



## MEDIA RELEASE

### PPIS announces new Board President in its first-ever hybrid Annual General Meeting

**Singapore, Saturday, 5 December 2020.** *Persatuan Pemudi Islam Singapura* (PPIS) or the Singapore Muslim Women’s Association, held its 49<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) earlier this morning, with 17 of its Life and Ordinary Members physically attending the AGM at PPIS Family Service Centre (East) while the remaining members joined virtually via the video-conferencing platform, Zoom.

Over the last several months, PPIS responded to the changing norms by pushing its digital boundaries towards enhancing services and collaborating with partners and stakeholders to bolster national efforts in helping the community tide over COVID-19. This first hybrid AGM, which was organised in line with current safe distancing measures, was chaired by PPIS President, Mdm Rahayu Mohamad.

This unprecedented AGM also saw the election of PPIS 25<sup>th</sup> Board of Governance and Mdm Rahayu stepping down upon reaching the President’s constitutional limits and completing her third, consecutive term. Mdm Rahayu will continue to serve PPIS as its Immediate Past President.

“PPIS has always set its sights on building a continuous pipeline of talent for its leadership renewal. Starting from our own Advisor, Cikgu Fatimah Azimullah and subsequently, Board Member, Mdm Sapiah Molla, the organisation strives to ensure continuity in service while adapting to the changing context and needs for Muslim women, children and families in Singapore.

“My task, since the beginning, has been to nurture capable women leaders that will be able to guide PPIS into its next phase of growth. It was not simply about identifying the next President, but assembling the right team to lead the organisation,” said Mdm Rahayu Mohamad.

She left encouraging words for the next generation of leaders in her remarks, stating: “Today, as we transit into new leadership at a time of great uncertainty, I have every confidence that you would bring your expertise and leadership to the table, and steer PPIS to even greater excellence.”

Taking over the leadership is Ms Hazlina Abdul Halim, who was formerly Vice President since 2016. Former Honorary Secretary Ms Suree Rohan, has been appointed the new Vice President.

Said Ms Hazlina, “I am truly humbled by the opportunity to helm PPIS, the pioneering Muslim women’s organisation in Singapore. Mdm Rahayu’s six-year legacy sets the bar for the next generation of leaders, including myself, to press on. I am grateful for her support and mentorship.

“PPIS’ 25<sup>th</sup> Board of Governance has the right balance of experienced and fresh perspectives. The combination of knowledge and experience of pioneering community leaders and the expertise of promising talents from various industries is the right mix for PPIS as we look ahead to our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022.

“I am confident that the new Board will build upon the good work of our predecessors towards meeting our common objective of uplifting the community as #OnePPIS.

“With upcoming new initiatives including the halfway house, PPIS is poised to work seamlessly to provide holistic support to women and their families across their different phases of their lives.”



In all, five new Board Members were elected while nine Board Members were re-elected to form the new Board of Governance - who will serve for the next two years – December 2020 to September 2022.

Among the newly-elected Members, Ms Nur Khairah Abdul Rahim, Entrepreneur and Marketer has been appointed as the Assistant Honorary Secretary, while Ms Noraini Rizman Ali, Director of Finance and Corporate Services at Julia Gabriel Education Group, will assume the position of Assistant Honorary Treasurer.

The three other newly-elected Members are Dr Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim, Criminologist and Senior Lecturer at the Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS), Lawyer Ms Hawa Zinat Jailani and Ms Maria Mahat, Publisher and Co-Founder of Ungu Pen.

The new line-up of Board Members comprises a diverse group of professionals whose expertise will continue to advance PPIS' mission of inspiring women and strengthening families.

As such, PPIS is pleased to announce the appointment of its 25<sup>th</sup> Board of Governance:

No.	Title	Name of Member	Status
1	President	Hazlina Abdul Halim	Re-Elected
2	Vice President	Suree Rohan	Re-Elected
3	Honorary Secretary	Nor Ainah Mohamed Ali	Re-Elected
4	Honorary Treasurer	Fawziah Jainullabudeen	Re-Elected
5	Assistant Honorary Secretary	Nur Khairah Abdul Rahim	New
6	Assistant Honorary Treasurer	Noraini Rizman Ali	New
7	Immediate Past President	Rahayu Mohamad	Re-Elected
8	Board Member	Jummaida Rusdon	Re-Elected
9	Board Member	Khuzaima Raja Kamarul-Den	Re-Elected
10	Board Member	Salina Samion	Re-Elected
11	Board Member	Sapiah Molla	Re-Elected
12	Board Member	Dr Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim	New
13	Board Member	Hawa Zinat Jailani	New
14	Board Member	Maria Mahat	New

The organisation also thanked the outgoing Board Members for their invaluable contributions and wished them all the best in their future endeavours.

The outgoing Board Members are:

No.	Title	Name of Member
1	Honorary Treasurer	Saidah Mohamed
2	Assistant Honorary Secretary	Nur Amalina Abdul Gani
3	Board Member	Dr Rufaihah Abdul Jalil

**Event Details:**

Date: Saturday, 5 December 2020

Time: 10am - 1pm

Mode of Event: Zoom

The event was 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. PPIS is dedicated to working with women of all ages in carrying out their multiple roles in society. We run three core community services namely Family Services, Student Care and Early Childhood Education (ECE).

With 16 centres islandwide, the services work seamlessly to provide quality and holistic support, as well as developmental programmes for women and their families across the different phases of their lives.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.ppis.sg>.

***Annex (Profiles of PPIS' 25<sup>th</sup> Board of Governance)***