

2 med students from madrasahs receive award

WHEN Ahmad Abdurrahman Hanifah Marican attended an interview for a place at the National University of Singapore's (NUS) Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, he felt like an "underdog".

But the 19-year-old made history this year by becoming one of the first two students from madrasahs,

or Islamic religious schools, to be offered places in a Singapore medical school. Yesterday, he and Amalina Ridzuan were presented with the Berita Harian (BH) Inspiring Young Achiever Award during a gala dinner at the Raffles City Convention Centre.

Former Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (Muis) president Mo-

hammad Alami Musa was conferred the BH Achiever of the Year award for his lifelong work as a Malay/Muslim community activist at the ceremony.

The annual awards honour Malay/Muslim individuals and organisations for their achievements in their chosen field.

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