

**OPENING SPEECH FROM MS RAHAYU MOHAMAD, PPIS PRESIDENT
PPIS STUDENT CARE CENTRE CONCERT 2018
SATURDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2018
NUS SHAW FOUNDATION ALUMNI HOUSE**

Assalamualaikum Wr Wb

A warm welcome to

PPIS Chief Executive Officer, Mr Mohd Ali Mahmood,

PPIS Board members and staff,

PPIS SCC alumni and volunteers,

Parents and Family Members of our dearest SCC students

Acknowledgements

1. I am happy to join you here today at our 2nd PPIS Student Care Centre Concert. Thank you to Centre Supervisors; Mdm Zaleha Ahmad and Mdm Kalthom Kassim, SCC staff and students, Ms Jumaini Ariff from Storyscribbles who assisted with the scriptwriting, Mr Roslan Daud from INSPIRASI PPIS who is the Artistic Director and for sharing his theatrical knowledge for this concert. I also would like to thank our PPIS SCC alumni and everyone that is involved in putting together today's concert titled, 'Chrysanthemum's Magical Journey'.

2. It is at events like these, that I feel the spirit of PPIS and for all of us to see the potential and capability of our staff and children. Here at PPIS Student Care Centre or PPIS SCC, we not only assist your children with their academic responsibilities but to also provide a conducive environment for them to develop their own characters, personalities and identities.

3. We are also very grateful to our fellow donors for always reaching out to us and funding various programmes and workshops for our children to participate and attend. This year, we have received great support from several foundations, corporates as well as individual donors amounting to \$115,486.04.

4. One of who is Mdm Jaleha Bte Mohd Salleh who has contributed a sum of \$30,000 for us to reward our children who have made progress in their *IQRA* and *Quran* reading. We hope many of such donors will step forward to assist us in developing our children with exemplary values and character.

5. A special thank you to Tan Chin Tuan Foundation, SportCares Foundation, National Heritage Board, Esplanade and Singapore Polytechnic for their collaborations and partnerships this year. They have played a huge role in providing a platform and opportunities for our children to learn, explore and grow into responsible and successful individuals.

Achievements

6. Today we will also be giving out several awards. 8 of our Primary 6 children will be receiving the P6 Graduation awards, 12 children will be getting the PPIS SCC S.A.C.R.E.D award for those who have shown exceptional behaviour and have inculcated the PPIS values in their daily activities. The final award will be presented to 30 students who will be receiving their *IQRA* awards. This acknowledgement is one of the ways we let them know how proud we are with their achievements and we hope this will motivate them to continue attaining many more awards in the future, *Insha'Allah*.

Highlights

7. Please allow me to share with you some noteworthy activities and contributions that our children have done this year.
8. PPIS SCC has actively participated in the CareRunners programme by SportCares Foundation from April 2018. This 40-weeks athletics programme funded by SportCares, is held every Friday afternoon, at Toa Payoh and Bishan Stadium. This programme aims to help the children improve their attitudes towards nutrition and health, as well as improve their social behaviour. Through programmes like these, we hope our children gain confidence and also enrich their overall well-being.

9. PPIS SCC was again involved in a project called 'SCC Gives Back'. It is an initiative by the children for the community, as well as part of their community involvement project. One of the projects was to design their own personalised savings jar made of recycled materials and filled with their own savings, which were then donated to the *Tabung Amal Aidilfitri* Trust Fund (TAA).

10. The second project was in conjunction with PPIS *Projek Ihsan Ramadhan*. It was called Project *Ceria Syawal*. Our children collected and distributed pre-loved Hari Raya clothes to those in need as well as within their residential areas around their centres.

11. Through these compassionate acts of giving back, we encourage our children to learn and understand the importance of contributing back to the community. It is also our sincere hope that with the trust placed in us, we were able to instil values that your children will uphold and continue to practice even after leaving our centres.

Closing

12. Finally, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and family members for making time to be here on this wonderful Saturday afternoon, and I hope all of you will enjoy the hard work these students have put into making this year's SCC concert possible. It has been a year filled with great opportunities and success for all of them.

13. With that, let us all give a big round of applause to our students who will be receiving their awards and for all their achievements. Let the concert begin!

Thank you.

Wa'alaikumsalam Wr Wb