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Event Name: 'Comfort in the Oasis' - Official Launch of PPIS Oasis cum Awards Ceremony

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Singapore, Sunday, 20 January 2019. Guest-of-Honour Associate Professor Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Ministry of Social and Family Development and Ministry of Education, officiated the launch of PPIS Oasis – Centre for Fostering, with some 40 families at the Citizen Farm today.

Through this event, PPIS hopes to not only raise awareness about the Fostering Agency, but to also recognise and celebrate the milestone with families.

PPIS Oasis has come a long way since its inception on 1 August 2017. From a temporary location in Woodlands and now at Blk 41 Chai Chee Street, the centre is the first by a Muslim organisation that promotes family-based care for foster children in need. In Addition, all our therapeutic programs are conducted by trained Social workers.

Families were able to enjoy carnival activities such as pillow making, as well as the virtual tour of PPIS Oasis' office.

Other event highlights included the awards ceremony, where PPIS Oasis presented awards to 20 foster children and 17 foster parents as an acknowledgement of their academic and non-academic excellence like performing arts, good progress and good conduct. This was also the first time that PPIS Oasis gave out the 'Booster' awards to new foster parents. The booster award is given to new foster parents who have recently entered the foster care system and have cared for and is still caring for foster children for a minimum of 6 months. It is to encourage them and acknowledge their efforts throughout their fostering journey.

"Thus far, PPIS Oasis has seen and handled various fostering cases. We have advocated the need for foster parents at the community level," said Ms Rahayu Mohamad, President of PPIS. "I believe that PPIS Oasis will continue to be proactive in reaching out to the public to educate and promote fostering. This year, we hope to welcome more foster parents under our care."



PPIS Oasis hopes to continue promoting fostering, recruit more volunteers, conduct support groups for foster parents as well as share its programmes and services to the public. We also hope that the community can continue to recognize the efforts of foster parents and perhaps give more support in terms of providing childcare leave and organisations can consider child care leave to support foster parents.

Guest-of-Honour:

Associate Professor Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim

Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Social and Family Development & Ministry of Education

Member of Parliament for Nee Soon GRC

Event Details:

Date: Sunday, 20 January 2019

Venue: Citizen Farm, 60 Jalan Penjara, Singapore 149375

Time: 2.00pm – 5.00pm

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About PPIS Oasis

PPIS Oasis supports foster parents in their efforts to provide a safe and stable home environment for foster children through our therapeutic and support services; PPIS Oasis facilitates the fostering journey towards developing a healing and healthy relationship for foster children while in care, whilst allowing them to realise their potential and aspirations.

PPIS Oasis was the third Fostering Agency in Singapore appointed by the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) in 2017. Since then, the centre has been actively promoting fostering to families in the community.

For more information, please visit: <https://ppis.sg/family-services/ppisoasis/>.



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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