

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **PPIS on the Prime Minister's Chinese New Year's Message**

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The Singapore Muslim Women's Association (PPIS) is pleased to hear the importance placed on families in Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong's Chinese New Year message on 24 January 2020.

#### **Strong Families Make for A Strong Nation**

1. PPIS is pleased to hear the good words of PM Lee with regards to the importance of family ties in Singapore.
2. As a pioneering women organisation that has grown from offering preschool education for children to providing services for women and family, PPIS will continue to aspire towards strengthening families in ensuring a resilient society through its various programmes and services.

#### **Young Families**

3. PPIS is thankful for the initiatives that have been set out to support and encourage young couples in starting a family, especially in the area of pre-schools. Being part of the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA)'s Partner Operator Scheme (POP), PPIS remains committed to support women, children and their families by keeping our fees affordable and making sure that each child receives the best possible start to life.
4. INSPIRASI PPIS, our centre for young couples, has been guiding and supporting couples on their life's journey since 2007. Young couples have been receiving guidance, support and life tools to ensure that they are able to start off on a strong foundation.

#### **Strengthening Families**

5. At PPIS, we recognise that there are many forms of families ranging from single to foster and even stepfamilies. Through our various centres, we provide the best support and care wherever possible.
6. Through our 6 family services, we support families that may face familial and financial challenges as well as relationship issues, divorce and even remarriages. No matter what the outcome may be, we will always lend support to individuals or families that need our help. But as PM Lee had mentioned, the best support anyone can receive come from our family members.

### **Chinese New Year**

7. Even though the nation faces a health threat during this festive season, PPIS will remain vigilant in our daily operations to ensure that the children and families we serve are taken care of.
8. To sum up, PPIS will like to take this opportunity to also wish a Happy Chinese New Year to those who will be celebrating this joyous occasion.