



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **PPIS Malay Writing Workshop – Save the Earth!**

**Singapore, Wednesday, 9 September 2020.** For the first time, PPIS is proud to be the official programme partner for *Bulan Bahasa 2020* (or Malay Language Month 2020). In celebration of *Bulan Bahasa 2020* (Malay Language Month 2020), PPIS Student Care Centre (Bedok) organised a Malay writing workshop for students earlier today. Titled “*Selamatkan Bumi Kita!*” (or “Save the Earth!”), it was conducted by Ms Shahida Sarhid, a correspondent from *Berita Harian*.

As part of the workshop, 23 students from the ages of 7 to 12 participated in activities that not only educated them about climate change, but also honed their Malay oral and writing skills. They shared their opinions about climate change with Ms Shahida in Malay, as well as watched insightful videos on the various aspects of climate change. These videos covered a spectrum of issues such as the greenhouse effect, waste disposal and recycling efforts around the world.

Students were then tasked to write the ways in which they will help to save the Earth and how they can go about recycling in Singapore. They were also tasked to write about the importance of recycling and exercise their creativity by explaining how certain items can be reused and recycled to produce other items. After which, they presented what they had written to the rest of their friends. The event then concluded with a hands-on activity, where the students created reusable bags out of newspapers!

Climate change poses significant risks to Singapore, especially to those of the future generations. In 2019, the inaugural Singapore Climate Rally saw more than 1,700 participants, most of whom were youths, turn up in support of more systemic change needed to tackle climate change. This is a testament to the passion and commitment that the younger generations have towards building a sustainable future for themselves.

“PPIS always strives to create opportunities for students to strengthen their Malay oral and writing skills through fun and educational activities. Through this event, the students also managed to learn new words to improve their Malay vocabulary. We hope that our students gained a better understanding of climate change through the activities that were conducted today, and do their part to save the Earth,” said Mdm Zaleha Ahmad, Supervisor of PPIS Student Care Centre (Bedok).



“The workshop was very interesting and fun. I learnt how to recycle and even learnt a new word – upcycling! Upcycling means to reuse materials or objects and turn it into new objects. I also learnt new words in Malay, which I can use when I speak to friends or in my school assignments,” said 11-year-old Maiya Sofea Zahirah binte Danial.

This event aims to promote environment sustainability and encourage students to lead an eco-friendly lifestyle. Additionally, PPIS also hopes to encourage our students to embrace the Malay language in their daily lives. PPIS Student Care Centres strive to provide quality programmes and activities for children and learning opportunities for children from all backgrounds.

**Event Details:**

Date: Wednesday, 9 September 2020

Time: 11.00am – 2.00pm

Venue: PPIS Student Care Centre (Bedok), Blk 136 Bedok Reservoir Road #01-1425, Singapore 470136

The event was held in Malay.

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**About PPIS**

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**About PPIS Student Care Centres**



Our Student Care Centres focus on nurturing children through empowerment. We believe in the importance of instilling moral values, as well as equipping our children with life skills that they can take with them wherever they go.

PPIS Student Care Centres provide a platform for children under our care to broaden their horizons through holistic learning experiences that allow them to unleash their potential. With our wide variety of programmes and activities, we strive to offer children the opportunity to achieve much more by harnessing their talents.

Most importantly, our centres serve as a second home to every child that walks through our doors, offering busy parents peace of mind knowing that their children are in safe hands.

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