

PPIS' Conversation with Mufti 2019: The Role of Muslim Men in Modern Families

Singapore, Friday, 25 October 2019. PPIS held its Conversation with Mufti 2019 event at the Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) today. Organised by PPIS Training & Consultancy, it was an exclusive dialogue session for men to interact with the Mufti of Singapore, Ustaz Dr Mohamed Fatris Bin Bakaram.

This year's event marked the fifth edition of Conversation with Mufti, where it also saw the biggest turnout with more than 350 male participants.

Over the years, PPIS saw an increasing need to engage not only women, but also men in conversations about the changing family unit and its challenges. It was reported by the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) that two-thirds of eligible fathers did not take any paternal leave last year. This was despite the government's ongoing efforts to get more men involved in raising their children.

As Singapore continues to evolve and go through demographic as well as societal changes, the organisation believes that there will be greater demand placed on the roles of men and women in families. Hence, this year's event theme; 'The Role of Muslim Men in Modern Families'.

Mdm Rahayu Mohamad, President of PPIS shared, "Through this session, we hope to remind men of the shared responsibilities between husband and wife in Muslim families, whilst also discussing with them ways to manage their parents' and wives' expectations."

At the crux of this discussion was the need to not only highlight the roles of Muslim men in dual income-families, but to also express appreciation to their wives. The dialogue session also addressed other issues unique to the Muslim community in Singapore, such as intergenerational challenges faced by Muslim men.

Mdm Rahayu also highlighted, "In this day and age, the roles of Muslim husbands in modern families have become increasingly complex. They must now adapt to new challenges in light of the changing times. This dialogue session is a much needed platform for husbands to be able to address these challenges."

**Event Details:**

Date: Friday, 25 October 2019

Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Venue: Level 1, Lifelong Learning Institute, 11 Eunos Road 8 Singapore 408601

The event was held in English and Malay.

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About Conversation with Mufti

With the shared mission of strengthening families, PPIS collaborated with Ustaz Dr Mohamed Fatris Bakaram to launch the Conversation with Mufti in 2013. The inaugural event focused on the theme of 'Exploring the Marriage Journey' where men discussed the roles and responsibilities of a Muslim husband.

Following its success, PPIS has continued to explore topics such as the multiple duties taken on by men in families, relationship between father and foster children and stepchildren, as well as the positive use of technology to cultivate family ties.

About PPIS

Founded in 1952, PPIS (Persatuan Pemudi Islam Singapura or Singapore Muslim Women's Association) is a non-profit organisation focused on services for women, family and children. 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 Training & Consultancy

PPIS conducts various professional training to bridge practitioners with the community. We also organise public talks and other programmes as well as activities, in our bid to empower Muslim women and their families. PPIS was conferred as the Specialist in Working with Malay-Muslim Families in 2009 by the National Council of Social Services (NCSS) in 2009.

In 2010, PPIS Training & Consultancy (T&C) was established to formally run a comprehensive range of training programmes and consultancy services, from one-day courses to large-scale learning and networking events.

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