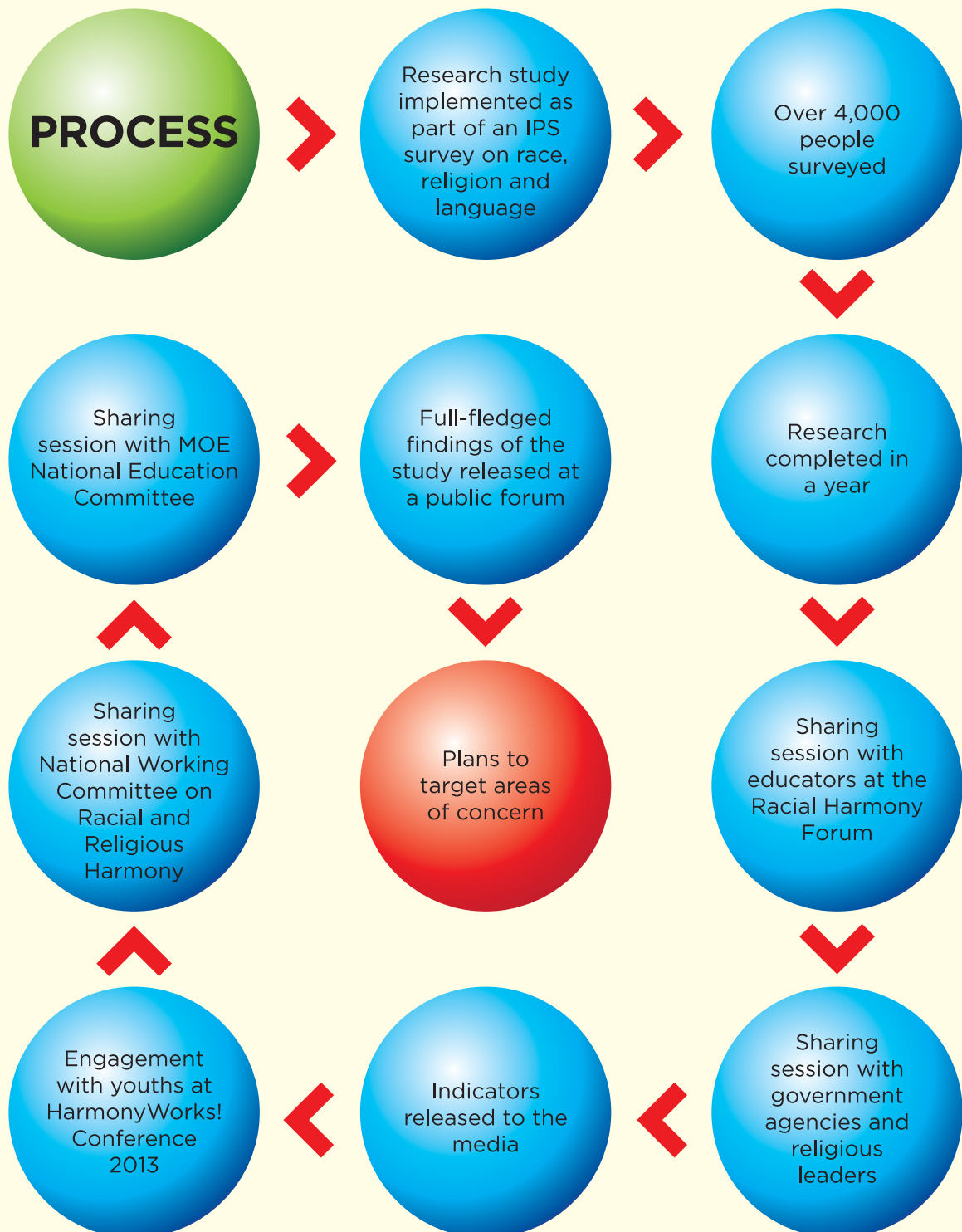




INDICATORS OF RACIAL & RELIGIOUS HARMONY

The Indicators of Racial and Religious Harmony is a joint project of the Institute of Policy Studies at the National University of Singapore and OnePeople.sg (OPSG). The baseline study provides a reading of Singaporean attitudes on race and religion. The indicators were developed using results from a survey of 4,131 Singapore residents. The sample included a nationally representative sample of 3,128 respondents and an additional booster sample of minorities to ensure that there was sufficient number of minorities to make cross-ethnic comparisons. Following the study, OPSG held a series of dialogues engaging stakeholders and community partners on key issues. The full-fledged findings of the study was released through a public forum held on 11 September 2013. The study in essence, provides a framework for OPSG, policy makers as well as community stakeholders to look at strengths and gaps, and build strategies for deeper intervention.



Absence of minority discrimination in using public services:



SCORE 9.75

- More than 90% of minorities felt that they were treated equally in the use of public services

Absence of inter-racial and religious tension



SCORE 7.99

- About 70% of respondents did not experience any racial or religious tension in their daily lives

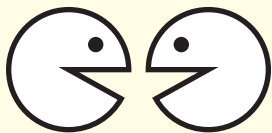
Embracing diversity



SCORE 7.63

- About 70% believed that it was good for Singapore to be made up of different races

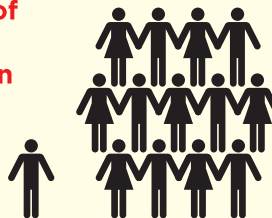
Interest in inter-cultural understanding and interaction



SCORE 6.49

- About 55 % were interested in meeting people of other races and religions
- About 50% were interested in understanding other people's customs

Absence of minority perception of social exclusion



SCORE 6.20

- Under 20% of respondents believed that Indians and Malays had to work harder compared to other races to have a basic, decent life in Singapore
- Slightly above 30% of respondents believed that Indians and Malays had to work harder compared to other races to reach top positions in their organisations

Presence of close inter-racial friendships



SCORE 4.51

- About 80% were comfortable having a close friend of another race or religion
- Only 45% had at least 1 close friend of another race

*(Scores derived are based on a calculation of mean scores of various items in the survey.)
(Percentages do not reflect respondents with neutral opinions.)*

Ranking	Indicator	Score
1	Absence of minority discrimination in using public services	9.75
2	Absence of inter-racial and religious tension	7.99
3	Embracing diversity	7.63
4	Absence of minority discrimination in the work place	7.56
5	Inter-racial and religious comfort in private and public spheres	7.46
6	Inter-racial and religious social trust	7.18
7	Embracing colour blindness	6.96
8	Interest in inter-cultural understanding and interaction	6.49
9	Absence of minority perception of social exclusion	6.20
10	Presence of close inter-racial friendships	4.51