

MEDIA RELEASE

Through Children's Eyes – *Envisioning Singapore's future in 200 years*

Singapore, Friday, 20 December 2019. Today, PPIS Early Childhood Education (ECE) organised a commemorative activity in light of Singapore's Bicentennial. Held at PPIS Child Development Centre (Bukit Batok), some 30 students from the Bukit Batok centre added the final touches to the Bicentennial Scrapbook titled PPIS Gift to the Istana, which will be presented to Madam President Halimah Yacob. The individual art works handcrafted by these children capture their vision for Singapore for the next 200 years – *Singapore 2219*. A fun fact to the scrapbook, the ages of all the students who took part in this activity total up to just over 200 years.

As 2019 draws to a close, PPIS believes it is timely for a reflection of the nation's journey of discovery, and presents an opportunity for our students to envision endless possibilities for Singapore in time to come. We recognise the significance of the Singapore Bicentennial in empowering the younger generations in building a better future for themselves and for the nation. Hence, through this activity, PPIS hopes that our students not only gain a deeper understanding of Singapore's rich history, but also continue to dream big for the nation's future.

Besides the Bicentennial Scrapbook project, PPIS ECE also organised various events throughout the course of the year that served to celebrate the bicentennial experience. Some of these events include the PPIS K2 Graduation Ceremony, with its theme of 'Stories of Singapore', and the PPIS *Bulan Bahasa* (Malay Language Month) 2019 event, which highlighted the richness and complexities of Singapore's cultural history through the re-enactment of scenes from old, popular *Jalan Ampas* films.

Principal of Bukit Batok ECE, Mdm Aslizawati Aman, shared, "PPIS is delighted to join in the commemoration of the Singapore Bicentennial and strives to inculcate a love for the nation in our children. Through this Bicentennial Scrapbook specially created by our children, we hope that they are able to gain a deeper appreciation of Singapore and contribute to the building of our nation's future."

Senior Teacher Ms Razanah Abdul Razak, who guided the children in creating the scrapbook, said, "It was heartwarming to be a part of the scrapbooking journey and witness the product of our children's work. We hope that, through this activity, they were able to exercise their creativity and learn more about Singapore's history."



Children of PPIS Child Development Centre (Bukit Batok) also shared their experiences in creating the Bicentennial Scrapbook.

“I had so much fun creating the Bicentennial Scrapbook for President Halimah Yacob. I created the scrapbook using dry leaves and decorated it with colourful markers. I hope that President Halimah Yacob likes it!” shared Muhammad Ariq Bin Muhammad Alfiz, K1 student who took part in making the scrapbook.

Likewise, his fellow schoolmate, Erina Adrin, a K1 student, shared the same sentiments. She said, “I really enjoyed making this scrapbook. My hope for Singapore is that it becomes a green city with beautiful buildings.”

In organising such events and activities, PPIS marks the Singapore Bicentennial as an important milestone in moulding a collective social vision for our country. PPIS seeks to bring value to nation-building endeavours by upholding our Mission of Strengthening Families.

Event Details :

Date: Friday, 20 December 2019

Time: 10.00am – 11.00am

Venue: PPIS Child Development Centre (Bukit Batok)

21 Bukit Batok East Avenue 6, Singapore 659759

The 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 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 the PPIS Child Development Centres

PPIS opened its first kindergarten in 1983 and was one of the first to introduce a play-based approach. Today, with more than 30 years of experience, PPIS operates seven Child Development Centres with a total of 800 children.

As a premier Early Childhood Education (ECE) service provider, we believe that every child is unique and deserves quality care and education. By embracing a learning culture, we strive to nurture individuals into passionate learners and competent leaders of character. Our team consists of educators who are passionate in working with young children and go through continuous professional development, so as to be kept abreast with the latest early childhood initiatives and guidelines.

PPIS Child Development Centre in Bukit Batok is its award-winning flagship centre and also home to 7oaks, its education management consultancy incorporated in 2016.

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