## IN THE SYARIAH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE REGISTRAR'S CIRCULAR NO 2 OF 2020

## ATTENDANCE OF PARTIES AT PARENTING PACT

- 1. It has been the practice since 1 October 2016 that a party who has at least one child below 21 years of age (who is the subject of Court proceedings) is required to attend a compulsory consultation session called "Parenting PACT" before he or she collects the certified copy of certificate of divorce.
- 2. Parenting PACT is one of the several family support programmes that are put in place to support divorced parents of minor children. Its objectives are to help parents better understand the impact of divorce on their children, to equip parents with healthy co-parenting skills and self-care strategies, and to educate parents on useful support resources and services post-divorce.
- 3. Parenting PACT is conducted by the Court's partner, PPIS As-Salaam Family Support Centre ("PPIS As-Salaam"), at the Court's premises. Parties are not required to pay any fee for attending the session.
- 4. A party who has attended Parenting PACT will be issued with a Certificate of Attendance from PPIS As-Salaam. An original copy of the Certificate of Attendance must be produced to the Court Registry at the time of collecting the certificate of divorce (together with the payment receipt for the certificate of divorce).
- 5. A party who does not produce the Certificate of Attendance is liable to have his or her request to collect the certified copy of certificate of divorce rejected.
- 6. Court users and members of the public who wish to obtain more information on Parenting PACT, or general information on court processes and procedures, may visit our website at <a href="www.syariahcourt.gov.sg">www.syariahcourt.gov.sg</a>. For further clarification, court users and members of the public may call 63548371 or email <a href="mailto:MCCY\_Syariah@mccy.gov.sg">MCCY\_Syariah@mccy.gov.sg</a>.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020

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