



MEDIA STATEMENT

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PPIS congratulates Madam Halimah Yacob on being the first female President to the Republic of Singapore.

The Singapore Muslim Women's Organisation (PPIS) celebrates the announcement of our Patron, Madam Halimah Yacob, as the first female President of the Republic of Singapore.

We congratulate Madam Halimah Yacob, and send our well wishes to the President.

Madam Halimah's four decades of experience in public service including her work at the trade union, her interaction with her constituents and grassroots leaders as well as her active engagements with community organisations has shaped her to be a leader who has good rapport with the people she represents.

As Patron to PPIS for 13 years, Madam Halimah often engages our members in meaningful dialogues and dispenses thoughtful advice to support our mission, "Inspiring Women. Strengthening Families."

President of PPIS, Madam Rahayu Mohamad says, "Madam Halimah has shown us that there is no limit to what we, as women, can accomplish. We can aspire to do great things as long as there is willingness to work hard and stay focused to what we stand for. As women, we should continue investing our lives in the pursuit of discovering what we are capable of doing."



While Madam Halimah's resignation as Speaker of Parliament, Member of Parliament as well as a member of the People Action Party's Central Executive Committee, is a loss to representation of women in Parliament, PPIS believes that as the first female President to the Republic of Singapore, Madam Halimah will continue to be an inspiration to the women of Singapore, especially our future leaders, who will be encouraged to take on new challenges, embrace leadership roles and contribute to nation building.