



# MUHAMMADIYAH ASSOCIATION

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## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### MUHAMMADIYAH ASSOCIATION'S RESPONSE TO NATIONAL DAY RALLY 2022 ON THE REPEAL OF SECTION 377A

1. We regret the Government's announcement to repeal Section 377A and are deeply concerned with the long-term effects it may have on our society. Muhammadiyah continues to stand firm on our principles of retaining religious and moral values to protect the sanctity of marriage and the family unit.
2. As an organisation deeply rooted in Islamic traditions and teachings, it is our mission to shape pious and righteous offspring, inculcate strong moral values in them, and imbue them with Islamic ethics that may benefit the community at large, leaving a positive impact on humanity.
3. As Muslims, our moral values are shaped and guided by the Qur'an and the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). Sexual acts and marriages between persons of the same sex are prohibited in Islam. In line with Article 15 of the Constitution of Singapore which guarantees religious freedom, we stand by the Qur'an and religious scriptures in determining the principles of family and marriage in our community. We will continue to advocate this position within our community.
4. We truly appreciate the reassurance from the Government that the current definition of marriage – a legal relationship between man and woman, not between man and man and neither between woman and woman – will still be maintained and protected. We will continue our engagement with stakeholders, including government agencies and other organisations, on maintaining these values and working together to further strengthen the family institution in Singapore.
5. Allah s.w.t has mentioned in the Qur'an: "You are the best community brought forth for the good of mankind, promoting what is known to be right, forbidding what is known to be wrong, and believing in God" (Surah 'Ali Imran, 3:110). In another verse, Allah s.w.t says: "May there be a group among you that calls for all that is good, promotes what is right and prevents what is wrong. It is they who are successful." (Surah 'Ali Imran, 3:104).
6. It is the moral obligation and duty of a Muslim to invite all – including those who practice LGBTQ lifestyle – to the act of goodness with wisdom and compassion. At the same time, we must continue to uphold and live up to our values as Muslims, refrain from any wrongdoings, and equip our children and youths with the true teachings of Islam.

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7. Muhammadiyah remains focused on our efforts in maximising the potential of our Muslim community through education initiatives, calling towards God-consciousness and providing a platform to be of benefit to others, especially the vulnerable and those who are struggling in their lives. This is in line with our vision of a community that is knowledgeable, pious, and beneficial to all.
8. May Allah s.w.t continue to guide us all.

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## About Muhammadiyah Association (MA)

Muhammadiyah Association (MA) is an organisation established in 1957. The association was officially registered as a Welfare Organization under the Charities Act in 1989.

Since its inception, MA has dedicated themselves to serving the needs of the community through Dakwah (missionary works), Welfare and Education.

The organisation manages six other institutions namely Muhammadiyah Welfare Home, Muhammadiyah Health and Day Care Centre, Madrasah Al-Arabiah Al-Islamiah, Muhammadiyah Islamic College, KABA Weekend Madrasah, Muhammadiyah Kindergarten, Tapak Suci Singapura, and is also the fifth MSF-appointed agency for fostering in Singapore.

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