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**SDeaf a proud recipient of the
Charity Transparency Award**

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Happy New Year!

Looking back, 2016 has been a year whereby we achieved a number of significant milestones.

SADeaf is a proud recipient of the inaugural Charity Transparency Award; played host to close to 400 local and overseas delegates during three major World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) events held over a two-week period (from 4 - 16 October) which we successfully organised the 8th WFD RSA Youth Camp, 28th WFD RSA Representatives Meetings & 5th WFD Asia Conference respectively.

We were overwhelmed with a sense of pride with public awareness at its all time-high when the whole nation (including our President Dr Tony Tan, Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong & his cabinet colleagues) song-signed popular NDP songs such as "Home" and "Count on me, Singapore" at the National Day Parade.

We took a step towards a more inclusive society and a better understanding of the needs of our Deaf children as the Ministry of Education (MOE) announced that Primary-level students with hearing loss who sign will soon be able to enrol into a designated primary school to learn alongside with their mainstream peers.

As we usher in 2017, my team and I will be focusing on items high on our agenda namely Singapore Sign Language (SgSL) development, job/employment support, early intervention and eldercare support.

Meanwhile, I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation to our Executive Council, my fellow colleagues, our ambassadors, sponsors and volunteers; and look forward to their continual support!

Most importantly, we look forward to serving YOU, our valued members and clients!

Last but not least, I would like to wish all a fruitful year ahead!



Happy New Year!

SADeaf a proud recipient of the Charity Transparency Award



SADeaf President Ms Irene Yee receiving the Charity Transparency Award from Mr Gerard Ee, Chairman of the Charity Council.

SADeaf is a proud recipient of the inaugural Charity Transparency Award, presented by the Charity Council in recognition of exemplary transparency and disclosure practices by charity organisations.

The Award was received on behalf of the Association by SADeaf President, Ms Irene Yee Choy Peng, at the Charity Transparency Awards (CTA) and 4th Charity Governance Awards (CGA) Ceremony awards presentation ceremony held at the Sheraton Towers on 28 September 2016. SADeaf Executive Director, Ms Sylvia Teng, also attended the event.

Introduced in 2016, the CTA is to promote good governance in the charity sector by acknowledging the excellent work of charities, while inspiring others to emulate their best practices.

"On behalf of the Executive Council, we would like to thank the Charity Council & the CTA judging panel for the award," said Ms Sylvia Teng.

"The award strengthens our belief that transparency & accountability are the key cornerstones of good governance, which will further boost the confidence & trust which we have established with our donors, corporate partners, ambassadors & volunteers," she added.

Ms Teng also expressed grateful thanks to staff members for their commitment in ensuring good governance in their respective area of work and called on all to strive towards the coveted Charity Governance Awards in 2017!



Executive Director Ms Sylvia Teng with the Charity Transparency Award

PBM Honour for SADeaf Council member Mr Steven Lee

The Executive Council, Management and Staff of SADeaf extend their heartiest congratulations to our Council member Mr Steven Lee Chee Phat on being conferred The PBM (Public Service Medal) 2016 by His Excellency The President of The Republic of Singapore.

Mr Lee is one of our long serving Executive Council members and is also Chairman, Moulmein Goldhill Neighbourhood Committee, Tanjong Pagar GRC.

The PBM (Pingat Bakti Masyarakat) is awarded to a person who has rendered commendable public service in Singapore or for his/her achievement in the field of arts and letters, sports, the sciences, business, the professions and the labour movement.



Congratulations to SADeaf Executive Council member Mr Steven Lee (PBM).

CCA Merit Award for Mr Gregory Wee



On behalf of the Executive Council, Management & Staff of SADeaf we would like to extend our heartiest congratulations to our Vice President Mr Gregory Wee Chong Yeow on receiving the Merit Award, presented by The Children's Charities Association of Singapore (CCA) in recognition of his significant efforts in fundraising for the disadvantaged children.

Mr Wee, who is also the Chairman of Mountbatten Vocational School Management Committee.

Ballet Creative Movements for children



City Ballet Academy, in collaboration with SADeaf, has started a Ballet Creative Movements Class for Deaf Children and Children of Deaf Adults (CODAs). The classes are offered at a special discount and targeted for children aged 3 and 5 years old.

Initiated by President Ms Irene Yee, Dance Movement enhances the physical development of a child and through movement exploration, it assists in developing co-ordination skills and body awareness.

The Ballet Creative Movement class also promotes sense of musical elements such as rhythm, melody of music and besides building up self-esteem and confidence, it enable children to express their emotions and ideas.

We look forward to see our Deaf children and CODAs have an enjoyable time!



Membership Renewal Reminder

It's time to renew your SADeaf membership!

Find out more about membership privileges and benefits at www.sadeaf.org.sg/join-us/be-our-member

To continue enjoying these privileges and benefits, we strongly urge you to renew your membership.

Please complete and mail the Membership Renewal Form (downloadable from the webpage) with a crossed

cheque payable to "The Singapore Association for the Deaf". Cash payments can also be made in person at the Association during office hours (8.30am to 5.30pm) from Monday to Friday. On Wednesdays, our front office is open till 9pm.

If you have any queries on your membership, please contact aa@sadeaf.org.sg or SMS 9226 7637.

Thank you very much and we look forward to welcoming you as our member again!

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Graduation Celebration for MVS 2014 Cohort



Ms Tin Pei Ling, the Guest-of-Honour (back row in yellow) with SMC Chairman, Mr Gregory Wee (back row, extreme left) the graduates, guests, and staff at the Graduation Ceremony

Ms Tin Pei Ling, Member of Parliament for Macpherson, presented certificates and awards to students from Mountbatten Vocational School (MVS) at a Graduation

Ceremony held on 27 August 2016 at the Holiday Inn City Centre Hotel.

Ms Tin, who was the Guest-of-Honour (GOH) at the graduation celebrations, gave away the certificates to 20 students from the 2014 cohort, who had completed two years of training at MVS and presented awards to 12 other trainees who had done well in the previous school-year.

In congratulating all the students on their achievements, the GOH gave an inspiring speech to motivate them further.

The ceremony was highlighted by dance and singing performances by the MVS trainees.

Others who attended the ceremony included members from MVS School Management Committee (SMC), SADeaf Executive Council members, parents, work-based training representatives and invited guests.

MOE to have designated mainstream schools for children with hearing loss

By Rane Govindram



Photo credit: MOE

Children with hearing loss who sign will soon be able to enrol in a primary school and learn alongside their mainstream peers. The designated primary school will be located in a central location and is projected to accept its first batch of deaf students in 2018.

The move is part of the Ministry of Education (MOE) enhancement support for children with hearing loss who sign. MOE also announced that Beatty Secondary School will be the designated school, replacing Balestier Hill Secondary School and Boon Lay Secondary School. Beatty will start its Secondary One intake from 2017.

The designated schools will have trained teachers to provide a range of school-based support including sign language interpretation, in-class and pull-out academic support as well as social emotional support, said MOE and added that it will continue to leverage on the expertise of The Singapore Association of the Deaf (SADeaf) to build staff capacity in the designated primary and secondary schools.

Said the Minister of State for Education, Dr Janil Puthucherry: "Giving our students the opportunity to interact with and learn from one another is a very encouraging step towards forging a more inclusive society. In supporting the deaf community in Singapore, MOE will continue to work closely with SADeaf, which has a tremendous amount of knowledge about deaf education and the community's rich cultural heritage."

SADeaf President, Ms Irene Yee, welcomed the move by MOE towards a more inclusive education system for Deaf students. She said:

"This is an exciting time for all of us as this is a good step forward in providing quality education for deaf children. Sign language will be used as the language of conversation and to support instruction for such students in these schools. We are certain that deaf students will benefit tremendously from the integration with their hearing peers in the mainstream designated primary school. The provision of learning support for these students will also help them progress towards leading fulfilling lives and work towards building an inclusive society in Singapore."

Compulsory Education for special needs children from 2019



Children with moderate to severe special needs will need to attend compulsory education from 2019. This was announced by the Minister for Education (Schools) Mr Ng Chee Meng at the Special Education (SPED) Conference held on 4 November 2016 at the Resort World Sentosa Convention Centre.

"This is indeed an important milestone in Singapore's continuing drive towards national inclusiveness," said Mr Ng. The SPED Conference is a biennial event organised specially to gather SPED educators in the 20 SPED schools and representatives from their Voluntary Welfare Organisations (VWO) as a fraternity for professional development and sharing.

A Day in the Life of...

In this issue, the spotlight is on Moses Chan Ka Wai, a Deaf Access Officer who joined the SADeaf team almost a year ago.

How did you come to know of SADeaf?

I came across my friend, Hock Sik who recommended a job at SADeaf which he thought would be suitable for me as I have had some experience as the job scope was quite similar as to my previous work with Touch Silent Club where I was a volunteer and worked with hearing and deaf volunteers.

What is your job role in Deaf Access Services (DAS)?

I work as a coordinator for sign language courses as well as Deaf Awareness Programmes (DAP) with schools and companies. These are conducted either externally or at SADeaf, depending on their needs and schedules. I also act as a relief instructor to teach basics only.

The first DAP presentation I did was for a primary school. I am thankful to have had my colleague James Ong to guide me.

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Do you find your work fulfilling and meaningful?

I enjoy my work as it gives me the opportunity to communicate and interact with the hearing people and share on how they can work with the Deaf community as well as being able to give them some advice on accessibility for the Deaf. I also enjoy working with our Deaf instructors who are passionate about teaching sign language. Of course, there is also the day to day tasks such as attending to numerous emails, payments, enquiries, meeting clients, preparing invoices, do admin work for BSC & SgSL classes as well as keeping track of attendance for the different classes and, sometimes, helping out in an event.

A memorable moment...

One memorable moment for me is when I did a relief class in sign language. The attendees liked the way I taught signing and wanted me to be their permanent instructor. I felt good.

My hobbies...

I play soccer regularly every Saturday and Sunday. I also enjoy playing with my baby boy Micah and spend as much time as I can with him, especially during the weekends. I also like to go on outings with my wife and baby so as to allow Micah to develop his sense of curiosity of things around him.

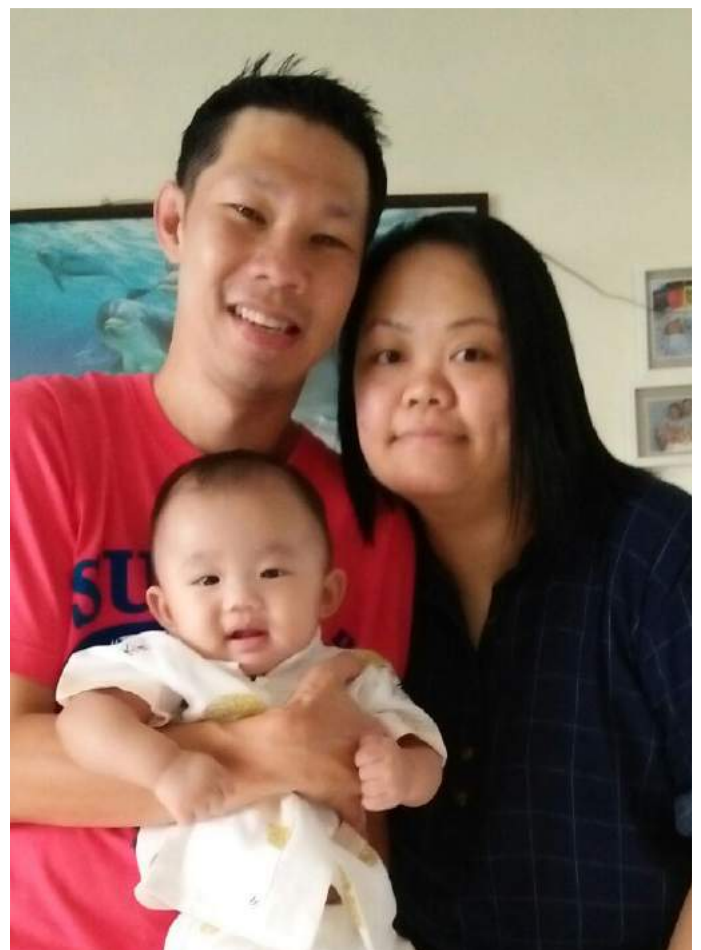
My dreams...

My dreams? There was a time when I dreamed of being a CID officer or a Captain pilot for SIA or any other airline. These dreams are long gone because of my hearing loss. But I am glad I have a job I enjoy. Life sometimes can be tough but my focus now is my family and I will continue to strive for success in my life in Singapore, my homeland, and save enough to give a good life for my family.

Parting shot...

Being Deaf will not prevent me from learning many new things in life as well as what I enjoy with the learning journey in my work.

To those Deaf people and hearing people out there, don't ever give up in what you want to aim for and continue to do with what you can to achieve your dream. Sometimes dream is not a reality but what you want to achieve for in what you do is a reality so that someday it will come true and make a miracle in your life, no matter whatever happens. Keep Fighting for your dreams!!!



Moses with his baby Micah and wife Phoebe

SADeaf hosts the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) RSA events

By Rane Govindram



Photo: SADeaf Executive Director Ms Sylvia Teng, SADeaf President Ms Irene Yee, Chairman WFD RSA Organising Committee Mr Lim Chin Heng, WFD President Mr Colin Allen, Guest-of-Honour Associate Professor Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, WASLI President Ms Debra Russell and WFD RSA Regional Director Mr Yasunori Shimamoto

Representatives from Deaf organisations around the world assembled in Singapore from 4 - 16 October 2016 for the 5th World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) Asia Conference as well as the 8th WFD Regional Secretariat for Asia (RSA) Youth Camp and WFD RSA Representatives' Meeting.

Close to 400 local and overseas delegates attended the two-week long WFD events, with many of the attendees giving SADeaf the "thumbs-up" for successfully hosting all three events.

It was the first time that such a major international event for the Deaf was being held in Singapore with delegates from our Southeast Asia neighbours such as Timor Leste, Vietnam, and Myanmar, participating for the first time.

Guest-of-Honour for the Opening Ceremony on 14 October was Associate Prof Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education & Ministry of Social and Family Development (Singapore).

In a welcome speech by Mr Lim Chin Heng, Chairman of WFD RSA Organising Committee, he outlined an overview of the Deaf community in Singapore and thanked all supporters and sponsors who have made it possible for the WFD Conference to be held in Singapore for the



8th WFD RSA Youth Camp



28th WFD RSA Representatives Meeting

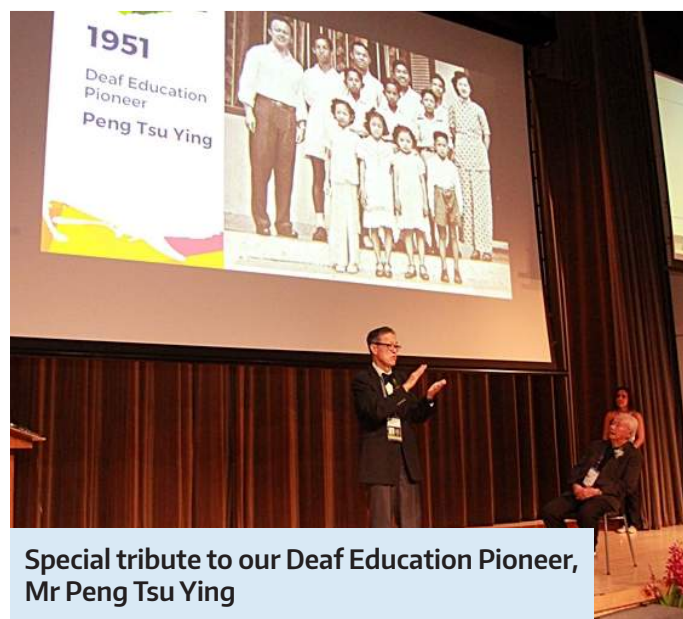
first time.

Mr Lim also paid a special tribute to Mr Peng Tsu Ying, the first Deaf educator in Singapore, who set up the first school for the Deaf here in 1951.

Keynote speakers presented crucial Deaf-related topics on education, interpretation, language, and community. The speakers included Mr Colin Allen, President of the World Federation of the Deaf, Dr Debra Russell, President of the World Association of Sign Language Interpreters; Mr Eiichi Takada, President of Japan Institute for Sign Language Studies, Dr Cathy Chovaz, Associate Professor of Psychology from King's University College (Western University), Dr Yutaka Osugi, Professor of Linguistics & Deaf Studies at Tsukuba University of Technology and Dr Gladys Tang, Professor of Linguistics at The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

The WFD Conference ended on a high-note with sumptuous dinner at the Fort Canning Lodge, which was graced by SADeaf Patron Ms Ho Ching as Guest-of-Honour.

SADeaf would like to express its grateful thanks to all our volunteers, sponsors and supporters including Gold Sponsor Sivantos, Embodied Sensing and Augmented Human Lab for sponsorship of "Light Alert Systems, ARKeep Media Pte Ltd, Re Creations Pte Ltd, ComfortDelgro, Singapore Exhibition and Convention Bureau, Bradley Reporting, National Council of Social Service and Ministry of Social and Family Development and everyone else who have contributed in one way or other towards the success of the WFD RSA events.



Special tribute to our Deaf Education Pioneer, Mr Peng Tsu Ying



Assoc Prof Dr Faishal at Sivantos booth



SADeaf patron Ms Ho Ching being greeted & welcomed by staff & volunteers at 5th WFD Asia Conference Dinner

A Wild Wild Wet Family Day

By Elizabeth Khoo

It was the time of the year for SDeaf families to get together for a day of fun and laughter at the annual Family Day event, which was held on 4 June 2016 at the Wild Wild Wet Water Theme Park in Pasir Ris.

Screams and laughter rang out as over 85 participants -from the young to the young at heart -competed in friendly games such as telematches, ping-pong race, Fruit Harvest and many more.

Cheering them on were SDeaf President Ms Irene Yee, as well as Vice President (Deaf Access Services) Ms Tan Keng Ying, Executive Director Ms Sylvia Teng, and Principal Case Manager Ms Wong Ai Ling.

For the children, it was a wonderful time of thrills and spills with water rides, slides and other pool adventures.

Stage performances included Line Dancing by deaf performers, Hula Dance competition and games galore. Highlight of the event was a Lucky Draw with the top prize of a limited edition silver coin; kindly sponsored by Puregold.sg Pte Ltd (worth \$150) won by Ms Sally Lim.

After a fun-filled tiring day, the participants tucked into a sumptuous lunch before heading home, armed with a goody bag each.



President Ms Irene Yee presenting the limited edition silver coin to the 1st prize lucky draw winner, Ms Sally Lim.



Line Dance by Deaf Performers



One for the album



Hula Hoop Dance

Tai Chi for Health

By Elizabeth Khoo



Designed to improve your health and enhance your skills

Tai Chi is a gentle exercise proven to strengthen muscles, improve, stamina, blood circulation, balance and relaxation.



As part of clients' wellness programme, SADeaf invited Tai Chi master Ms Jennifer Chung to conduct an introductory class for 30 clients who wish to learn the art of Tai Chee. The class was held at SADeaf Hall on 30 September 2016. Helped by her assistants and an interpreter, Ms Chung explained and demonstrated the basic techniques of the slow-motion exercise, its body posture, and proper applications so as to avoid any body injury.

Following her step-by-step instructions, the participants learnt and practiced basic workout of breathing and body and hand movement techniques. Although at first many found it not easy to follow, Ms Chung patiently guided them through the movements, the participants soon got

the techniques and found Tai Chi to be refreshing and enlightening as they repeated the exercise.

The Tai Chi lesson was followed by a Q & A session and also a stage performance on Tai Chi by Ms Chung and her assistants. As the participants watched the show, they were drawn to and captivated by every enchanting and elegant stroke of their Tai Chi demo.

Our heartfelt thanks to Ms Chung and her assistants for conducting the complimentary class, which definitely energised our clients and look forward to participating in more Tai Chi classes.

Helping Hands @ Willing Hearts

By Chrystal Toh
SADeaf Igniters



A group of deaf and hearing volunteers from SADeaf Igniters visited the Willing Hearts soup kitchen at Kembangan-Chai Chee Community Hub on 13 November to lend a hand in the kitchen's food preparation work.

The Willing Hearts kitchen is a fully volunteer-run kitchen relying on donations to supply 5000 meals a day to the needy islandwide. The recipients of these daily meals include the physically disabled or bedridden, the underprivileged elderly and children as well as divorcees and migrant workers.

The Igniters were greeted on arrival by Mr Tony Tay, the friendly and unassuming founder, who gave us a brief introduction and set us at ease.

After we sat for a quick lunch of nasi lemak, we set to do the tasks assigned to us. Armed with hair nets and gloves, some of us settled in the hall, wrapping green bean rolls for the next day's dessert while others were deployed to the vegetable chopping section. One brave

soul, Zhiyang, even ventured into the kitchen to tackle in marinating fish!

Once we showed up at each station, the volunteers there would simply give us a demonstration of what they were doing and we would follow them. For those who were unfamiliar with cooking, the experience was novel and educational - from learning how deep to peel a potato to which end of a cabbage to chop. Even the repetitive task of wrapping spring rolls was enlivened with an exchange of army ghost stories from our volunteer photographer, Zhijie, while we busied our hands dabbing egg yolk onto popiah skins.

Finally when it was time to leave everyone tidied up the place together before saying our farewells.

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who came for giving their time and effort to show a little kindness to those who need it. Well done!

Out and About...

At the National Day Parade...



Photo credit: The Straits Times



The Flashmob Team



It was a memorable day for our 75 Deaf and Hard-of-hearing community who attended the 51st National Day Parade celebrations at the National Stadium on 9 August 2016. It was the very first time that SADeaf was represented in the audience and watched NDP event "live". The most heart-warming moment was when they watched our very own deaf talent; Ms Neoh Yew Kim led thousands of Singaporeans including President Dr Tony Tan, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and VIPs in song-signing popular NDP songs such as "Home" & "Count on me, Singapore" at the National Day Parade.

To start off the NDP celebrations and create awareness for the Association, a flashmob team from SADeaf hopped on an NDP themed SMRT train from Paya Lebar to HarbourFront to encourage commuters to song-sign the popular NDP songs. Thank you LTA and SMRT for your support!



SADeaf staff member teaching NDP song

At the Purple Parade...



Hats off to our contingent team



Our MVS staff and trainees

A strong contingent of over 60 persons from SADeaf, made up of our clients, members, volunteers, supporters and staff, joined thousands at the 4th Purple Parade event held at Suntec City on 5 November to celebrate the inclusion and abilities of people with special needs.

It was the first time that the event was being held in the City area, with participants packing the atrium along Raffles Boulevard all the way to the Fountain of Wealth. The place was awash with the colour purple, as many donned purple T-shirts and hats, including the Guest of Honour Deputy Prime Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam, who turned up clad in a purple polo shirt. SADeaf sign interpreters were present on stage throughout the event so that our Deaf and Hard-of-hearing community could follow the programmes too.



Signifique performance

At the Enabling Village...



SADeaf joined fellow VWOs in celebrating International Day of Persons with Disabilities at the Enabling Village on 3 December (a day earlier on 2 December) to coincide with Enabling Village's 1st anniversary celebration.

We had the opportunity to showcase our talented clients' artistic flair and their merchandise/crafts, while our volunteer dance group – Signifique performed for the audience/guests.

Free repair works by Mun Siong Engineering Limited

By Tan Li Zhen



A group shot of the Electrician volunteers

When SADeaf premises needed some electrical repair works to be done, we turned to our long-time supporter and corporate ambassador Mun Siong Engineering Limited, for help! Without hesitation, a team from the company turned up to fix much needed maintenance

and electrical repairs in our general office, classrooms and hearing care centre – at no cost! Thank you, Mun Siong, for the kind gesture to help us to create a work safe environment.



Bankers turn artists for a day to brighten up MVS recreation room



The DB Team

A visit to the Mountbatten Vocational School (MVS) by some volunteers from Deutsche Bank (DB) ended with the bright idea of adding “fun and colour to the dull looking” MVS Recreation Room.

And, so on 9 September 2016, when the MVS students were on school holidays, a team from DB turned up, armed with brush and paint to paint colourful murals on the walls with the theme “Music and Movements”.

Led by Fariza Binte-Mohd-Sharif as chief designer, the DB team comprising Shiela Sesbreno, Ian Rentuza, Nur-Sтивен Niu, Nelly Dang and Rachel Freer, transformed the walls of the recreation room into a work of art, reflecting a harmonious, bright & fun room.

When the students (and teachers) returned from their week long holiday, they were delightfully surprised to see the colourful murals.

“Speaking on behalf of all DB volunteers who participated, we had an enjoyable & memorable day,” said Rachel Freer.

Charity Car Wash by Deutsche Bank



Over 20 bank volunteers from Deutsche Bank (DB), spent a Saturday afternoon at SAd deaf washing cars for a good cause – to raise funds for the Association. Led by our ardent supporters Rachel Frear and Roslyn Queeley, the bankers' team rolled up their sleeves and got to the job of washing cars! Some brought their children along for a helping hand and to instil volunteerism from a young age. The day's work paid off and DB managed to raise a total of \$1,887.71 from washing the numerous cars that drove into SAd deaf's car park to support the cause.

Our heartfelt thanks to the DB volunteers for their wonderful support and also to all the car owners who came to support the event. Our grateful thanks also goes to Sensatec (Asia) Pte Ltd for sponsoring the washing items such as car-wash liquid soap, sponges and special wiping cloth.

Tea with Our Eurasian Community



Sharing on hearing care

SADeaf is proud to be the Eurasian Association's first off-site community partner when it played host to over 60 guests (including guests from the South West Community Development Council) during its "Tea with Neighbours", held at SADeaf hall on 13 November 2016.

The Tete-a-Tea session was made more meaningful with a special hearing care workshop conducted by SADeaf's Audiological Manager Mr Liu Siu Fai, as part of our regular outreach programme under Community Services.

The event was followed with an exchange of tokens of appreciation between SADeaf Executive Director, Ms Sylvia Teng, and Mr Simon De Cruz from the Eurasian Association.

Lunch at MVS with Dr Mohammed Maliki



Seated (from left): SDeaf President Ms Irene Yee, Dr Maliki & Mr Kia Siang Wei (General Manager, South East CDC).

SDeaf office bearers & staff present: Mr Gregory Wee (Vice President, MVS), Ms Wong Ee Kean (Honorary Secretary), Dr Zahabar Ali (Honorary Treasurer), Ms Sylvia Teng (Executive Director), Mr Ernest Toh (Administrator, MVS/SSD), Ms Wong Ai Ling (Principal Case Manager), Mr James Ong (Executive Officer) & Serene Ng (Case Manager, MVS).



SDeaf President Ms Irene Yee presenting the Merdeaf to Dr Maliki

SDeaf had the pleasure to host Dr Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman (Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence & Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Mayor, South East District) and his team from South East Community Development Council (CDC) for lunch on 19 October at our MVS Cafe where our Chef Instructor Mr Larry Loh and F&B instructor Ms Kazay Chua, together with their students, prepared & served a sumptuous meal to the guests.

Deaf Pianist Dr Azariah Tan



Photo: Ms Sylvia Teng, Ms Wong Ai Ling and Ms Denise Phua (Mayor, Central Singapore District)

SADeaf Executive Director Ms Sylvia Teng with staff members Ms Wong Ai Ling and Ms Tan Li Zhen were at Paragon on 21 October to support our very own talent - Dr Azariah Tan, who performed The Sound of Silence to Guest-of-honour, Mr Tan Chuan-Jin (Minister, Ministry of Social & Family Development), Ms Denise Phua (Mayor, Central Singapore District) and audience.

Though diagnosed with bilateral hearing loss at the age of four, Dr Tan went on to be an award-winning pianist, achieving a Doctorate in Musical Arts in Piano Performance at the University of Michigan.



Metta School pick up Sign Language



Group photo with our Executive Director, Ms Sylvia Teng

SADeaf had the pleasure to host a group from Metta School today for a half day Deaf Awareness Programme.

Besides knowing more about SADeaf's services & our Deaf/Hard-of-hearing community, the group had fun learning some basic signs from our Principal Case Manager, Ms Wong Ai Ling & was "tested" by our Executive Director, Ms Sylvia Teng, at the end of the session. All attendees "passed" the simple test & were presented with our mascot Merdeaf.

Isn't it cool to pick up sign language? ☺

Deafinitely Durian for a Good Cause

By Tan Li Zhen



Durian lovers had a feast of a time at SADeaf hall as they gathered to taste the King of Fruits at the inaugural Deafinitely Durian fundraising event held on 30 July 2016.

As the fragrance of durians filled the air, donors and supporters (with their family and friends) delved into finger-licking good Mao Shan Wang and savoured the different varieties (such as D13 & D101) of durians and assorted seasonal fresh fruits.

Our grateful thanks and sincere appreciation to all the donors and supporters for making our first Deafinitely Durian fundraising event a rousing success!



FUNDRAISING FOR A GOOD CAUSE

SEAFOOD FEAST

Date: 18 February 2017, Saturday

Venue: The Singapore Association for the Deaf
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Time: 6.00PM

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