



Preparing Our Children for the World of Tomorrow

The fifth Singapore Children's Society Lecture delivered invaluable insights into preparing children to face the trials and tribulations of the world of tomorrow. Here is a distillation of the lecture and its most salient points.

As we face the daily stress of a fast-paced and uncertain world, it is imperative that we equip our children with the attributes for them to cope with future challenges. It is not skill sets for specific tasks, but soft skills that we must arm our children with. How do we prepare them with the attributes and values that will see them through external challenges?

Mr Ho Kwon Ping, Executive Chairman of Banyan Tree Holdings Limited and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Singapore Management University, addressed the topic as the speaker, during the 5th Singapore Children's Society Lecture. Titled *Preparing Our Children for the World of Tomorrow*, it was held at Nanyang Polytechnic on Saturday 22 October 2011. Mr Ho shared insights, provided glimpses of his family life and child-rearing philosophies with a 300-strong audience.

Taking the rostrum, Mr Ho commented that the recent focus on character-building in the school curriculum is a step in the right direction, but values cannot be effectively transmitted solely through classroom learning. Values, he pointed out, are built via personal encounters – the experiential learning outside the classroom – through family, friends and mentors that enable the lessons to be learnt. Firmly believing that parents are critical in imparting values to children, he cautioned against relying on the education system to instil desired values.



Mr Ho (centre) addressing a question during the Q&A session. With him are Prof Ho Lai Yun (left) and Prof John Elliott from the Society's Research and Advocacy Standing Committee.

A trait to be encouraged in children is that of always asking: "why". Encouraging children to ask about the world promotes natural curiosity and leads them to develop critical thinking skills. Mr Ho's children were encouraged to ask questions, and parents should do their best to address these questions, even though providing the answers may sometimes be difficult.

Mr Ho revealed that his family dinners provided ideal opportunities for his children to express their views on a range of topics and debate over them. These sessions taught them to think critically and on their feet. He admitted that the discussions sometimes got heated; and to reduce the temperature, it was necessary to point out beforehand that during discussions, it was the topic that was being critiqued, not the person.

The event concluded with a lively and thought-provoking question-and-answer session, where practical tips and 'how-to's were discussed, the inculcation of critical thinking and the roles of parents in imparting values.

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An Interview with Dr Cuthbert Teo

Associate Professor Cuthbert Teo is the Ruth Wong Award honouree at this year's Singapore Children's Society Awards, for his outstanding contributions to the Society. The Society's Honorary Assistant Secretary and a Member of two Standing Committees (Research and Advocacy; Information and Corporate Relations), we ask A/P Teo what motivates him to help children through the Society.



A/P Teo (2nd from left) with staff from the Society attending the International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Conference, held in September 2010 in Honolulu.

Please tell us more about yourself, and how your desire to help came about?

I'm a forensic pathologist at the Forensic Medicine Division of the Health Sciences Authority (HSA), and oversee operational matters like human resource and administration. I hold teaching positions at the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine and the Department of Biological Sciences at NUS. I am also Chairman of the Chapter of Pathologists of the Academy of Medicine, and a Board member of the Centre of Medical Ethics and Professionalism, Singapore Medical Association.

I became aware of the plight of children during my paediatric posting as a medical student. It was difficult to bear the distress of young patients who were ill with life-threatening diseases. I was heartbroken by kids who were chronically sick, and those who were neglected or abused. After post-graduate training in forensic medicine in the UK, I thought one good way to help children was to work with abused children. I requested for further training in child abuse and family violence, and was sent to the US by the Ministry of Health.

How did you come to know about Children's Society? Was serving in the Research and Advocacy Standing Committee (RASC) a natural choice for you?

While working with the ministries and hospitals in child abuse, my former CEO at HSA, Dr Clarence Tan, introduced me to volunteer work with the Children's Society. I remember being very impressed with the work done by the Society, the volunteers, the dedicated professional and administrative staff, and by the Executive Committee. I made regular monetary donations, but wanted to do more. While volunteering with the Society, I met

Prof Ho Lai Yun, who was one of my teachers in medical school. He also worked with abused children, and is a shining example of someone who 'walks the talk'.

Due to my interest in research, Prof Ho suggested I join the Research Committee chaired by Prof John Elliott. Later I joined RASC, chaired by Prof Ho. I am glad to be given the opportunity to learn from the experience of others in the Executive Committee and Standing Committees.

How has volunteering with Children's Society made a difference in your life?

With today's busy lifestyle, people get caught up with themselves. The benefits of volunteering are enormous, to others and to the self. By volunteering, I am able to give back to the community for all the things society has given me to make me what I am today. I want to help disadvantaged children, help protect vulnerable children, and help children at risk to reach their potential. Children are the society's future and every child is precious. For me, volunteering is rewarding because I meet new people, make new friends, and learn new skills; and it is a good way to protect one's mental and spiritual health. Volunteering is fun and fulfilling.

What has been most satisfying about volunteering, and what do you wish for Children's Society?

I hope that whatever I do in the Children's Society helps a child in need, even if it is in the smallest way. Working with the Society satisfies my desire for that. I hope the Society will continue to have dedicated professional and full-time staff, volunteers and leaders, to bring relief and happiness to children in need.

The Walk for Our Children is the signature annual fundraising event of the Singapore Children's Society and this year, it was set amidst the picturesque skyline of Marina Bay.



This year's Walk, held on Sunday 24 July at Marina Barrage, was themed Sweet Dreams and indeed it proved true to the theme when the children were delighted by the fairy-tale objects like the stage fashioned into a candy house, seats in the form of giant cupcakes, a lollipop garden and bouncy castles! The highlight was an eagerly anticipated moment, when a blimp, soaring high above, showered candy!



Children and adults in the mass warm-up session before the 3-kilometre long walk.

The leisurely three-kilometre walk along the Gardens by the Bay was flagged off by Guest-of-Honour Ms Grace Fu, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts; and Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources.

The carnival activities staged that day kept the 3,300-strong crowd busy with fun-filled activities. The carnival boasted more than 30 stalls, offering games for young and old, toys and souvenirs, handicrafts, as well as traditional snacks and desserts. Sports stars were on hand to meet and greet and they included the Team Singapore table tennis athletes Yang Zi and Zena Sim, Youth Olympic Games Archer Abdul Dayyan, and Olympians such as the iconic C Kunalan.

Close to \$400,000 was raised, with these proceeds going towards funding the Society's services and programmes. Children's Society thanks all volunteers and sponsors, in particular NTUC Income, our Community Partner OCBC Bank and Noble Group, for their strong support and contributions to the Walk for Our Children!

This year's Bully-Free Forum was held at Republic Polytechnic on 16 July and was well attended by a close to 300-strong audience comprising social service practitioners and educators. Mr Heng Chee How, Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office, was the Guest-of-Honour.



The focus was on the often neglected party in dealing with the issue of bullying – the bullies themselves. While most intervention on bullying emphasise the victims, the bullies are in vital need of help as well. If unaddressed, research has shown that bullies may grow up and commit crimes of greater severity.



The Society's Honorary Secretary Mrs Mae-Lim (left) presenting a token of appreciation to Dr Annis Fung.

Dr. Annis Fung Lai-chu, Assistant Professor of the Department of Applied Social Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the City University of Hong Kong, was the guest speaker at the forum. She shared effective strategies to better manage the bullies, intervention strategies of working with reactive and proactive aggressors in the school setting, and training programmes for teachers, counsellors and parents.

An interactive element in the forum this year was the electronic poll in which members of the audience keyed in their answers via handheld devices. They were presented with questions asking if they had ever been tempted to bully anyone, or if they agreed that some victims of bullying actually 'ask' to be bullied. This was followed by comments from the moderator, Ms Christina Appadoo, Head of Singapore Children's Society Youth Centre (Jurong).

A Home Ready for Hari Raya!

On 21 July 2011, a wish came true for Madam Salim, made possible by Singapore Children's Society and Seagate Technology International.

A mother of two young girls, Madam Salim's flat was in need of repairs but she could not afford the money to do so. When Seagate approached Children's Society to select a family for a home makeover, the Society recommended Madam Salim's family. Her elder daughter attends the Society's Student Care Centre (Henderson).

Seagate staff visited the family to have a look at the flat and hear Madam Salim's wishes for her home. On the day of the makeover, 20 staff from Seagate's Woodlands facility put their skills and their best efforts into giving Madam Salim's apartment a new lease of life. Work began at 8:30am, and working tirelessly, completed the makeover in the late afternoon.



Madam Salim was touched by the transformation and expressed her thanks to Children's Society and Seagate Technology International.

After the makeover, she said: "Before, it was hard to give my daughters a good environment. With a messy home, I didn't want to open my house for Hari Raya. But now, I am happy to have friends and relatives visit!"

Fancy Footwork with the Reds



Youths from Singapore Children's Society Round Box Youth Drop-in Centre and Youth Centre (Jurong) got the opportunity of their lifetime: rubbing shoulders and showing fancy footwork with players from the legendary English football club, Liverpool.

A football clinic and meet-and-greet session at the Ceylon Sports Club was organised by Liverpool Football Club's Singapore fan club on 17 July when the Reds were in town as part of an Asian tour. The players arrived the day before from Kuala Lumpur, where they won 5-3 against the Malaysian National Team in a friendly.

Our youths were obviously thrilled and they picked up football techniques such as passing and heading from a local coach, Liverpool coach Anthony Wright and players such as Brad Jones and Daniel Ayala. It was a dream come true for them to be on the same pitch with some of the Reds, as it was probably the only time they will receive coaching from professional footballers and coaches of international renown. The youths also got to display their football skills in a match with the Reds, with whom they showed no mercy to as they put them to the test with an impressive performance.

After the clinic, the players gave jerseys from past matches to our youths as souvenirs. Needless to say, our youths' excitement was palpable as they crowded around the Liverpool stars for autographs.

Wanting to capture the moment for posterity, everyone gathered for a group photograph as a memento of a fun-filled day. The day may have ended, but it was certainly not the end of Liverpool Football Club's continuous efforts to reach out to and give back to society through community work.

Dancing into SingHealth Nurses' Day



'You(th) are Beautiful!'

The theme for YouthGIG 2011 was really special: it encouraged youths to love themselves for who they are. It was adopted because counsellors had observed that some youths have to grapple with low self-confidence, the inability to focus on their studies, and some were fixated on changing their appearance due to dissatisfaction with their bodies.

Hence this year's theme, 'You(th) are Beautiful!', was chosen to create awareness of body image issues among youths, and encourages them to love themselves for who they are.

YouthGIG 2011 was held at Shuqun Secondary School on July 8. This annual event, organised by youths of Singapore Children's Society Youth Centre (Jurong) for their peers, provided an ideal platform for youths to gain confidence through showcasing their skills and talents. The event also aimed to inspire other youths to come forward and use their talents and contribute back to the community.

15-year-old Nur Umaira, who battled low self-esteem and body image issues a few years ago, had overcome her fears and is now more confident, thanks to the counsellors at the Centre. She participated in this year's YouthGIG fashion show as a model, just as she did last year, and later shared her experiences with the audience.



Dr Amy Khor presenting Nur Umaira with a 2nd place award for a photography competition.

Performances put up that evening included the Guns N' Roses hit song, *Sweet Child o' Mine*, and K-Pop dances. Guest performer, Gabrielle Ferdinands, a Singapore Idol Top 24 finalist, sang *Just The Way You Are* by Bruno Mars. She also led the way in the grand finale with *True Colours*. Dr Amy Khor, Minister of State, Ministry of Health, and Mayor, South West District, was the Guest-of-Honour.

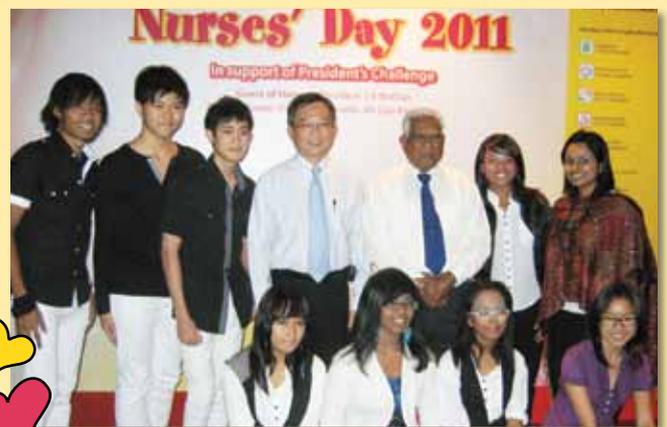
The K-Pop dance group from Youth Centre (Jurong) banished the butterflies from their stomachs and put up a rousing opening number for the SingHealth Nurses' Day celebrations.



As part of SingHealth's fund-raising efforts in support of this year's President's Challenge, SingHealth nurses put together a charity musical called *Hey, Florence!* that offered a glimpse into the day-to-day life of nurses. The production was staged at The Rock Auditorium at Suntec City on SingHealth Nurses' Day on July 28.

Children's Society is a beneficiary of the President's Challenge this year, and SingHealth invited the K-Pop dance group from Youth Centre (Jurong) to be the opening act for the evening.

Performers from Youth Centre (Jurong) calmed their nerves and demonstrated their professionalism and potential in their performance. Clad in black shirts and white pants, they wowed Guest-of-Honour, then President S R Nathan, and the fully-packed auditorium with their well-rehearsed slick moves.



The youths were particularly thrilled when they had the opportunity to take a photo with Mr Nathan, certainly a great memento of an exciting evening!



Link-ups with Overseas Counterparts

Singapore Children's Society was honoured to play host to visitors from as far away as Colorado, USA, and three delegations from Hong Kong. Through the dedication of its volunteers and staff, our Society has made itself known beyond the shores of Singapore, and we are glad to share our knowledge with our overseas friends!



Dr Richard Krugman (third from the left) is Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and Dean of the School of Medicine, University of Colorado, Denver. He was here to find out how Singapore's child protection system works.



A group from the Hong Kong Chinese Evangelical Zion Church Social Service Division visited our Student Care Centre (Henderson) and Youth Centre (Jurong) on September 7, to learn about our services for children and youth.



A delegation from the International Social Service (ISS) Hong Kong visited Sunbeam Place on August 4, to learn more about our Society and the Home.



In a reciprocal gesture, Sunbeam Place hosted 11 members of the Chinese Rhenish Church Hong Kong Synod on September 22. The church hosted the Society's delegation during the Hong Kong learning trip in July.

Did You Know?

REACH and Storm Riders are two programmes run at the Society's Family Service Centre (Yishun). REACH aims to improve the mental health of at-risk children living in the community below 19 years of age. This is done through screening and collaboration between our trained staff and the Child Guidance Clinic's (CGC) REACH mobile team to provide early detection, intervention and management, where necessary. Our REACH workers have undergone mental health training lectures and attachments at CGC to equip them with skills in early detection and intervention.

Storm Riders is an anger management intervention programme for children from Primaries Three to Five. They learn effective

communication, emotional management and regulation techniques, as well as positive conflict resolution skills. By managing their emotions and behaviour positively, children are more positive towards the school and home environment, which in turn contributes to their academic, social and emotional development.

Since the start of the programmes last year, we have helped a total of 5 children through REACH, and 41 children through Storm Riders.



Pop into this Crib – A Home Away from Home



It is a place of warmth and security. A place where students of Pioneer Secondary School can go to for chilling out and to use its facilities such as shooting pool, carom and table football. It is Singapore Children's Society's 21st Project CABIN and is called the "Pop-in Crib", chosen after a naming competition held in the school.

Pop-in Crib can accommodate an average of 25 to 30 students daily and was launched on 20 August. It is an ideal place where Pioneer students can hang-out after school to relax, have fun and engage in meaningful activities instead of loitering at shopping malls and possibly mixing with bad company. Started in 1994, Project CABIN seeks to address the issues of premature school leavers and youth delinquency, and they provide a channel for our youth workers to reach out to students.

Madam Halimah Jacob, Minister of State, Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports, was the Guest-of-Honour for the event. Upon her arrival, boys from the school performed a Silat routine, comprising a ritual greeting to welcome royalties or dignities in the Malay culture.



Madam Halimah appreciating the amenities of the cosy Pop-In Crib.

Haslinah, a Pioneer alumna and current second-year Mechatronics student at ITE College West, shared her experiences of Project CABIN. She recalled how the support and encouragement she received inspired her to better herself. The students also put up an exhibition showcasing past events organised by the CABIN, drawing smiles from the students who saw photos of themselves having a great time.

LEARNING FROM HONG KONG'S SERVICE DELIVERY

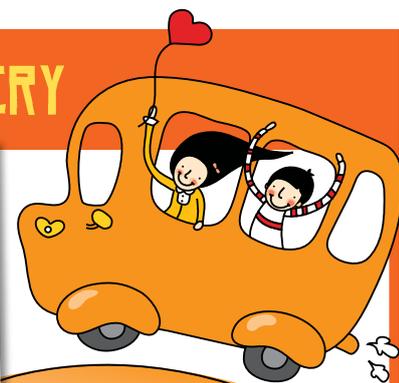


Group photo with the Unusual Academy, Hong Kong Playground Association. They prepare young school-leavers to join the workforce with vocational skills.

In July, a team of Children's Society staff and volunteers visited several Hong Kong NGOs that provide a comprehensive and creative network of services for the welfare of children and youth there. Our delegation was introduced to the good practices of five NGOs in the areas of outreaching service, drop-in facilities, residential homes and school-based social work. To say the least, the client-oriented services and facilities team with relevance and innovation.

An outreach mobile truck with in-built stereo; an all-night drop-in centre operated by senior youth clients; a high-rise crisis shelter with a rock-wall feature and the Unusual Academy that charms and trains out-of-school youth for gainful employment, were just some of the intriguing amenities our team experienced first-hand.

Through creative strategies and bold initiatives, our hosts shared their range of services that serve the young community:



Following Hong Kong youth workers on the night shift provided insights on how they reach out to youths.

from crisis intervention to nurturing proud and socially responsible young adults. The study trip proved to be a real treat and an eye-opener!

Best practices in *A Guide to Youth Drop-in Centres*



With youth issues dominating recent headlines, most of the 200 attendees were social service professionals and educators.

The National Council of Social Service (NCSS) endorsed Singapore Children's Society as a Centre of Specialisation in Youth Drop-in Centres in 2008. In an endeavor to share its best practices and expertise in this area, the Society launched *A Guide to Youth Drop-in Centres* on 27 July 2011.

The Guide contains a summary of the Society's service delivery experience of running centres based in schools, a centre targeted at youth within a district, and a centre with a nation-wide catchment of youth. It also contains:

- Profiles of different types of youth-at-risk
- A step-by-step guide on setting up a centre, and
- Key considerations on types of programmes and services

The contents make the guide a comprehensive manual for any fledgling youth drop-in centre.

Dr Caroline Balhetchet, Director of the Society's Youth Service Centre (Toa Payoh), is the author. She has more than a decade of experience as a counsellor, and her portfolio involves outreach work with youth-at-risk and she has worked closely with the Juvenile Court to reform youths deemed Beyond Parental Control.



A programme coordinator (in white) from the Society's Youth Centre (Jurong) explains the youth services run by the Society.

The Guide was launched at the OnePeople.SG Auditorium, where Dr Balhetchet went through highlights of the publication with more than 200 educators and social service professionals. This was followed by viewing of exhibits by various VVOs, and a breakout session in which attendees posed questions to Dr Balhetchet and other centre heads from the Society – a sharing of the effective and best practices in engaging youths and community partners.



MOVIE THRILLER TREAT!



Over a hundred volunteers from Children's Society were given a movie treat at the GV VivoCity Cinema on Saturday 8 October 2011. A screening of the action-thriller *Abduction* was part of this annual Tribute to Volunteers.

The event started off with a sumptuous buffet brunch, where volunteers from the various Centres got to mingle and share stories. Adding to the buzz this year, guests were given the opportunity to don masks and other props for an exuberant photoshoot! Everyone were able to take home their moment of fun in front of the camera, with instant photo printouts to go with photo frames specially decorated by the children and youth of the Society.

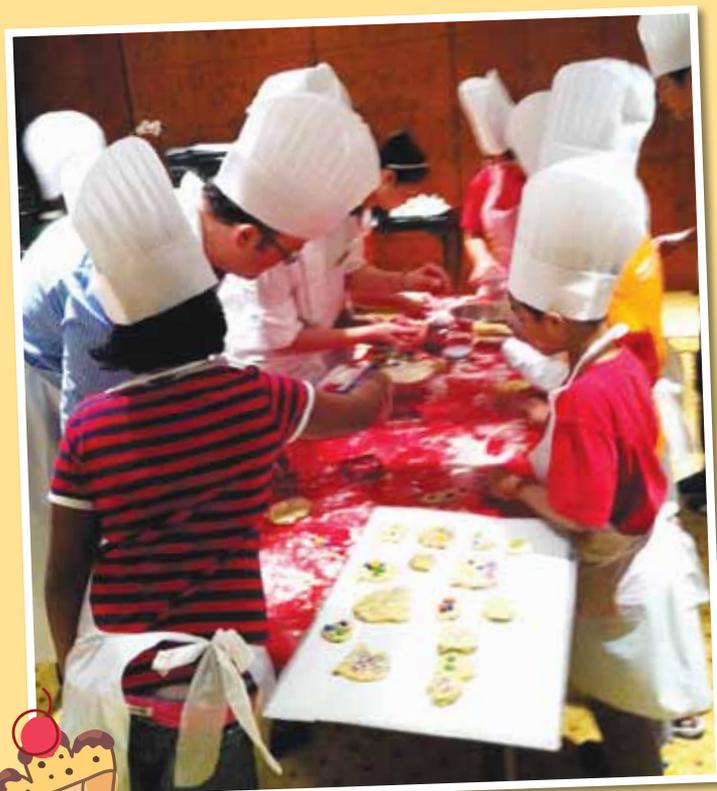
Volunteers are the heart and soul of the Society, and this event was our way of thanking them for their hard work and dedication.

Little Pastry Chefs in the Making!



Nestled in the heart of Orchard Road, the Monet meeting room of the Pan Pacific Orchard hotel was filled with dough, and also the sounds of children's laughter. On the Sunday morning of 25 June, 22 children aged between 6 to 11 years from our Sunbeam Place residential home, stepped into the Monet Room that was transformed into a mini-pastry kitchen by the staff and chefs of the hotel.

Eagerly donning chef's hats and aprons, the children had a wonderful day of fun and excitement, learning how to bake. Listening with keen interest, they learnt the basics of baking cookies and chocolate cupcakes from the chefs on hand who conducted the demonstrations. Thoroughly enjoying the hands-on (and somewhat messy) experience of working with the ingredients, the children later got creative and surprised the chefs with intricately designed pastries!



Working with such delicious ingredients certainly fired up everyone's appetites. After a splendid buffet lunch catered by the hotel, the chefs baked the cookies and cupcakes on the spot. The children were clearly delighted to be able to bring back their very own pastry masterpieces, except for some who could not resist sinking their teeth into their own work!

Pan Pacific Orchard had chosen Singapore Children's Society as its adopted charity and the hotel aims to provide more opportunities where the children can interact safely with adults, and also provide character-building experiences through various fun-filled and hands-on activities.

Judging from the laughter and satisfied smiles of the children, we are sure that our children are looking forward to the next activity with Pan Pacific Orchard!



专访：张英水副教授

张英水副教授凭着卓越贡献，获颁今年度“新加坡儿童会常年颁奖礼”的“王惠卿博士卓越成就奖”。张副教授也是儿童会的荣誉助理秘书，并担任两个常务委员会的委员。《晨曦期刊》向他了解，是什么力量推动他为儿童会的孩子们尽心尽力。

请自我介绍。您是如何决定投身志愿服务？

我在卫生科学局担任法医，并在新加坡国立大学的杨潞龄医学院和生物科学系执教。我也在多个医学组织担任要职。

我在大学念医科时，被安排到儿科部实习。那里的孩子，有的患病，有的被忽略或虐待，让我心痛不已。毕业后，我要求卫生部派我到美国深造，接受有关受虐儿童和家庭暴力的培训。

您是如何认识儿童会？加入研究与倡导常务委员会是必然的选择吗？

卫生科学局前执行总管陈忠智医生介绍我到儿童会，参与志愿服务。在那里，我遇见了大学老师——何乃殷教授。何教授建议我加入以约翰·艾里特教授为首的研究小组。后来，我加入了以何教授为首的研究与倡导常务委员会。



张副教授（左起第二位）与儿童会职员出席2010年9月在夏威夷檀香山举行的“国际防止虐待与忽视儿童会议”。

在儿童会服务如何改变您的人生？

通过志愿服务，我能够回馈社会，并帮助和保护贫弱的孩子，让他们发挥潜能。对我来说，志愿服务深具意义。

志愿服务的最大满足感是什么？您对儿童会有何愿景？

我希望为儿童会付出的每一点绵力，都能帮助有需要的儿童。我也希望儿童会继续拥有具奉献精神的专业人士、全职员工、义工和领袖，救助有需要的孩童，给他们带来快乐。



为孩子做好准备 迎接未来

在这个日新月异、变幻莫测的世界里，我们该如何为孩子做好准备，向他们灌输品德、价值观等软技能，以应付未来的各种挑战？

“第5届新加坡儿童会讲座”于10月22日（星期六），在南洋理工学院举行。主讲人是悦榕控股执行主席兼新加坡管理大学董事会主席——何光平先生。他同大约300名与会者分享了他的家庭生活 and 育儿方面的心得。

谈到教育部近期宣布把品德教育纳入学校课程纲要时，何先生表示赞同。但他指出，品德和价值观是无法单靠课堂传授的，而是由学生通过家人、朋友、师长等课堂外的接触，来培养和学习的。何先生坚信：家长在灌输孩子价值观方面，扮演重要角色。他们不应该过度依赖教育体制来培养孩子的价值观。

其中一个值得提倡的特质，是鼓励孩子勇于发问。这不但能启发孩子的好奇心，孩子也能从中学会批判思维。何先生透露：



何光平先生（中）在提问时间，回答与会者的提问。同席而坐的是来自儿童会研究与倡导常务委员会的何乃殷教授和约翰·艾里特教授。

当他们一家人聚在餐桌吃饭时，孩子有机会针对各项课题，发表意见、展开辩论，并学会独立思考。

最后，在提问时间里，主讲人同与会者针对培养批判思维，以及家长灌输孩子价值观的职责等课题，展开生动且发人深省的交流。



请义工看电影!



2011年10月8日(星期六), 超过100名新加坡儿童会义工到嘉华怡丰城, 免费观赏英语动作惊悚片《绑架》(Abduction)。这个常年活动是要答谢义工们为儿童会的努力付出和辛劳。

来自各所中心的义工们, 一边享用丰盛的自助早午餐, 一边互相交流、分享心得。大伙儿也随意戴上面具或利用道具, 拍张有趣的大合照! 除了获赠即时打印照片外, 义工们也收到由儿童会的孩子和青少年男女亲手点缀的相框, 以资纪念。



反欺凌讲座2011

关注恶霸



今年的“反欺凌讲座”于7月16日, 在共和理工学院举行。共有将近200名公众出席了这场讲座, 当中不乏社工与教育工作者。讲座的特别嘉宾是总理公署高级政务部长王志豪先生。

这次讲座探讨的是在欺凌事件中, 常被遗忘的一群——恶霸。在处理欺凌事件时, 人们往往把重点放在如何协助受害人, 却忽略了恶霸本身也需要帮助。研究显示: 如果没有加以解决, 这些恶霸长大后可能会犯下较严重的罪行。

讲座主讲人是香港城市大学人文及社会科学学院应用社会科学系助理教授——冯丽姝博士。她同与会者分享如何更有效地应付恶霸、校方可采取的干预措施, 以及为教师、辅导员与家长推出的培训计划。

今年, 讲座还增添了一项互动环节: 电子调查。与会者可通过掌上器材, 输入答案, 参与调查。

迈向甜蜜美梦



“新加坡儿童会义走活动”是儿童会的常年筹款活动。今年的义走活动于7月24日(星期天)在滨海堤坝举行。今年的主题是“甜蜜美梦”, 现场也布置得像个童话乐园: 糖果屋造型的舞台、巨型杯形蛋糕的座椅、棒棒糖花园, 以及城堡游乐设施。最令小朋友期待的是飞船从空中洒下的糖果!

沿着滨海湾花园的3公里义走活动, 由特别嘉宾——新闻、通讯及艺术部兼环境及水源部高级政务部长傅海燕女士, 主持挥旗礼。

义走结束后, 3300名公众涌向拥有超过30个摊位的嘉年华会。除了老少咸宜的游戏项目外, 现场也售卖玩具、纪念品、手工艺品, 以及传统小吃和甜品。我国体育健儿和奥运名人也到场同公众打成一片。

活动共筹得将近40万元, 为资助儿童会的服务和计划。感谢所有志愿人士和赞助商, 特别是职总安康保险、社区伙伴华侨银行, 以及来宝集团, 鼎力支持这项义走!

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Singapore Children's Society congratulates
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Mr Peter Joe Chia for being awarded
The Public Service Star (Bar).



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