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Date: Saturday, 29 July 2017

Event Name: PPIS 'Post Hari Raya Celebration'



Singapore, Saturday, 29 July 2017. Some 20 women leaders of various faiths learnt more about Islam and the Malay culture at a 'Post Hari Raya Celebration' hosted by the Singapore Muslim Women's Association (PPIS) at the Harmony Centre.

Together with Speaker of Parliament, Mdm Halimah Yacob, also Patron to PPIS, representatives from the Singapore Council of Women's Organisations (SCWO), Interfaith Youth Circle and Singapore Taoist Mission as well as numerous other organisations engaged in a meaningful dialogue on social cohesion. Mdm Halimah also shared her personal experiences and aspirations of continued harmonious inter-faith relations in Singapore.

President of PPIS, Ms Rahayu Mohamad said, "PPIS believes conversations between different communities like these go a long way in undoing misconceptions, heightening appreciation for our differences and instilling compassion in all of us. PPIS hopes to spearhead more of these engagements in the future so we can all appreciate Singapore's rich cultural diversity."

Ms Mavis Tsoi, President of the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) also reflected, "Engagements like these bring together organisations with different faiths that have one common objective to serve the vulnerable in the community. They also provide networking opportunities which could bring about future collaborations among organisations to serve the community."

The women leaders also took part in learning journeys where they learnt about Islam, the Malay culture and how Hari Raya Aidilfitri is celebrated in Singapore. Some of the activities include a demonstration of the ablution steps, *ketupat* weaving and tasting of popular Malay *kuihs*. The event closed with attendees observing the midday *Zohor* congregational prayers.

This inaugural inter-faith Hari Raya celebration by PPIS is in line with the organisation's mission to connect communities and is part of a series of events to celebrate PPIS' 65th Anniversary this year.

Guest of Honour:

Mdm Halimah Yacob

Speaker of Parliament and Member of Parliament for Marsiling-Yew Tee GRC

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, 29 July 2017

Venue: Harmony Centre (An-Nahdhah Mosque), Multi-Purpose Hall, Level 3
9A Bishan Street 14 Singapore 579786

Time: 10.00am - 1.30pm (Registration begins at 9.30am)

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About PPIS

Founded in 1952, PPIS (Persatuan Pemudi Islam Singapura or Singapore Muslim Women's Association) is a 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 17 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 R.E.D – Research and Engagement Department

As a pioneer Muslim women's (MW) organisation, PPIS recognizes the need to be a source of support to MW in an ever-changing social landscape. R.E.D aims to represent MW's voice and advance aspirations. The focus areas of the department are research and engagement.

Our objective is to undertake research efforts on MW's matters. The research is to help PPIS understand MW better and provide evidential data to represent MW to other communities as well as offer recommendations on topics that affect MW.

R.E.D's goal is to engage different parties on emerging and challenging subjects confronting MW. Through evidence-informed education programmes and public awareness, we endeavour to develop the community's knowledge base. R.E.D aspires to involve PPIS members in building internal and external social capital through their wealth of experience, knowledge and skills.

Past PPIS 65th 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
- International Women's Day 2017: PPIS Blood Donation Drive
- Just The Girls! – Everyday Girls, Extraordinary Possibilities

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