First and only non-Muslim to receive Unity Award at Islamic Excellence Awards Jeffrey Cheah Foundation



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Tan Sri Dr Jeffrey Cheah received the award from Sultan of Perak, Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah

Founder and Trustee of Jeffrey Cheah Foundation (JCF) Tan Sri Dr Jeffrey Cheah AO became the first and only non-Muslim to receive the Hunayn Ibn Ishaq Unity Award.

He received the recognition at the Islamic Excellence Awards 1441H/2020AD alongside Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad who was awarded the Ibn Sina International Excellence Award for his Perdana Leadership Foundation.

The Islamic Excellence Awards is designed to showcase outstanding excellence of individuals and organisations in various fields, as well as to reflect the importance of the enduring values of Islam in promoting inclusivity and equitability. In the same breath, The Unity Award is presented to a non-Islamic organisation in recognition of effective efforts to enhance local and regional unity.

Rooted in his belief to provide quality education, Tan Sri Dr Jeffrey Cheah Ao has chosen to focus on making education accessible to all as part of his legacy. In conjunction with his personal life philosophy to "aspire to inspire before I expire", he has transferred his entire equity of Sunway Education Group's educational institutions worth several billion Ringgit into the Jeffrey Cheah Foundation. To date, JCF has awarded more than RM482 million in scholarship and grants to thousands of deserving students. He aims to award more than RM1 billion in his lifetime.



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