

MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN



This has been a year of growth and change for AMP. This year, we rebranded ourselves from the Association of Muslim Professionals to simply AMP. It marked our move towards serving not just our Muslim community but all communities and our collective future together. This is significant because this opens up opportunities for us to explore new areas that we can make our mark in and in so doing, help the Malay/Muslim community progress further.

One way we have done so is by launching our newest initiative, AMPx, which offers intellectual capacity development of professionals and leaders through idea generation, networking, incubation of start-ups and training. As a movement of

professionals, AMP often taps on the thinking, expertise and knowledge of professionals to catalyse the community's progress. Launched in March 2019, AMPx is aimed at fostering a community of professionals who are invested in uplifting the community and one another.

Our signature event under AMPx is the Out of the Box (#OOTB) conference, which provides a platform for young professionals to learn and grow from experienced professionals and peers, brings together like-minded professionals to discuss and generate ideas on contemporary developments, and ultimately, build a dynamic community of thought leaders and professionals from different sectors who can learn from one another. Following the success of the inaugural #OOTB conference held in October 2018, which focused on fintech, we took this year's conference a notch higher by inviting an expert speaker from the United States, Dr Ayanna Howard, a roboticist, to speak on the topic of artificial intelligence, together with a panel of other expert speakers. We look forward to engaging more professionals from diverse

backgrounds and with varied perspectives to contribute to our capacity for exploring innovative ideas and solutions for the community.

While we have widened our focus to include the larger community, we remain committed to serving the interests of the Malay/Muslim community in Singapore. One such way is in tackling persistent problems faced by the community, such as drug addiction. We have reaffirmed our collaboration with the Singapore Prison Service to jointly conduct the Development and Reintegration Programme for another four years, having seen the positive impact it has made on inmates and families that we have served under the programme over the last two years. In these two years, DRP, which provides support to Muslim inmates in the Drug Rehabilitation Centres, as well as their families, has benefited more than 250 inmates and over 700 members of their families. We have also committed to extend our assistance to inmates who have been released from prison but whose families still require support post-release. Previously, assistance was offered for a year post-release, but we will now offer assistance to

the families for up to three years after the inmates are released from the prison. It is hoped that this will help stabilise and strengthen the families while the inmates work at reintegrating into society.

The relationships we cultivate with our stakeholders and the community are crucial to our work in serving the community as best as we can. AMP values our ties with other Malay/Muslim organisations (MMOs) in addressing the challenges faced by our community whilst advancing its interests. For this reason, we decided to set up a service centre in Wisma Geylang Serai (WGS), under Kurnia @ WGS. As a hub for partner MMOs, Kurnia @ WGS offers us the opportunity to work closer together with other MMOs to widen our outreach and make a greater impact on the community.

With the complexity of social and economic challenges we are faced with today, tackling these challenges in silos is ineffective. AMP recognises the value of strategic collaborations with mutual gains as well as the support from our various stakeholders in creating significant social impact. We would like to express our utmost

gratitude for your support and contributions over the years. Your confidence in AMP enables us to pursue long-term strategies which are vital in ensuring our relevance, success, and sustainability.

Last, but certainly not the least, on behalf of the AMP Board, I would like to extend our deepest appreciation to Mr Mohd Anuar Yusop, for his commitment and long-standing contributions to AMP since the day AMP was formed. While the role he played in AMP changed over the years – from management committee member to volunteer manager to board member and finally to Executive Director – his commitment to AMP did not. The impact of his contribution is most felt in his role as Executive Director, a position that he has held for 15 years. Through the changes in board leadership over the years, Anuar has been a constant in AMP. Under his stewardship, together with the Board, Anuar has taken AMP to greater heights. The programmes and services we offer have meaningfully grown over the years, our net assets have increased, our relationship with partners and stakeholders is better than ever and our staff strength has also grown.

His passion for fund raising has also helped in increasing our revenue over the years. AMP has certainly thrived under Anuar and we are grateful to him for that. This leaves me to wish him all the best in his next role, and knowing Anuar as I do, I am certain he will find a way to contribute to the community in whatever capacity or role he is in.

Moving forward, I am excited about the future prospects and new challenges awaiting AMP. I look forward to your continued support in the years to come as we navigate through these challenges and opportunities together as a community.

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