## Rahayu Mahzam

Rahayu was appointed as Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Health on 1 September 2020. She has served in Jurong GRC as MP since 2015, after more than 15 years of experience as a youth volunteer in the community. She used to practice as a lawyer, specialising in family law and was accredited Associate Mediator with the Singapore Mediation Centre.

Rahayu is passionate about supporting residents in need and developing opportunities for people to come together to help one another. She has introduced many social programmes in Bukit Batok East, to help families, support students and uplift women. Her initiatives with volunteers have also led to Bukit Batok East being recognised as a Dementia-Friendly Community, one of the eight in Singapore.

In Parliament, Rahayu has championed the interests of the special needs community, youth development, as well as efforts to empower women and preserve a strong, multi-racial and multi-religious community.

Rahayu was part of a team of women MPs who made proposals calling on the Government and the whole of society to do more to support young families. She is also part of the PAP Seniors Group (PAP.SG) and has actively promoted efforts to empower our seniors and encourage active aging.

As Vice-Chairman of the REACH Supervisory Panel, Rahayu is closely involved in seeking feedback from public on policies and various issues. She also contributes nationally through other committees, including the OnePeople.SG Executive Committee, National Youth Council and Advisory Council on Community Relations in Defence. She leads the M<sup>3</sup> Youth mentoring efforts in the Malay/Muslim community.

Rahayu is married and has a three-year old son. She graduated with a law degree at National University of Singapore in 2002.