

MEDIA STATEMENT

PPIS congratulates the new Mufti and Deputy Muftis of Singapore

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PPIS congratulates Ustaz Dr Nazirudin Mohd Nasir on his new appointment as Mufti of Singapore, as well as his two newly-appointed Deputy Muftis, Ustaz Mohd Murat Md Aris and Ustaz Dr Mohammad Hannan Hassan.

PPIS also extends our deepest appreciation to Ustaz Dr Mohamed Fatris Bakaram for his revered presence and invaluable leadership in the Muslim community during his tenure as Mufti. PPIS, as a pioneering Muslim women's organisation, has had the privilege of working with the former Mufti, specifically for PPIS' annual event, 'Conversation with Mufti'. Ustaz Dr Fatris' presence has been instrumental in our outreach and making our services more palatable to the Muslim community.

With the evolving needs of the Muslim community amidst Singapore's diverse socio-cultural backdrop, PPIS acknowledges that the work of MUIS is becoming increasingly complex. Hence, building a pipeline of talent and a robust leadership renewal plan are imperative. PPIS believes that the appointment of the two Deputy Muftis further strengthens the leadership of the office in providing religious guidance on key initiatives for the community.

PPIS also has had the honour of working with the newly appointed Mufti Ustaz Dr Nazirudin. He was a keynote speaker in the 'Bridging & Humanifying Family Therapy Conference', organised by PPIS Family Therapy Institute in 2016, where he delivered key insights into negotiating religion and spirituality in family living, and the development of exemplary socio-religious life in the modern world. We look forward to the guidance of the new Mufti in our joint efforts towards uplifting the community.

The two Deputy Muftis, Ustaz Murat and Ustaz Dr Hannan are familiar and well-respected figures in the religious sphere and wider Muslim community. Ustaz Murat's keen expertise in fatwas and religious guidance have always been well-received and documented. Known for his lifelong passion for Islamic education and discourse, Ustaz Dr Hannan has been invited to speak at various PPIS

engagements, many of which delve into issues revolving families. PPIS hopes to continue working with the Office of the Mufti for the advancement of the community, especially women.

President of PPIS, Mdm Rahayu Mohamad shared, "Mufti's religious leadership on national issues and fostering the community's integration into the wider multi-religious society has been integral to enhancing PPIS' delivery of programmes and services, and furthering our mission to strengthen families. PPIS is appreciative of the holistic approach adopted by the Office of Mufti in dovetailing family issues with Islamic topics in shaping the values of the local Muslim community."