

Title: 200 Children Showcased Their Talents in a Showcase Organised By a Charitable Organisation

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TALENTED ACTOR: Students of PPIS (Bedok) performing the story of The Little Prince. Photo: Tan Chin Tuan Foundation

200 children and adults from 25 charities supported by Tan Chin Tuan Foundation (TCTF) demonstrated their talents in a More Than Words Showcase on 8 September. They include students from Persatuan Pemudi Islam Singapura (PPIS) who presented a theater performance of The Little Prince.

Themed “True Colours, True Hearts”, the “show-and-tell” performance by children for children was held at the Lee Kong Chian Centre for Performing Arts at Anglo-Chinese School (Independent). The children performed for an audience of over 850 individuals - from 50 organisations in the non-profit sector and beyond. Also lending her support that night was well-known figure and proponent of local Malay dance Mdm Som Said.

This is the third year that TCTF has created opportunities for the children through it’s More Than Words programme that was initiated in 2013. Fully funded by TCTF, the programme has reached more than 2,500 beneficiaries to date.

Leading up to the Showcase, the children embarked upon a six-month eye opening journey into the worlds of theatre, dance and creative writing. They were trained by seasoned arts practitioners such as Sri Warisan Som Said Performing Arts.

Through the training sessions, the young beneficiaries learnt to communicate more confidently and positively through the spoken and written word, music and movement. Most importantly, the journey affirmed their dreams of a brighter future for themselves.

Tan Chin Tuan Foundation CEO, Ms Yap Su-Yin said:

“More Than Words brings children and teens aided by charities supported by the Tan Chin Tuan Foundation on an eye-opening journey of imaginative learning experiences through the creative arts. In line with TCTF’s focus on education and community development, the exposure to speech and drama, poetry, music and movement, dance and storytelling, watching plays and concerts spurred fun and dynamic engagement with languages and cultures. We are glad that social workers and charity staff interacting with children have also joined us for enrichment workshops to help the children to listen, read, speak, interact and support one another more effectively. Themed “True Colours, True Hearts”, More Than Words 2016 encourages all to cherish the values of Compassion, Courage, Determination, Gratitude and Respect in their words and deeds.”

After the showcase, each child took home a More Than Words Book, “True Colours, True Hearts” gifted by TCTF to guests. The book is a compilation of the words and illustrations of many of the children who attended and performed – many of whom were delighted to see their contributions published in a book that they can truly call their own.

200 pameran bakat dalam pementasan badan amal

SERAMAI 200 kanak-kanak dan orang dewasa daripada 25 badan amal yang disokong Yayasan Tan Chin Tuan (TCTF) telah mempamerkan bakat mereka dalam satu pementasan *More Than Words* pada 8 September lalu.

Mereka termasuk pelajar daripada Persatuan Pemuda Islam Singapura (PPIS) yang telah mempersembahkan sebuah pementasan teater bertajuk *The Little Prince*.

Bertemakan *True Colours, True Hearts*, ia merupakan satu pementasan sesi bercerita atau *show and tell* oleh kanak-kanak untuk kanak-kanak dan diadakan di Pusat Seni Persembahan Lee Kong Chian di Sekolah Anglo-Chinese (Bebas) (AC-SI).

Persembahan tersebut dihadiri sekitar 850 penonton terdiri daripada

50 pertubuhan bukan mencari untung. Turut hadir memberi sokongan pada malam itu ialah tokoh dan srikandi tarian Melayu, Cik Som Said.

Ia merupakan tahun ketiga TCTF menyampaikan pameran *More Than Words* ini yang dimulakan pada 2013. Dibiayai sepenuhnya oleh yaysan itu, program tersebut mencapai lebih daripada 2,500 benefisiari setakat ini.

Sebelum persembahan dan pementasan itu diadakan, kanak-kanak yang terlibat menjalani sesi latihan teater, tarian dan penulisan kreatif selama enam bulan di bawah pakar seni seperti pelatih daripada Sri Warisan Som Said Performing Arts.

Menerusi latihan tersebut, mereka diajar cara berkomunikasi dengan lebih baik dan berkesan, sekali gus dapat mencipta keyakinan ter-

hadap masa depan yang cerah bagi mereka.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif TCTF, Cik Yap Su-Yin, berkata:

“Inisiatif *More Than Words* ini membawa kanak-kanak dan remaja yang mendapat bantuan daripada badan amal yang disokong TCTF dalam satu perjalanan membuka mata yang memberikan pengalaman pembelajaran imaginatif melalui seni kreatif, sejajar dengan fokus TCTF terhadap pendidikan dan pembangunan masyarakat”.

Setiap penonton yang hadir ketika pameran itu membawa pulang senaklah buku himpunan kata-kata dan ilustrasi kanak-kanak yang terlibat dalam pementasan tersebut – kebanyakan mereka gembira dapat melihat hasil sumbangan mereka diterbitkan dalam buku.



BAKAT BERLAKON: Pelajar daripada PPIS (Bedok) telah menjayakan sebuah pementasan mengenai kisah *The Little Prince*. – Foto YAYASAN TAN CHIN TUAN