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Perdaus Statement on National Day Rally 2021

Perdaus applauds Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong's announcement, at the National Day Rally on Sunday 29 Aug, on the revised policy to allow Muslim nurses in the public healthcare sector to wear tudung with their uniforms if they wish to.

Perdaus recognises that this move is the culmination of years of consensus-building and careful consideration of the impact on racial and religious relations in Singapore. Indeed, the tudung has become an important part of the faith for many Muslim women. Many of them wear the tudung in various settings, and yet interactions between the different races have continued to remain largely comfortable.

Perdaus wishes to express our humble appreciation and gratitude to the government for our inclusion in the process thus far. We remain committed to keeping the communication channels open on this and other issues of interest to the Muslim community.

We call on public healthcare employers to expeditiously support the implementation of the revised policy, and we urge private healthcare employers to do the same. We also call on the public to support and respect the individual's choice to don the tudung. As Singapore transitions to live with endemic COVID-19, let's strive to create a conducive work environment for our Muslim nurses who are on the frontlines every day.

Perdaus also supports the creation of the Maintenance of Racial Harmony Act and the proposal to enshrine into law the current guidelines on anti-discrimination at the workplace. We believe these efforts send strong signals on the Government's intention to ensure racial and religious relations remain harmonious, contributing to nation building as we tackle the challenges facing us as a country.

PERDAUS



Introduction of Perdaus

Formed in 1964, Perdaus has had more than a 50-year history of providing educational and leadership development services to the community.

Today, a dynamic Muslim Voluntary Welfare Organisation (VWO), Perdaus is a registered society under the Societies Act and also a charity under the Charities Act.

Our Mission

Perdaus focuses on developing agents of change by inspiring consciousness through education, nurturing lives and empowering families through advocacy, and building communities through meaningful engagement.

Our Vision

As our vision is building towards a righteous society, our core programmes revolve around equipping the community with critical knowledge and skills that will shape the development of a virtuous and progressive society.

Our Core Services

1. *IMAD PERDAUS*

Our arm that focuses on outreach, and moral development and education for the community. It is recently consolidated as Imad Perdaus so as give more concentration towards a more holistic approach in our moral education and outreach efforts.

Our main services are:

- Moral education and Arabic literacy for children and youth

We provide part-time moral education and development for children and youth, from kindergarten to post-secondary certificate level. Our centres are in Bedok and Bukit Batok.

- Moral education and Arabic literacy for adults

Currently, we extend our reach to adults with:

- KAD programme, which offers basic moral education classes

2. IYAD PERDAUS

We have centres in Hougang, Jurong East and Choa Chu Kang providing quality and affordable infant care and childcare services.

Critical Highlights of Iyad Perdaus:

- 1993
 - Iyad Perdaus Child Development (Jurong East) first started operations.
 - The first childcare branch by Perdaus.
- 1998
 - Launch of the Integrated Child Care Programme (ICCP)¹ at Jurong East.
 - Officiated by Ms Grace Fu, then-Senior Minister for National Development and Education, officiated ICCP on 20 May 2008.
- 2017
 - All three centres of Iyad Perdaus (Jurong East, Choa Chu Kang, Hougang) received SPARK certification.
 - Appointed by MSF as Developmental Support and Learning Support (DS-LS) provider.
- 2018
 - Iyad Perdaus celebrated its 25th anniversary.

¹ See <https://www.sgenable.sg/pages/content.aspx?path=/for-children/integrated-child-care-programme-iccp/>

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