Untukmu Wanita

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The Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Singapore, OGSS in collaboration with Persatuan Ain, a prominent charitable Malay organization, had successfully organized a series of road shows called "Untukmu Wanita". This community project served to create awareness and instill knowledge among Malay women on issues with regards to female wellness, sexual health and pregnancy.

"Untukmu Wanita" means Especially for Women.

This project was the brain child of Member of Parliament, Mdm Halimah Yacob, who saw the need to educate the Malay public with regards to issues like teenage pregnancy, abortions, sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy-related problems, importance of antenatal care and contraception. She was motivated to organize this project following the success of the first Malay public forum conducted by OGSS in December last year.

"Untukmu Wanita" was kindly sponsored by Mead Johnson Singapore and supported by the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports.

A grand ceremony to launch "Untukmu Wanita" was held on 21st May 2006 at Istana Kampong Glam, Malay Heritage Centre. Mdm Halimah Yacob was present to grace the occasion as the guest of honour.

OGSS president, A/Prof Tay Eng Hseon, smartly attired in a batik shirt, impressively and inspiringly gave a speech in Malay. In his speech, he said OGSS is proud to be part of this community project to promote women's health among the Malay community. He deservedly received a rousing applause at the end of his speech.

The launch was attended by representatives from the various Malay/Muslim organizations, the media and invited guests. "Untukmu Wanita" was widely publicized in the media.

The launch was featured prominently on the front page of Berita Harian. It was also featured in the news on Mediacorp Radio Warna 94.2 FM and Ria 89.7 FM as well as Mediacorp TV Suria channel. Mediacorp Manja magazine and Majalah Perkahwinan, a leading Malay bridal magazine contributed articles on this event.

The series of 8 road shows were held on Saturday afternoons in the month of June and July. Malay-speaking OGSS doctors took turns to deliver speeches and lectures at various venues. Some sessions were attended by Malay celebrities like Aaron Aziz and wife, Jai and wife, AB Shaikh and the late Ishak Amat.

The event served as a good platform for our young Malay OGSS doctors to showcase themselves in public speaking and public education.

Date	Venue	Speakers
3 June 06	Jurong Green Community Club	Dr Denas Chandra
		Dr Citra Mattar
10 June 06	An Nahdhah Mosque, Bishan	Dr Denas Chandra
		Dr Jazlan Joosoph
24 June 06	Woodlands Community Club	Dr Lubna Harharah
		Dr Suzanna Sulaiman
1 July 06	Siglap Community Club	Dr Abdul Aziz Md Ali Sujak
		Dr Lubna Harharah
8 July 06	Tampines West Community Club	Dr Jazlan Joosoph
		Dr Citra Mattar
15 July 06	Sengkang Community Club	Dr Julianah Abu
		Dr Suzanna Sulaiman
27 July 06	Macpherson Secondary School Bukit	Dr Jasmine Mohd
		Dr Suzanna Sulaiman
29 July 06	Batok East Community Club	Dr Julianah Abu
		Dr Jasmine Mohd

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Offical Launching of Untukmu Wanita at Istana Kampong Glam. 21 May 2006.

From left: Dr Jazlan Joosoph, Dr Suzanna Sulaiman, Dr Citra Mattar, Dr Jasmine Mohd, Mr Ramli Puteh (President, Ain Society), Mdm Halimah Yacob, A/Prof Tay Eng Hseon, Dr Denas Chandra, Ms Salbia Ibrahim and Ms Vicki Ng