

# LAUNCH OF THE FAMILY RESEARCH NETWORK (FRN) AND FORUM ON “MARRIAGE AND FERTILITY”

*Thursday, 18 September 2008*

*IPS Conference Room*

## **PROGRAMME**

- 2.00pm – 2.20 pm **Registration**  
*Guests to be kindly seated by 2.20pm please*
- 2.30pm – 2.35pm **Arrival of the Guest of Honour**  
Mrs Yu-Foo Yee Shoon  
Minister of State  
Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports
- 2.35pm – 2.55pm **Welcome Remarks & Opening Address**  
*By the Guest of Honour*
- 2.55pm – 3.15pm **SESSION I**
- State of the Family in Singapore**  
Mr Timothy Pak  
Secretariat, National Family Council &  
Manager, Family Policy Unit  
Family Development Group  
Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports
- 3.15pm – 3.30pm **Question-and-Answer Session**  
*Moderator:*  
Dr Yap Mui Teng  
Senior Research Fellow  
Institute of Policy Studies
- Panelists :*
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| Ms Ng Mie Ling<br>Coordinating Director<br>Family Development Group<br>Ministry of Community<br>Development, Youth and Sports | Mr Timothy Pak<br>Secretariat, National Family<br>Council &<br>Manager, Family Policy Unit,<br>Family Development Group<br>Ministry of Community<br>Development, Youth and Sports |
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- 3.30pm – 3.45pm **Coffee Break**

## **SESSION II**

- 3.45pm – 4.05pm **Where is Baby? A Sociological Insight to Fertility Decisions**  
Assoc Prof Paulin Straughan  
Deputy Head, Department of Sociology  
Vice Dean (Undergraduate Affairs)  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
National University of Singapore
- 4.05pm – 4.25pm **A Closer Look at Fertility Trends in Singapore**  
Dr Yap Mui Teng  
Senior Research Fellow  
Institute of Policy Studies
- 4.25pm – 4.50pm **Question-and-Answer Session**  
*Moderator:*  
Dr Lai Ah Eng  
Senior Research Fellow  
Asia Research Institute
- Panelists :*  
Assoc Prof Paulin Straughan  
Deputy Head, Department of  
Sociology & Vice Dean  
(Undergraduate Affairs)  
Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences  
National University of Singapore
- Dr Yap Mui Teng  
Senior Research Fellow  
Institute of Policy Studies
- 4.50pm – 5.00pm **Closing Remarks**  
Mr Arun Mahizhnan  
Deputy Director  
Institute of Policy Studies
- 5.00pm **End of Programme**



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