



MEDIA RELEASE

Date: Saturday, 6 July 2019

Event Name: PPIS Harmony Raya 2019

Singapore, Saturday, 6 July 2019. Singapore Muslim Women's Association (PPIS) hosted Guest-of-Honour and Patron of PPIS, President Halimah Yacob, along with 50 women representatives from secular and faith-based groups at their annual post Hari Raya celebration titled, "PPIS Harmony Raya 2019" at Royal Palm, Clarke Quay today.

Following the recent International Conference on Cohesive Societies (ICCS), this celebration serves as a testament of PPIS' efforts to promote social cohesion and interfaith harmony. Besides being an occasion to share the joys of Hari Raya Aidilfitri with non-Muslims, PPIS Harmony Raya continues to provide a platform for women from different faiths, races and backgrounds to interact in a safe space.

The main celebration highlight was the "In Conversation with an Ustazah!" segment with Ustazah Liyana Rosli, who shared her experiences in inter-faith work and answered questions on the religion. The organisation hopes that this will deepen the conversation from previous PPIS' Hari Raya celebrations, as well as to foster an open and honest dialogue among guests.

Besides the traditional Hari Raya lunch buffet, they also enjoyed other activities such as an interactive quiz about Islam and Ramadhan to cultivate familiarity, along with a reflection exercise – a common practice by Muslims to express gratitude and seek forgiveness during Hari Raya. These activities aim to heighten their understanding, dispel misconceptions and increase social trust between communities.

"The International Conference on Cohesive Societies reflects Singapore's commitment to ensure that our multi-religious and multi-racial communities live harmoniously. PPIS is aligned to that commitment and through our small contributions, we will continue to create opportunities for different communities to interact with each other," Mdm Rahayu Mohamad, President of PPIS said in her welcome address.



This marked the third Hari Raya Celebration by the PPIS Research and Engagement Department (R.E.D). It was inaugurated on 29 July 2017 by Guest-of-Honour Mdm Halimah Yacob, who was then the Speaker of Parliament, with some 20 women leaders of various races and religions who learnt more about Islam, the Malay culture and Hari Raya traditions in Singapore.

Last year, PPIS invited a keynote speaker and held a panel discussion with different faith representatives to uncover common values and areas to improve on, so that the different communities can work together towards stronger social cohesion.

Books on Islam were kindly provided by the Muslim Converts Association of Singapore (Darul Arqam Singapore) for all three celebrations.

Guest-of-Honour:

President Halimah Yacob

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, 6 July 2019

Venue: Royal Palm @ Central Clarke Quay, #04-86/87/89/89b/89c
6 Eu Tong Sen Street, Singapore 059817

Time: 10.30am – 1.15pm (GOH will arrive at 11.55am)

Event will be held in English.

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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.

About PPIS R.E.D:

As a pioneer Muslim women's (MW) organisation, PPIS recognises the need to be a source of support to MW in an ever-changing social landscape. R.E.D aims to represent MW's voice and advance aspirations. The focus areas of the department are research and engagement. Our objective is to undertake research efforts on MW's matters. The research is to help PPIS understand MW better and provide evidential data to represent MW to other communities as well as offer recommendations on topics that affect MW.

R.E. D's goal is to engage different parties on emerging and challenging subjects confronting MW. Through evidence-informed education programmes and public awareness, we endeavour to develop the community's knowledge base. R.E.D aspires to involve PPIS members in building internal and external social capital through their wealth of experience, knowledge and skills.

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