

## MEDIA RELEASE

**Date:** Saturday, 16 September 2017

**Event Name:** PPIS Vista Sakinah Stepfamily Day 2017

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**Singapore, Saturday, 16 September 2017.** The inaugural Stepfamily Day 2017, a half-day carnival organised by PPIS Vista Sakinah, a centre for remarriages and stepfamilies, was launched today. The Guest-of-Honour, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, Minister for Communications and Information, Minister-in-Charge of Cyber Security and Minister-in-Charge of Muslim Affairs joined more than 30 stepfamilies for a fun filled day at Palawan Beach, Sentosa.

Stepfamilies are significant amongst us. Chances are, if we are not in a stepfamily, we would know of someone who is; perhaps relatives, friends, colleagues, schoolmates and neighbours who may be remarrying or living with a stepfamily. Stepfamilies – just like other families will continue to be part of our society.

Today marks 20 years since the National Stepfamily Day was started by founder and fellow advocate, Ms Christy Tusing Borgeld, and it is also the first time ever that Singapore is celebrating the special occasion.

Through this event, the centre hopes to not only reach out and share their services to more families, but also to provide the opportunity for them to strengthen their family bonds and interact with other families to embrace the stepfamily identity.

Ms Rahayu Mohamad, PPIS President, said, “The National Stepfamily Day is a day to celebrate and remind that the love of a family is life’s greatest blessing. PPIS looks forward to growing awareness for the National Stepfamily Day as an occasion to commemorate, give recognition to stepfamilies and remind them to cherish their time together.”

Guest-of-Honour Dr Yaacob Ibrahim was present to also launch Vista Sakinah’s official Facebook page. He took time to mingle with the stepfamilies and became a judge for the ‘Family Game’ where the children and their parents had to build the highest sandcastle tower.

“We remain committed in providing remarriage preparation programmes, consultation services, children support workshops, as well as organising enrichment programmes and meaningful events, such as this Stepfamily Day. This is by no means enough, because we believe that more can be done in creating awareness and empathy towards stepfamilies,” said Ms Fazlinda Faroo, Centre Manager of PPIS Vista Sakinah.

To know more about PPIS Vista Sakinah, please visit: [www.facebook.com/vistasakinah/](http://www.facebook.com/vistasakinah/).

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Minister for Communications and Information,  
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**Event Details:**

Date: Saturday, 16 September 2017  
Venue: Palawan Beach, Sentosa  
Time: 9.30 am - 11.30 am  
GOH will be arriving at 10.30 am

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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 15 centres islandwide, the services work together to provide a quality and holistic support as well as developmental programmes for women and their families.

**About PPIS Vista Sakinah**

PPIS Vista Sakinah specialises in preparing and strengthening remarriages. We collaborate with couples and families to develop resilience and nurture tranquillity within their stepfamily lives.

Our services cater to couples preparing for their journey of remarriage, stepfamilies seeking enrichment for stepfamily living, private consultations for couples, to supporting children with their adjustment and adaptation in stepfamily life.

PPIS Vista Sakinah also provides training and consultation on ways of working with stepfamilies for social workers, counsellors, teachers and those in the helping professions.

For more information, please visit: [www.ppis.sg](http://www.ppis.sg).