

ENGAGE

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These little
lights will shine!

Tang Lung Time!

The bright glow of multi-colored lanterns filled the roads of Kampung Cempaka as children, youth and adults gathered for lantern walking at the PKGG's Mid-Autumn Festival held recently for the community. Kids were heard laughing at the games booth as they tried their very best to win attractive prizes. The adults fondly relied on their childhood memories to excel in the Lantern Quiz. It was a really beautiful sight to see families celebrating together. The families who enthusiastically participated in the lantern making competition showed tremendous creativity. One family even made lanterns using canned drink stubs!

More than a thousand people were entertained by exciting dance and clown performances. GG's volunteers served them delicious meals and moon cakes. It was definitely a good bonding time for the families, community and volunteers as they celebrated a joyful night together!



Hope this is the right key!



Hmm... what is the answer to the question?



YAY!
We had fun
volunteering!!



VIPs starting the event with a 'Bang'!

Love transforms lives – a volunteer’s testimony



Encouraging Fairus to draw his best

From teaching English Language to building new friendships, students from the Taylor’s College Sri Hartamas had the opportunity to engage with the children from the Rohingya Community School (Myanmar Refugees). Sarah Tan, a student volunteer was deeply moved during this experience that was organized by PKGG’s Service Learning Department. Here, she shares her reflections with us.

FEELINGS OF THE CHILDREN

They are so hungry to learn and improve their quality of life through education. They are extremely respectful and caring.

VALUES CHALLENGED

Love. I never really accepted myself as a person after a couple of rough years. I wasn’t sure if I’d be able to truly and genuinely love people again. As the weeks passed, the children changed my hardened heart into one that’s happy and loving again.

*Name has been altered to protect the identity of the child

LEARNINGS FROM THE SERVICE

I learnt how to recognize potential and encourage others to reach their goals. I learnt to not give up when people say, ‘I can’t do it’. As long as I know and believe that they can, I must help them be the best they can be.

INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT

At the last session, Fairus gave me a recycled card and gift. He does not have much but he took something of his, decorated it and gave it to me. (It is) the most precious gift I have ever received...

Backgrounder: *The Service Learning Programme is all about learning life through serving others. Volunteers will have time to reflect upon their personal journey in the particular service that they participate in and draw life lessons out of it. We invite you to join us as a SL volunteer because you too, can encourage others to realize their potential! You can make a difference.*



Pledging to 'iTunggu'



Staff sharing their personal experiences



All eyes on stage!

LIFE SKILLS: iTunggu!

There has been a huge increase in the number of baby-dumping cases since 2010 with an average of 100 babies reportedly abandoned each year. Even more disheartening is that this number does not take into account babies who are not reported or never found.

In July, the Life Skills Department were given an amazing opportunity to conduct a session at the 'Say No to Baby Dumping' Seminar organized by the Kementerian Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat (KPWKM). More than 800 students came from four states in Malaysia to attend this seminar.

We had an interactive session with the students addressing



This is how we date!

the areas of building healthy relationships (dating) and the consequences of pre-marital sex. At the end, the students each received an 'iTunggu' wristband where they pledged to practice abstinence in their relationships. It is our hope and desire that the students gained awareness and applicable knowledge, enabling them to make better-informed healthier life choices.

HIRING?

PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for job opportunities that we can match to the people we work with in the urban-poor communities. If you know of jobs such as cleaning services, admin work, home-based jobs and other opportunities available, kindly drop an email to Bernice@gengemilang.org

If you would like to know how you can be involved in our programmes, email us at: get.involved@gengemilang.org

Should you wish to make a donation, kindly issue cheque payable to "PKGG".

*At PKGG, we recognise that every resource entrusted to us can transform our clients' lives. We promise to manage the funds received honestly and will use it effectively to benefit our clients.