

**EMBARGOED TILL 20 MAY 2017, 12.30PM**

**Date:** Saturday, 20 May 2017

**Event Name:** PPIS Ihsan Ramadhan Lunch 2017



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**Singapore, Saturday, 20 May 2017.** Following 2016's success, PPIS organises its second Ihsan Ramadhan Lunch in the presence of Associate Professor Fatimah Lateef, Member of Parliament for Marine Parade GRC. This 'free lunch' initiative was first introduced in 2016 to enhance its rapport and compassion towards the multiracial and multi-religious community living in Blk 1 and 2 Eunos Crescent.

Today's event also marks the start of the ninth Projek Ihsan Ramadhan, an annual signature project that began in 2009 where a portion of zakat monies are disbursed to needy families, elderly and orphans in preparation for the upcoming month of Ramadhan.

This year, with the collective efforts of at least 14 centres, PPIS opens its applications island wide and welcomes a total of **683** beneficiaries, surpassing previous disbursements. Each beneficiary receives \$100 supermarket vouchers and a trolley bag filled with groceries worth \$50.

In line with PPIS' 65th anniversary slogan – *Celebrate, Collaborate*, the event also sees the involvement of thirty beneficiaries from AIN Society, a non-profit organisation that helps youths-at-risk, disadvantaged families, children and adults suffering from cancer and other chronic illnesses. Both PPIS and AIN Society hope to foster a more gracious society and strengthen the community spirit through this collaboration.

"Being long-time neighbours, PPIS along with AIN Society, would like to use this opportunity to commemorate the upcoming month of Ramadhan and reach different segments of the community in Eunos Crescent. We look forward to any potential collaborations and working together with other organisations especially fellow Muslim organisations." Mdm Rahayu Mohamad, President of PPIS, has this to add.

Guest-of-Honour Associate Professor Fatimah Lateef, will present supermarket vouchers and goodie bags to some of the beneficiaries from PPIS and AIN Society.

**Guest of Honour:**

Associate Professor Fatimah Lateef

Member of Parliament for Marine Parade GRC GRO

**Event Location:**

Date: Saturday, 20 May 2017

Lunch Venue: Blk 32A Eunos Crescent Multipurpose Hall

Time: 1100 – 1500 hours

GOH will arrive at 1110 hours

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**About PPIS**

Founded in 1952, PPIS (*Persatuan Pemudi Islam Singapura* or Singapore Muslim Women's Association) is non-profit organisation focused on community services. We are dedicated to working with women of all ages in carrying out their multiple roles in society. PPIS runs three core community services namely Family Services, Student Care and Early Childhood Education (ECE). With 16 centres island wide, the services work together to provide a quality and holistic support as well as developmental programmes for women and their families.

**About PPIS Projek Ihsan Ramadhan**

Projek Ihsan Ramadhan is a signature project of PPIS where staff across 16 centres dedicate a day to distribute supermarket vouchers and goodie bags to beneficiaries, with the hope to lessen the load for the festive period.

There are two parts to PIR:

- Disbursement of zakat through distribution of supermarket vouchers and goodie bags
- Ramadhan donation appeal to Muslim households and organisations

### **Past PPIS 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events**

- PPIS Family Day 2017
- Forum '*Ibubapa Selamanya*': *Melayari Cabaran Keibubapaan Bersama Selepas Perceraian* or 'Parents Forever' Forum: Navigating the Challenges of Co-Parenting After Divorce
- Celebrating International Women's Day 2017: PPIS Blood Donation Drive
- 'Just The Girls'

For more information, please visit: <http://www.ppis.sg>