater for the needs of underprivileged communities for the purpose of e-Learning.

We invite you to sponsor a DuckiePi computer for a child for only RM500 per device. Your contribution will help empower the child to learn effectively during and beyond the pandemic.

DUCKIEPI SPECIFICATION	EACH DUCKIEPI COMES WITH :
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operating System : ChromiumOS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DuckiePi Hardware
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPU : 1.5 GHz quad-core A72 64-bit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monitor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Storage : 32GB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Camera
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Graphics : Broadcom Videocore V1 900 MHz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keyboard
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Memory : 8GB LPDDR4-3200 SDRAM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mouse
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ports : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• USB 2.0 x 2• USB 3.0 x 2• 3.5mm Audio Port	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Digital Literacy
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Educational Content
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 35mm Audio Port
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 Micro-HDMI
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Ethernet port

The DuckiePi Computer was designed and developed by students in Taylor's Makers Club, Robotics Club, and Agents of Tech.

AMMA FOUNDATION-HELP UNIVERSITY



Study Awards (SA) With HELP

AMMA Foundation announced the AF-HELP 2021 Study Awards in August 2021. This programme offered a 50% fee waiver for eligible students to pursue a Foundation course at HELP University for the 2021/2022 academic year.

Applications closed on 1st September 2021 and applicants were assessed based on merit and specific eligibility criteria.

AMMA Foundation looks forward to working with HELP on other courses beyond the foundation level in the near future.



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME



Lakshmi Nara Menon Educational Trust (LNMET)

Scholarship programme for Diploma and Degree courses

- LNMET will provide RM10, 000 per year to 3 students for a duration of 3 years upon selection of the students by AMMA Foundation (AF) and acceptance of the selected students by LNMET. Applications for the scholarship are to be channelled through AF to LNMET.

Educational Assistance/Student Aid programmes

- LNMET will evaluate funding for specific projects based on LNMET objectives on a case by case basis, as and when submitted by AF.
- This would typically cover other requirements centred around education such as school and tuition fees, uniforms, and books for school going children.

NORTH MALAYSIA MALAYALI SAMAJAM 2020 HIGH ACHIEVERS AWARDS

The North Malaysia Malayali Samajam (NMMS) organised a High Achievers Awards ceremony on behalf of AMMA Foundation on 16th September 2020 at NMMS's premises.

There were three award recipients this year:

Emmanuvelan Sirach a/l Ravindran - 10As

Sailesh a/l Krishnakumar - 10As

Mridhul Nair a/l Baskaran - 9As

The President of NMMS, Mr. K. Gopalan Pathiyar, who is also one of the Board members of AMMA Foundation, presented the awards to the family members of the recipients. AMMA Foundation congratulates all three recipients of the NMMS 2020 High Achievers awards.



Emmanuvelan Sirach
Ravindran

Mridhul Nair Baskaran



Sailesh Krishnakumar



JOHOR BAHRU MALAYALEE ASSOCIATION 2020 HIGH ACHIEVERS AWARDS

The Johor Bahru Malayalee Association (JBMA) organised a High Achievers Awards ceremony on behalf of AMMA Foundation on 10th October 2020 at JBMA's premises.

There were four award recipients this year:

Kirtisha Sivadas

Avinash Nair Prathaban

Svetta Nambbiar

Danielle Shivonne Abigail Fernandez

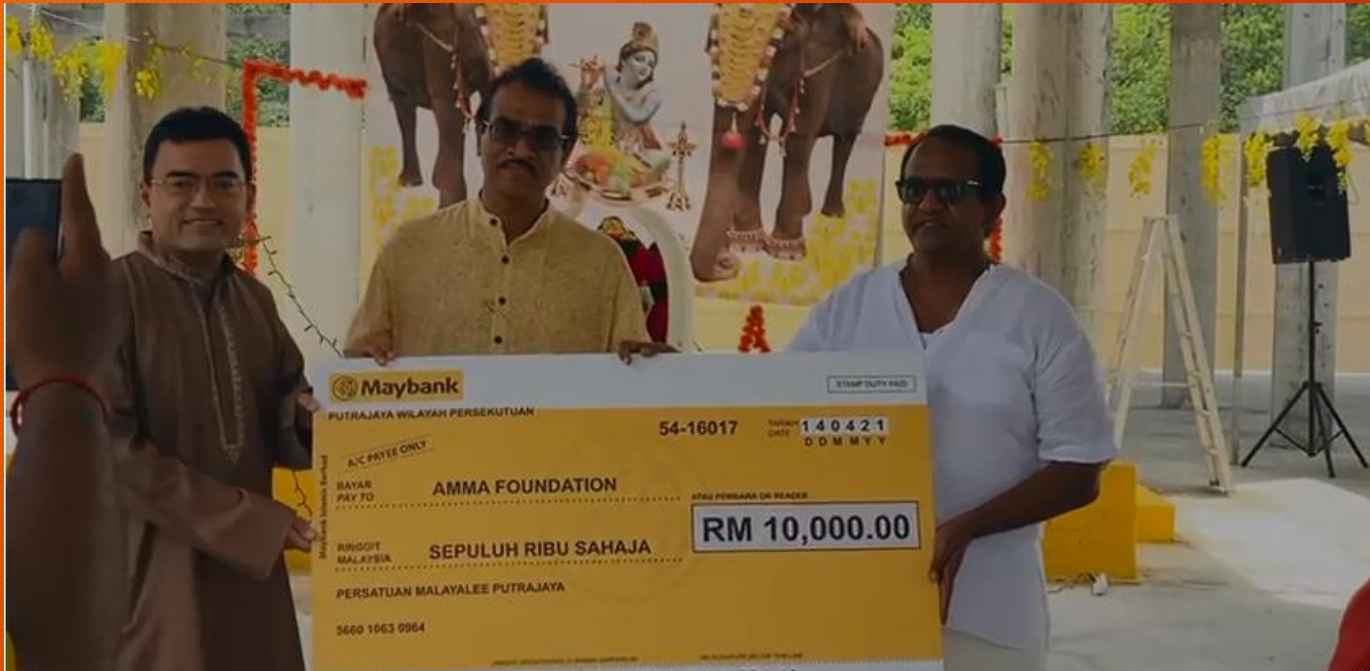
The awards were presented by the President of JBMA, Mr Ravindranathan. AMMA Foundation congratulates all four recipients of the JBMA 2020 High Achievers awards.



PUTRAJAYA MALAYALEE ASSOCIATION (PUTRAMAS) VISHU - 14 APRIL 2021

The Putrajaya Malayalee Association (Putramas) organised a Vishu event on the 14th April 2021 at Devi Sri Lalithambika Alayam, Putrajaya.

The event also witnessed the presentation of a cheque for RM10,000 to AMMA Foundation on account of ten new members from Putramas joining the Foundation. AMMA Foundation conveys our sincere thanks to Datuk Janathanan Govintha Nair (President of Putramas) and all members.



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