

## Introduction

Alhamdulillah we are pleased to present the Ramadan Edition of the SSF newsletter and As you are aware the primary objective of the fund is to provide assistance to students who are capable of pursuing and completing their studies, but who are unable to do so due to financial constraints. What better time to help them than in this blessed month of Ramadan.

Sri Lanka's Muslim community has been passing through a period of awakening in the field of education in the recent past. Statistics clearly show that we are far behind from a desired position academically, economically, and socially. Poverty and financial constraints force many bright Muslim students to abandon their studies.

Further, the number of deserving students seeking assistance is far greater than the number that we are supporting.

We need to relentlessly pursue this cause to uplift our community.

Please give generously, knowing that Sadaqah taken from a property never decreases it, and that Allah will bless charitable deeds with manifold increase. We pray that Allah will reward you greatly for your kindness and generosity.

Who is he that will Loan to Allah a beautiful loan? for (Allah) will increase it manifold to his credit, and he will have (besides) a liberal Reward. (Qur'an 57:11)

In this blessed month of Ramadan, SSF has been working on behalf of the Muslim community to bring happiness and joy to poor and needy people around the Island

## Interviews and Selection

The annual interviews to select recipients for the SSF scholarships for the coming year was held at Zahira College in August.

The fund received over 1000 applicants and over 300 students from all over the Island were invited for this event. A total of 282 boys and girls, many with their parents, attended the event. They were interviewed by a panel of qualified persons to determine their need and capability. Media coverage was provided by ITN and the Keynote address was made by Dr. M.A.M Shukri, Director Jamiah Naleemiah on the "present and future status of Sri Lankan Muslim Education.

The final shortlist of scholarships winners, which is expected to number over 175, will be announced in December



### Your Dua divine assistance for those in need

We should make Du'a not only for ourselves but also for our parents, brothers and sisters, spouses and children, relatives and friends, teachers and other benefactors, and destitute and poor Muslims everywhere. We should pray for them for the good in this world as well as in the Hereafter. The Prophet (saw) said:

The Dua of a Muslim for his brother (in Islam) in his absence is readily accepted. An angel is appointed to his side. Whenever he makes a beneficial Dua for his brother the appointed angel says: Aameen. And may you also be blessed with the same.