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MEDIA RELEASE

AMP Holds A First-of-its-Kind Conference to Promote Understanding of Islam Among Non-Muslim Youths

1. In a multi-religious and multi-cultural society such as Singapore, intercultural and interfaith understanding is important to ensure social cohesion is maintained. Inaccurate information that is acquired and disseminated, especially in this age of social media, may lead to misunderstandings and negative perceptions that may threaten our social harmony. To help non-Muslims have a better understanding of Islam and the religious practices of Muslims, the Association of Muslim Professionals (AMP), through its youth wing, Young AMP, will be organising *Ask Me Anything on Islam: The Conference* on **Saturday 18 November 2017 at 10.00 am** at the **Asian Civilisations Museum (Level 2, 1 Empress Place)**. During the conference, the participants, mainly comprising youths aged 18 to 40, will be given an insight into the struggles that Muslims face internally and externally, as well as the religious rituals they participate in.
2. A dialogue session will be held where two experienced panellists, Ustaz Irwan Hadi Mohd Shuhaimy and Ustazah Nazeerah Shaik Alwie, will field questions from the 150 Muslim and non-Muslim participants on any topic pertaining to Islam which they may wish to raise. The conference is intended to help the participants gain a better understanding of Islam and promote continuous interfaith dialogue and understanding
3. The dialogue session will be preceded by a trigger activity in the form of a play written by playwright, Ms Nessa Anwar, and breakout sessions moderated by Ms Noor Mastura, founder of Interfaith Youth Circle.
4. **We invite members of the media to the *Ask Me Anything On Islam: The Conference* on Saturday 16 November 2017 at 10.00 am at the Asian Civilisations Museum (Level 2, 1 Empress Place). Please refer to the event programme in the Annex.**

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ASK ME ANYTHING ON ISLAM: THE CONFERENCE
Saturday 18 November 2017
Asian Civilisations Museum

Programme

9.30 am	Registration
10.00 am	Welcome Note
10.10 am	<i>Dear God</i> – short play <i>by Ms Nessa Anwar, Playwright</i>
10.30 am	<i>You, Me and Islam</i> – facilitated discussion session <i>moderated by Ms Noor Mastura, Founder, Interfaith Youth Circle</i>
12.00 pm	Lunch
12.45 pm	<i>Ask Me Anything on Islam</i> – dialogue session <i>with Ustaz Irwan Hadi Mohd Shuhaimy & Ustazah Nazeerah Shaik Alwie</i>
2.00 pm	End