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MEDIA RELEASE

RIMA Holds Webinar to Discuss Youth Employment Issues

1. The latest perception study conducted by the Centre for Research on Islamic and Malay Affairs (RIMA) found that Malay youth are pessimistic about their overall employment outlook. To discuss youth employment through the insights and experiences of youth representatives from different backgrounds, RIMA will be organising a webinar titled *Youth on Employment: Expectations versus Reality* on **Wednesday 2 September 2020 at 8.00 pm** via a Facebook Live session on www.facebook.com/singaporeRIMA.
2. The webinar will feature three invited panelists: Ms Tasha Abdul Mutalib, who has over a decade's experience in human resource (HR) operations, Ms Amalina Abdul Nasir, Research Analyst at the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research at S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, and Mr Erwin Shah Dawson, Division Director at EDUdebt Pte Ltd.
3. Ms Tasha will be discussing HR-related employment issues faced by youths and offer advice for those seeking employment. Two youth representatives will be sharing their employment experiences – Ms Amalina will offer the perspective of a degree holder and madrasah graduate, while Mr Erwin, who is also an actor, will share his work experiences which include doing food delivery after production projects were suspended due to the pandemic. Ms Nabilah Mohammad, Senior Research Analyst at RIMA and lead researcher of the youth perception study, will be discussing some of the key findings from the study. The session will be moderated by Mr Muhammad Faris Alfiq Mohd Afandi, Research Analyst at RIMA.
4. **RIMA's full study titled, 'Voices of Youth: A Conversation on Employment' can be downloaded from bit.ly/RIMAxYPS. A total of 29 Malay/Muslim youths aged 18 to 35 participated in the study, in which key findings include the youths' perceptions, attitudes, awareness and predicaments on employment. We invite members of the media and the public to join us at the live webinar via www.facebook.com/singaporeRIMA.**

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About the Centre of Research on Islamic and Malay Affairs (RIMA)

The Centre for Research on Islamic and Malay Affairs (RIMA) is the research arm of AMP Singapore. RIMA's transformation from a research division of AMP to a full-fledged research centre in February 1998 underscored the growing emphasis on research to support the provision of services, as well as to promote intellectual discourse and discussion on issues and developments affecting the Malay and Muslim communities.

Today, RIMA's mission is to undertake strategic research aimed at providing thought leadership in contemporary Malay and Muslim affairs. Our vision is to be a centre for research excellence for the advancement of the Malay and Muslim communities. To this end, RIMA conducts research programmes in a number of key areas, which include economics, education, religion, social, leadership and civil society.