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MEDIA RELEASE

COMMUNITY IN REVIEW 2018

EDUCATION STRATEGIES IN THE NEW ERA: SUSTAINING PROGRESS

Seminar Discusses Education Strategies to Cope with Demands of Future Social and Economic Landscapes

1. Changes in today's economic landscape in Singapore has led to an increased diversity of talents and skills being valued by employers and their industries. Consequently, the education sector has created a more flexible and diversified education system aimed at nurturing students' development. The enhanced education system, which has shown a shift from grades as primary determinants of performance and intelligence, also poses the question of whether it will be a more equitable system for children from low-income families to have an array of pathways leading to better socioeconomic outcomes. As such, the recent and ongoing developments in the fields of education and economics call for a more rigorous discussion on whether the community and the larger Singaporean society should review their education goals or benchmarks and think of new strategies to cope with the demands of the future social and economic landscapes. To discuss this, the Association of Muslim Professionals (AMP), together with its research subsidiary, Centre for Research on Islamic and Malay Affairs (RIMA), is organising the 18th Community in Review seminar titled, *Education Strategies in the New Era: Sustaining Progress*, on **Saturday 24 March 2018 at 10.45 am at Grand Ballroom, Grand Hyatt Singapore (Level 3, 10 Scotts Road)**.
2. The seminar comprises a panel discussion involving four invited speakers: Dr Aaron Tan Kia Ann, Director of Teaching and Learning Division at Singapore Institute of Management; Dr Jason Tan Eng Thye, Associate Professor of Leadership and Policy Studies at National Institute of Education (NIE); Dr Mohd Mukhlis Abu Bakar, Associate Professor of Asian Languages and Cultures at NIE; and Dr Teo You Yenn, Associate Professor and Head, Division of Sociology at Nanyang Technological University.

3. Dr Aaron Tan will discuss the critical success factors in a disruptive future landscape. Dr Jason Tan will share his observations on implications of emerging trends, as well as opportunities and challenges for the Malay/Muslim community. Dr Mohd Mukhlis will speak on the multiple education pathway system and what it offers to students. Lastly, Dr Teo will address the future of education for children from low-income families.

4. This year's Community in Review seminar also will also include a special photo exhibition titled *Our Study Spaces*, which showcases the study spaces of Malay/Muslim students of different socioeconomic backgrounds. It aims to capture the realities of how factors of environment and social capital could impact a student's academic performance and motivations, while finding a link between said performance and access to resources.

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PROGRAMME

EDUCATION AND THE FUTURE ECONOMY: TIME FOR REFORMS?

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| 10.45 am | Media Registration |
| 10.55 am | Education in the Disruptive Future: Critical Success Factors?
<i>Dr Aaron Tan Kia Ann</i>
<i>Director, Teaching and Learning Division</i>
<i>Singapore Institute of Management</i> |
| 11.15 am | The Future of Education: The Dawn of a New Era in Education?
<i>Dr Jason Tan Eng Thye</i>
<i>Associate Professor, Leadership and Policy Studies</i>
<i>National Institute of Education</i> |
| 11.35 am | Multiple Pathways: What do They Offer Us?
<i>Dr Mohd Mukhlis Abu Bakar</i>
<i>Associate Professor, Asian Languages and Cultures</i>
<i>National Institute of Education</i> |
| 11.55 am | The Education Future of Children from Low-income Families
<i>Dr Teo You Yenn</i>
<i>Associate Professor, and Head, Division of Sociology</i>
<i>School of Social Sciences, College of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences</i>
<i>Nanyang Technological University</i> |
| 12.15 pm | Question & Answer Session |
| 1.15 pm | End |