

EVENT REPORT 2019

World Interfaith Harmony Week
Celebration



HARMONY CENTRE
@ AN-NAHDHAH

Building Bonds of Humanity

"ONE BLOOD ONE HUMANITY"

Harmony Centre of Singapore collaborated with An Nahdhah Mosque to organise series of events in conjunction with World Interfaith Harmony Week Celebration 2019. The overarching theme is "One Blood One Humanity".

The objectives of these programmes as followings:

- a) To utilize social media to create awareness on World Interfaith Harmony Week and the locals' goodwill initiatives.
- b) To provide platform for faith leaders and youths to collaborate on interfaith initiatives.
- c) To empower youths of different faith to promote culture of peace and interfaith appreciation.
- d) To encourage faith communities to support World interfaith harmony week through blood donation drive.

This celebration consisted of 4 main events. a) Breakfast conversation with 25 faith leaders representatives and youths of various faiths. b) Messaging of Peace and Orange Distribution by 70 interfaith youths to mass public. c) Inter-religious intercultural engagement with 100 participants of faith leaders, members of youths and community. d) Blood Donation Drive open to public at An Nahdhah mosque.

PRELUDE TO BIG CELEBRATION

Breakfast Conversation with Interfaith Leaders and Youths, 12 noon ,Thursday 24th January 2019

The celebration starts with Breakfast Conversation at An Nahdhah Mosque with 25 participants of Faith Leaders and Youth of various faith affiliations; Taoism, Zoroastrianism, Buddhism, Christianity Catholic and Protestant, Islam and The Baha'i Faith.



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The conversation starts with faith leaders welcome the youths as some of these youths are new members of their respective faith organisations. Christian, Buddhist and Taoist faith leaders shared their inspiration and challenges in foster understanding and strengthening social bonds among society of different faiths while youths shared their aspiration to propose interfaith initiatives that can facilitate and resolve social issues. The conversation ended with teaser video to encourage public to join the bigger programme cum celebration on 9th February 2019.



THE BIG CELEBRATION

Messaging of Peace & Oranges Distribution
Inter religious and Intercultural-Engagement through
Interfaith Lunch Reception
Blood Donation Drive
9.00am - 4pm Saturday, 9th February 2019

The celebration started with 70 youths, a mix of Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Baha'i, Buddhists and monks, Taoists arrived at An Nahdhah Mosque. They were given briefing to carry the postcards and oranges. They had breakfast together and later spread themselves in different neighborhood to distribute postcards that explain on the history of World Interfaith Harmony Week and oranges in conjunction with Chinese Lunar New Year celebration to the public.

After completing the message of peace distribution, The youths returned to the mosque to participate in the Inter religious Intercultural engagement lunch reception. There were 100 participants joined the lunch reception which include leaders and youths of various faiths and Muslim congregants from Haji Mohamad Salleh Mosque whom wanted to learn more about the celebration.

Ustaz Ali, the Head of Harmony Centre gave an opening remarks; emphasizing the importance of strengthening interfaith bonding and for faith communities to work together to achieve common good. Faith leaders from 6 religions; The Baha'i, Taoism, Buddhism, Islam, Christianity and Sikhism were appointed as table hosts to engage interfaith youths at their respective table. As part of the engagement segment, there was segment to solve riddles. Faith leaders collaborated with interfaith youths at their table to solve the riddles. The group which were the fastest to solve the riddles won prizes.

The event then followed by a Guzheng (Chinese cultural instrument) performance performed by a Muslim boy and ended with everyone headed to the multi purpose hall to participate in blood donation drive. Concurrently, the blood donation drive had been ongoing since morning with public from various races and religions came to the mosque to participate in the donation drive. 2 videos were produced to capture the series of events and posted on social media.



"Thank you for sharing. This is so inspiring and I will forward it to the Inter religious Organisation of Singapore."

Reverend Gabriel Liew
Kampong Kapur Methodist Church

DEVELOPED NEW POSITIVE SOCIAL NARRATIVES

The series of events took place during major Chinese Lunar New Year celebration in Singapore. However, it did not prevent the Buddhist, monks and Taoist from participating the interfaith events. They squeezed time between their traditional family visit to come to the mosque to join these events.

Some of the Muslims representatives juggled between involving in the message of peace distribution event and to rush to teach weekend religious classes in mosque.

A few religious representatives took time to send their well wishes for the event despite them being unable to attend.

IMPACT

WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK VIDEO OUTREACH IN SOCIAL MEDIA

- 4000 Outreach
- 1000 Views
- 40 new LIKES to Harmony Centre's interfaith's initiatives.
- 30 shares by faith organisations, interest groups and netizens.

STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT

- 10 official religions in Singapore invited
- 7 religions participated
- 3 remaining religions sent well wishes and congratulatory messages
- 50 individuals of different races and faiths participated in blood donation drive in the mosque.

"Good Morning, congratulations on this great work and thanks for sharing the video. We have also shared it with our committee."

Parag Desai
Singapore Jain Society

