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MEDIA RELEASE

AMP Introduces New Discussion Series to Encourage Interfaith Understanding Among Youths

1. As a multi-religious society where people of different/no-faith affiliations co-exist in shared spaces, it is critical to deepen mutual respect and understanding to ensure peace and harmony prevails. To encourage interfaith understanding among youths of different races and religions, the Association of Muslim Professionals (AMP) is introducing the *Ask Me Anything* series, which adopts a no-holds-barred approach to clarifying different religious practices in Singapore. With Islamophobia seemingly on the rise, and Islam being among the most misunderstood religions today, the series will commence with the *Singaporean Muslims: Seemingly Distant?* session on **Saturday 30 September 2017 at 2.00 pm** at the **Foyer and Discovery Room of the Asian Civilisations Museum (Basement Level, 1 Empress Place)**.
2. The session aims to be a platform in which Muslims and non-Muslims can interact and clarify misconceptions on some of the prevailing religious practices and observances of the Islamic faith in Singapore context. This platform also functions as a safe space for Muslims and non-Muslims to discuss and explore on how Muslim and non-Muslim relations could be further preserved especially during these uncertain times.
3. The session will begin with a trigger activity in the form of a process drama, which will frame the discussions on the topic. The drama performance will be led by theatre director and arts producer, Mr Jeffrey Tan. After the performance, the 60 participants in attendance will take part in various discussion sessions steered by lead facilitator, Mr Lewis Liu, co-founder of More than Just, a ground-up initiative focusing on race and racism issues. The participants will then share their thoughts on the discussion and explore if there has been any shift in their perspectives after the session.

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ASK ME ANYTHING SERIES
Singaporean Muslims: Seemingly Distant?
Saturday 30 September 2017
Foyer & Discovery Room
Asian Civilisations Museum

Programme

1.30 pm	Registration
2.00 pm	Opening Remarks <i>Mr Lewis Liu, Lead Facilitator</i>
2.15 pm	Process Drama – trigger activity <i>Mr Jeffrey Tan, Theatre Director / Arts Producer</i>
3.15 pm	Discussion
4.30 pm	Reflection
5.00 pm	End