

PRESS INVITATION

Join the pre schoolers in saving the environment: 'Our Earth, Our Future' - Graduation on 13 November 2009

13 November 2009 would mark a new beginning for the 163 Kindergarten 2 students from MERCUTM's early childhood centres, Kidz Meadow Kindergarten and Kidz Meadow Childcare Centres. The graduation cum concert would be held at NTUC Auditorium from 4.15pm – 7.30pm. A cheque of **\$17,000** would also be presented to Association of Muslim Professionals (AMP) for the Ready for School Fund in the presence of the Guest of Honour, Mr Wee Siew Kim (Member of Parliament for Ang Mo Kio GRC).

Do not miss out on the exhilarating performances by children from Kindergarten 1 and 2 levels on environment – a musical drama depicting trees and animals in pain caused by deforestation. Kidz Meadow children gets creative by using drums made of recycled materials for their percussion performance. Children would also display their confidence in speaking and expressing themselves as they perform a Musical Drama item 'Sea Creatures Are Our Friends'.

View the Project Work Exhibition that would showcase the projects done in October themed 'Our Environment' by 600 children from Kidz Meadow. PM Lee Hsien Loong has a vision to transform Singapore into a City of Garden and Water. Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew reiterated that future generations must keep the city beautiful and distinctive. The aim of this project is to inculcate the love for the environment among the younger generation i.e. the pre schoolers and to educate that everyone can do their part in protecting and saving Mother Earth. A slideshow on the activities '3 Rs – Recycle, Reuse and Reduce' will also be featured during parents' arrival time.

Project work or 'learning through play' engages the children in in-depth investigations through books, Internet and discussion amongst peers. Activities like experiments, art & craft, cookery, songs and fieldtrips makes the learning journey more enjoyable for the children. This approach is geared towards developing curious and inquisitive minds, taking the children on the journey from lower concrete thinking skills to higher order of critical thinking skills. It allows the child to be more capable and creative, and given free rein to explore and do things for themselves.

Mdm Naziha shared "I am very proud of what Sofiyah has achieved ever since she started school. Project Work is a very brilliant idea as children are able to explore the topic in many aspects. They are also able to learn more in-depth about the topics. Teachers are also brilliant in teaching as children are given many age-appropriate means and techniques in exploring the topics."

MERCUTM will also be presenting a **\$17,000** cheque to **Association of Muslim Professionals (AMP)** for its contribution to the **Ready for School Fund**. This is to acknowledge the effort of our parents and students in contributing donations to help the needy. The fund is part of AMP's effort to provide assistance to children of the AFYS families by equipping them with school essentials such as stationery, bags, uniforms, books and shoes. The fund also helps to subsidise school and tuition fees, provide EZ Link cards and other financial assistance.

Mr Wee Siew Kim (MP for Ang Mo Kio GRC), will grace the event as the Guest-of-Honour. We cordially invite members of the press to cover the event. The details of the event are as follows:

Date: 13th November 2009 (Friday)

Time: 4.15pm – 7.30pm (Press to arrive by 4.15pm)

Venue: NTUC Auditorium, NTUC Centre (Level 7)

(The programme schedule for the event can be found on the 3rd page)

Please RSVP via email by **11th November 2009** to sumarni@merculearning.com to confirm your attendance. We look forward to your presence at the event.

About MERCUTM Learning Point

MERCUTM Learning Point is an education and training provider that offers a comprehensive range of programmes and services to the general public, corporate, grassroots organisations and other Voluntary Welfare Organisations (VWOs). Set up in 1999, MERCUTM comprises of Kidz Meadow - a kindergarten and three childcare centres, three student care centres, three learning centres that offer academic and enrichment for students and a Private School offering private GCE 'O' and 'N' Level programmes.

We kindly request the media's support and assistance to inform members of the public of these programmes so that they may take advantage of its benefits. Should you require more information, please contact Ms Sumarni at 6346 8301 or e-mail: sumarni@merculearning.com

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Programme

- 4.15pm Registration Starts
View Exhibition (*for parents*)
- 4.30pm Arrival of GOH and viewing of exhibition by GOH
Welcoming guest and parents to auditorium
- 4.45pm Reception for GOH
- 5.00pm Start of event
GOH enters the auditorium
- 5.05pm K2 Graduands' grand entrance (Vitamin C - Graduation Song)
(Kidz Meadow Childcare @ Buangkok, Woodlands, Yishun and Kidz Meadow Kindergarten)
- 5.15pm Opening Performance by Kidz Meadow Childcare @ Buangkok
(Michael Jackson – The Earth Song)
- 5.20pm Speech by GOH
- 5.25pm Start of Graduation Ceremony
Presentation of Token to K2 Teachers
- 6.15pm End of Graduation Ceremony
- 6.20pm Presentation of Cheque for Ready for School Fund
- 6.25pm Valedictorian Speakers
- 6.30pm GOH takes his leave
- 6.35pm Performances by Centres
*Kidz Meadow Childcare @ Woodlands
 – Musical Percussion*

*Kidz Meadow Kindergarten
 – Mother Nature is Calling Me*

*Kidz Meadow Childcare @ Yishun
 – Pulp & AI*

*Kidz Meadow Childcare @ Woodlands
 – The Macaranga & Rubbish Belong to the Rubbish Bin*

*Kidz Meadow Childcare @ Buangkok
 – The Funky Dance*

*Kidz Meadow Childcare @ Yishun
 – The 3 'R's Musical Dance*

*Kidz Meadow Kindergarten
 – Sea Creatures Are Our Friends*
- 7.25pm Finale – Heal the World
- 7.30 pm End of Programme