

**SPEECH OF MS RAHAYU MOHAMAD, PRESIDENT OF PPIS**  
PPIS VISTA SAKINAH HARI RAYA EVENT 2018  
SATURDAY, 14 JULY 2018 11.50PM  
KENSINGTON BALLROOM, SERANGOON GARDENS COUNTRY CLUB

*Assalamu'alaikum Wr Wb (Peace be upon you)*

Member of Parliament for Jalan Besar GRC, Assoc Prof

Dr Yaacob Ibrahim,

Director of the Family Support Division, Ministry of

Social and Family Development, Ms Lynn Koh,

My fellow Board Members of PPIS,

Families and staff,

1. A very good morning to all. *(Alhamdulillah)* Syawal has come to end yesterday, which also means the end of Hari Raya Aidilfitri. It is the time when Muslims seek and grant forgiveness, build fellowship and eat good food!
  
2. I hope that all of you have had a wonderful time celebrating Hari Raya Aidilfitri with your loved ones, and thank you for spending your Saturday morning with us.

3. It is also my pleasure to be here today, joining a celebration *for stepfamilies, by stepfamilies*.

### **Thoughts on the Raya Runway**

4. I am heartened to witness the spirit of family togetherness during the activities earlier, when families came together to display excellent teamwork and creativity skills in putting materials together to create the best outfit. It was truly a joint effort by parents and children. I am proud, and I hope you are too, seeing the fruits of your labour and combined efforts! *(How about starting your own fashion label after this?)*

### **Thanking Families**

5. Having attended Vista Sakinah's events over the years and seeing some familiar faces, I would like to commend all of you for your endless support and participation in almost all of our programmes, be it a celebration like today, or our family recreational activities.

6. Your constant presence not only warms our hearts and encourages us to work even harder, but it has also shown your love and commitment in ensuring that your family is always kept tight and endowed with knowledge.
  
7. Not only that, I have also heard that some of you have built meaningful friendships over the years of knowing each other through Vista Sakinah. It is very important to us, that our families feel supported by not only our services, but also by other stepfamilies!

**By Stepfamilies, For Stepfamilies**

8. Today is a testament of this support network that the families have created. How it has not only allowed you to empower one another, but has also encouraged you to give back to the community.
  
9. I am pleasantly surprised to know that this celebration was organised by some of the families that we have supported.

10. To **Ms Nuraisha Hassan, Ms Jamilah Bte Rahmad, Ms Nuraini Mansor, Ms Seri Fatmawati and Ms Suminah Bte Johari**, who readily volunteered to join the organising committee, and giving their time and effort. We applaud your unwavering spirit and enthusiasm in giving back to society!
  
11. Also not forgetting the spouses who “covered” for their wives while they were away. Accompanying their wives to run errands in preparation of today’s event. A special shout-out to you as well, as you have played a part in making today’s event possible!

### **Welcoming New Families**

12. I believe that we have some new faces today. I would like to extend a warm welcome, and I hope that this event will encourage you to meet with others who share similar experiences. We want you to support and be supported by one another in your stepfamily journey together.
  
13. I will now continue the rest of my speech in Malay.

**[MALAY]**

14. Saya amat tersentuh setelah melihat sifat perpaduan dan kekeluargaan yang menyerlah dalam permainan Raya Runway tadi. Saya dapat melihat bagaimana setiap ahli keluarga bekerjasama untuk mereka (*design*) baju yang “unik”. Bukan hanya ibu bapa, namun anak-anak juga telah memainkan peranan dalam permainan. Tahniah kepada semua peserta Raya Runway tadi!
  
15. Kehadiran anda semua hari ini amat memberangsangkan buat Vista Sakinah. Anda telah memberikan sokongan padu dan usaha untuk cuba menghadiri hampir kesemua program-program kami.
  
16. Ia telah menunjukkan komitmen dan kasih sayang terhadap keluarga anda, untuk memastikan bahawa kehidupan keluarga anda sentiasa diberkahi ilmu dan hubungan keluarga yang erat.

17. Ada di antara anda juga telah membina tali persahabatan bersama keluarga-keluarga yang lain. Ini selaras dengan salah satu matlamat Vista Sakinah, iaitu untuk mewujudkan sebuah sistem sokongan, bukan hanya melalui perkhidmatan kami, tetapi juga bersama keluarga-keluarga tiri yang lain.
  
18. Di sini, saya ingin mengambil kesempatan untuk memuji lima sahabat yang telah berganding untuk bantu menganjurkan acara hari ini. Anda telah gigih berusaha dan memberi masa dengan sukarela. Acara ini merupakan sumbangan mereka kepada masyarakat keluarga tiri.
  
19. Tidak melupakan para suami yang telah membantu isteri mereka, apabila isteri sibuk dalam persiapan acara hari ini. Anda juga telah memainkan peranan yang penting untuk menjayakan acara hari ini!

20. Kepada keluarga-keluarga yang telah menyertai acara kami buat pertama kali, saya berharap anda akan ambil kesempatan ini untuk saling berkongsi dan mempelajari ilmu baru, serta memberi dan menerima sokongan dalam menjalani kehidupan keluarga tiri.
  
21. Saya berharap anda semua akan terus meraih manfaat dari program-program yang kami sediakan. Sekali lagi, terima kasih ke atas sokongan padu anda selama ini. Kami amat menghargai sokongan anda semua dan berharap bahawa kami semua dapat terus menjadi warga Singapura yang sering menyumbang dan berbakti kepada masyarakat.
  
22. Sekian, terima kasih.