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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR SIRAJ MUNIR BIN MUZMMIL

I write in support of the application of Mr Siraj Munir Bin Muzammil for admission to NTU's Undergraduate Programme in the College of Engineering with a Major in Aerospace Engineering.

I have known Siraj since 2023 when he started volunteering in the local community at East Coast GRC where I was the Member of Parliament (MP). Siraj was merely 16 years old then but his passion and commitment to serve the community was very apparent. While many of his peers would have been engaged in many other adolescent pursuits, Siraj spent much of his time helping many of his fellow residents facing various challenges. Siraj joined the Eastwood Ria Neighbourhood Committee (ERNC) and spent much time reaching out to his fellow neighbours to build a strong local community. He was the only youth in the ERNC, reflecting the depth of his conviction to community development at such a young age. He was instrumental in organizing several community activities such as the annual Bedok Ria Chinese New Year Dinner and Christmas celebrations. Siraj puts his youthful energy and creativity to excellent use as he mobilized other youths in the community and organized various activities such as the Annual Siglap CC Edusave Awards Ceremony and visits to Botanic Gardens for seniors. He led his fellow youth volunteers in the Siglap CC Youth Network on a very meaningful project where they baked pineapple tarts for seniors living alone in the community during the 2025 Chinese New Year period.

Despite his youth, Siraj displays a high level of maturity in connecting with different groups of people. At the very local level, through earnestly understudying the senior grassroots leaders, Siraj is able to understand very complex issues that the residents present and is able to break them down into digestible bits to address the issues presented.

Siraj's passion for service and commitment towards the less fortunate and underserved in the community continues to impress me. He is always ready to respond to calls for support to this community. He recently took part in a Play Inclusive event bringing persons with intellectual disabilities to play badminton with their peers without intellectual disabilies during the Wyse Active First Anniversary Celebrations event organised by Antica Foundation. During the event, Siraj displays deep understanding of persons with special needs and shows empathy in engaging them.

In my engagement with Siraj, I have found him to be bright and very insightful. He is able to raise critical policy issues that affect the various groups that he has worked with and displayed a good understanding of the complexities and trade-offs in policy formulation. He also displays good analytical and writing skills, critical assets that has enabled him to articulate his thoughts concisely and clearly. This is clearly shown in his ability to propose good community activities and projects that take into consideration budgetary constraints and activation to community resources. He is also

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socially conscious, constantly reflecting on how government and community groups can work together to improve the lives of his fellow Singaporeans.

Siraj has a pleasant personality and relates well to people around him. Although he is naturally soft spoken, he has excellent interpersonal and communication skills and is able to connect with people of all ages and background. He has excellent time management skills as clearly shown in the multiple voluntary activities he was engaged in yet doing well in his studies. His early exposure to community development and service has provided him with a pace of growth and maturity not experienced by many of his peers. Siraj's willingness to go beyond his comfort zone has also enabled him to develop as a well rounded individual, excelling in his academic pursuits and extra-curricular activities as well as hone his leadership skills. It has also given him a deeper appreciation of Singapore's unique multiracial society with its strength in diversity and vision of inclusivity where every individual is valued.

Taking reference from my past experience in academia, teaching at the National University of Singapore and the University of Illinois, I am confident that Siraj will do well in the course of study he is applying for. His good grasp of Physics and Mathematics will ensure he has the right foundation needed to do well in Engineering. His recent GCE A level examination results reflects this ability. Similarly, in my twenty five years as a politician working with many young people, I would rank Siraj is in the top 10% in organisational skills and potential to excel in his academic and other pursuits, particularly in multidisciplinary studies.

Siraj has the heart to empathise with the less fortunate and acumen to critically analyse policies to better the lives of people in society. He has shown his leadership potential which can be easily harnessed to benefit any organisation he works in later in his working life. Given NTU's vision of creating a dynamic and diverse undergraduate population anchored on education, research and innovation, I am confident that Siraj will make an excellent undergraduate bringing his passion and talent to the NTU population.

As a member of the NTU community and based on my engagement with Siraj, I fully support his application for undergraduate studies in NTU.

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