



MEDIA RELEASE

Date: Friday, 24 November 2017

Event Name: PPIS 65th Anniversary Dinner – ‘Celebrate, Collaborate’

Singapore, Friday, 24 November 2017. The Singapore Muslim Women’s Association (PPIS) capped off its year-long celebrations of its 65th anniversary with a gala dinner at the Suntec City Convention Centre. The Guest of Honour, Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security, Mr Teo Chee Hean and Special Guest, Minister for Communications and Information, Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs and Minister-in-charge of Cyber Security, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim graced the occasion to celebrate with some 350 distinguished guests including donors, members, alumni as well as staff. Throughout the night, the guests were kept entertained by veteran rock star Mr Ramli Sarip, Singapore Idol runner-up Ms Sylvia Ratonel, acclaimed violinist Ms Azura Goh and local favourites Munir Band.

DPM Teo launched and presented the inaugural PPIS ‘Lighting Lives’ award. The award honours volunteers who had tirelessly contributed to PPIS for at least fifteen years. The maiden recipients are Ms Fatimah Azimullah; Advisor of PPIS and Ms Sapiyah Molla; Immediate Past President of PPIS. Both Ms Fatimah and Ms Sapiyah played instrumental roles in driving the progress of the organisation and were committed to inspiring women and strengthening families.

Since its last jubilee celebrations in 2012, PPIS has made significant strides. The organisation held several inaugural conferences with the objective of developing the capabilities of social service professionals. The Stepfamilies Conference 2014 was organised by PPIS Vista Sakinah, a centre for stepfamilies and remarriages while the ‘Bridging & Humanifying’ Family Therapy Practice Conference was coordinated by PPIS Family Therapy Institute (FTI) in 2016. Both events were the first of its kind in Singapore.



To keep up with the needs of the community, PPIS has since launched new centres with specialised services. In 2015, the organisation opened PPIS Family Therapy Institute (FTI) to provide marital counselling and marital therapy work. The following year, PPIS established Zoaks, a subsidiary which specialises in managing Early Childhood Education (ECE) centres. Then in 2017, PPIS Oasis – Centre for Fostering began operations following the official appointment by the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF).

2017 also saw the formation of PPIS Research and Engagement Department (R.E.D), which aims to keep up with the needs of Muslim women in an ever-changing social landscape. Furthermore, in the same year, the organisation received the People Developer accreditation and the Singapore Preschool Accreditation Framework (SPARK) for five Early Childhood Education (ECE) centres.

The year-long celebration saw a series of events including revival of past favourites, like the PPIS *Majlis* 2017 and new partnerships such as the first ever PPIS Blood Donation Drive with support from Singapore Red Cross, in commemoration of International Women’s Day.

“From the start, PPIS has made a conscious decision to celebrate this special year with our partners, stakeholders and beneficiaries. We’ve reached out further and wider in creating new partnerships with agencies and organisations as part of our collaborative effort in helping and strengthening the community. However, amidst celebrating our many achievements and new friendships, we must also remind ourselves to display humility and grace as we journey in the pursuit of excellence.” said Ms Rahayu Mohamad, President of PPIS.

Guest-of-Honour:

Mr Teo Chee Hean

Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security



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Venue: Suntec City Convention Centre, Nicoll Hall 2 & 3, Level 3

Time: 7.00pm - 10.00pm

GOH will arrive at 7.30pm

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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 16 centres island wide, the services work together to provide quality and holistic support as well as developmental programmes for women and their families.

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