



In the long term,
the key to Singapore's success
lies in our sense of shared identity...
we have gradually built a distinctive Singaporean
culture and identity... it's in our attitudes,
memories, and experiences: it is in our arts and
heritage.

Excerpt from Address by Mdm Halimah Yacob
President, Republic of Singapore,
For the 1st Session of the 14th Parliament,
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Are you an emerging fiction writer with a story to tell in the **Malay language**?

We're pleased to announce the **SBC x MHF Malay Writers Residency 2025**, a new six-month programme jointly organised by the **Singapore Book Council (SBC)** and the **Malay Heritage Foundation (MHF)**. This initiative is dedicated to supporting the next generation of Malay-language fiction writers in Singapore.

Running from **July to December 2025**, this six-month pilot programme (July–December 2025) offers selected writers the time, space, and guidance to develop a short story or fiction project in Malay that explores aspects of Malay culture, heritage, or identity.

What's in store for selected writers:

- One-on-one mentorship with an established writer
- A series of creative writing workshops to support project development
- A 4-day writing retreat with a guest foreign writer
- A final public sharing to showcase your work
- Community engagement opportunities with writer literary and heritage communities