

YWCA Link

“ Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”
Colossians 3:12



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April-June 2015



Tribute to Mr. Lee Kuan Yew



CDCs’ Tributes to Mr. Lee Kuan Yew



Annual General Meeting 2015



March School Holidays at Youth Centre

President's Message



Ms Tan (left) with former President, Mrs Margaret Chew

The Association started a new year with a new team of Board members who were installed at the AGM on 23 April 2015. Additional members were co-opted at the first Board meeting after the AGM and the committees will settle down to carry out their terms of reference. The YWCA is blessed with many women who have been willing to serve the Association with their time, contribution and talents.

The AGM also marked the beginning of the celebration of the 140th anniversary of the YWCA of Singapore. There will be activities throughout the year to observe 140 years of community service by the YWCA. The YWCA of Singapore was founded in 1875 by Miss Sophia Cooke, a British missionary, who spent her life in Singapore to help the poor and women in need. The succession of the YWCA leaders throughout the past 139 years have left their legacy by continuing the work of Miss Cooke and reaching out to the poor and needy.

Psalm 112:1-2 reads; "How blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in His commandments. His descendants will be mighty on earth; the generation of the upright will be blessed." It is what we do now which will leave a lasting legacy with the next generation. The challenge is to leave a heritage for the next generation. As someone said, "our children are messengers we send to a time we will not see". I think that Miss Cooke did not envisage leaving such a great legacy that resulted in the YWCA serving the community for 120 years after her death in 1895.

We mourned with the nation when the first Prime Minister of Singapore, Mr. Lee Kuan Yew passed away on 23 March 2015. Many of our staff and members paid their respects to Mr. Lee and joined the nation in thanking him for the legacy he left for Singapore.

The YWCA continues to expand her Sustenance for Families programme as we added more beneficiaries in the past months. At the same time, we are increasing the number of partners we work with in providing community services. Recently, Melrose Home joined our WOW programme and we started a new programme with Prison Fellowship Singapore on cyberbullying. The YWCA, now in her 140th year, is certainly upholding the vision of her founder, Miss Sophia Cooke, and continuing her legacy now and for the future.

Tan Kee Leng, PBM
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UPCOMING EVENTS

AQUA AEROBICS CLASS

EVERY WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

Venue : YWCA Fort Canning Lodge
Swimming Pool (Level 3)

Time : 7pm - 8pm

AQUA SPIN CLASS

EVERY TUESDAY

Venue : YWCA Fort Canning Lodge
Swimming Pool (Level 3)

Time : 7pm - 8pm
8pm - 9pm

EMPOWERING MUMS PROJECT LAUNCH

12 JUNE 2015 (FRIDAY)

Venue : YWCA Fort Canning Lodge
Sophia Cooke Ballroom

Time : 6pm - 10pm

YWCA BAZAAR

20 JUNE 2015 (SATURDAY)

Venue : YWCA Fort Canning Lodge
Levels 1 & 2

Time : 10am - 4pm

YWCA FLAG DAY

15 AUGUST 2015 (SATURDAY)

Venue : Island-wide
Time : 8am - 5pm

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Annual General Meeting 2015 By Kwok Shuyi

The Annual General Meeting was held on 23 April 2015 at the YWCA Fort Canning Lodge's Sophia Cooke Ballroom. We are pleased to announce our new Board of Management:

President	Tan Kee Leng
1 st Vice President	Mavis Tsoi
2 nd Vice President	Dancy Thong
Honorary Secretary	Janet Tan
Honorary Treasurer	Gan Soh Huan
Members	Hazel Oh
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	Evelyn Yeo
	Anne Chua (co-opted)
	Foo Chek Chiang (co-opted)
	Ma Kheng Min (co-opted)
	Samantha Mark (co-opted)

The chairpersons for the various national committees are as follows:

Finance & Investment Committee	Gan Soh Huan
Human Resource & Administration Committee	Samantha Mark
Buildings Committee	Mavis Tsoi
Corporate Communications Committee	Tan Kee Leng
Fort Canning Lodge Committee	Mavis Tsoi
Child Development Programme Committee	Janet Tan
Kindergarten Management Committee	Janet Tan
Programmes & Services Committee	Dancy Thong
Audit Committee	Jennifer Vayding
Special Ad-hoc Committee – Preschool Services	Tan Kee Leng
Special Ad-hoc Committee – YWCA Building	Tan Kee Leng



Pioneer Heartbeat Day By Gabriel Fu

On Wednesday 8 April, the YWCA of Singapore participated in Pioneer Junior College's (PJC) Pioneer Heartbeat Day. This was an event organised by PJC's Interact Club for the student population to learn about the various social and welfare organisations in Singapore.

We set up a booth at the school's foyer showcasing our range of programmes and services, as well as advertising for our upcoming YWCA Bazaar. The purpose of our booth was to spread awareness of the Association's work, to recruit short-term volunteers to help out in the Bazaar, and to recruit long-term volunteers to assist us in running our programmes and services.

The Pioneer Heartbeat Day was a timely event as all the students were looking for volunteering opportunities as part of their Values In Action (VIA) programme requirement. We are happy to say that our booth attracted both students who were looking for short-term volunteering opportunities to fulfill their VIA requirements, and students who were interested in long-term volunteering opportunities as part of their personal development.

The YWCA of Singapore would like to thank Pioneer Junior College and the Interact Club for organising such a meaningful event and giving us an opportunity to work with them. It was wonderful to see so many eager youths willing to step forward to make a difference. We look forward to participating in more of such events in the future.



Tribute to Mr. Lee Kuan Yew By Gabriel Fu

No words can encapsulate the monumental contribution of our nation's founding father – the late Mr. Lee Kuan Yew. Without him, Singapore would not be the way she is at present. His passing is a great loss not only to the nation but also for each and every Singaporean.

On Friday 27 March, the YWCA of Singapore mourned his passing at the tribute site set up at Tanjong Pagar Community Centre. Every member of the Association who was present at the event took time to pen down their heartfelt appreciation for Mr. Lee Kuan Yew. From the length of the eulogies written by our members, it was clear that Mr. Lee has touched everyone's lives in profound ways. Some were moved to tears as they wrote their last farewell.

After writing our final goodbyes, the Association gathered to pay homage to Mr. Lee in a solemn ceremony. We were invited to gather in front of a massive portrait of Mr. Lee where we presented flowers and bowed three times in unison.



Everyone left the ceremony with a heavy heart, knowing that Singapore will never see another individual that is as brilliant and of such fundamental importance to a nation as Mr. Lee Kuan Yew.

EVENTS

YWCA Annual Flag Day 2015 By Nicole Chua



"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35

**With \$2.50, a child will be full for a day,
With \$5, the child will have food for two days,
With \$35, a family of four will have food rations for half a month.**

This year, the YWCA will be holding her annual Flag Day on Saturday 15 August. Operation centres will be set up across the island with Fort Canning Lodge as the headquarters.

Fundraisers will be spread out all around Singapore to appeal to the public for their generous support. All proceeds raised will be channeled to support our various community services such as our Hungry No More programme, enrichment programmes for underprivileged children and YWCA House.

Head over to our website at www.ywca.org.sg to make a donation if you would like to make an impact on someone's life.

Alternatively, volunteer and offer your time to join our fundraising teams at Ang Mo Kio, Dhoby Ghaut, Jurong East, Novena or Pasir Ris. Drop us an email at volunteer@ywca.org.sg!

YWCA Bazaar 2015

By Nicole Chua

YWCA BAZAAR

Date: Saturday, 20 June 2015
 Time: 10am - 4pm
 Venue: YWCA Fort Canning Lodge, Level 1 & 2

For coupon enquiries, contact us at members@ywca.org.sg
 Visit www.ywca.org.sg for any further information.

Activities: Nail Art, Food and Drinks, Homemade Desserts, Arts and Crafts, Performances, Games, YWCA Merchandise, Balloon Sculpting, White Elephant Thrift Shop, Face Painting, Photo Booth.

Logos: YWCA, Care to Share, Singapore 50.

This year, the YWCA will be organising our biennial fundraising event, YWCA Bazaar 2015 on 20 June 2015 to raise \$50,000 to support and sustain our various community services and programmes. Up to 34 stalls will be set up at levels 1 and 2 at the Fort Canning Lodge to bring the Y-community together for a fun-filled day whilst raising funds for the underprivileged.

The stalls will consist of various merchandise, handmade craftwork, delicious food, fun and exciting games, our White Elephant thrift shop, and many other fringe activities. Our adorable children from the YWCA Child Development Centres will also be providing entertainment with an assortment of performances.

This event will double up as a fun-filled treat for our beneficiaries who consist of elderly and children from low-income families, as well as youths. We are expecting up to 1,000 participants at this event.

The proceeds raised will be channelled into our community service programmes such as our Meals-on-Wheels Programme, Sustenance for Families, Workz-on-Wheels, Youth Centre and YWCA House. Coupons will be available for sale at the YWCA Bazaar. You may also support us by pledging a donation and donating the coupons to our beneficiaries, sponsoring our stalls' expenses, or sponsoring an item on our wishlist at www.ywca.org.sg/contribute/wishlist!

Contact us at volunteer@ywca.org.sg if you are interested to volunteer for this event or put up a performance during the bazaar.

Investment Talk

By Kwok Shuyi

Over 40 eager participants attended the seventh edition of the Investment Talk, which featured guest speaker, Dr. Tan Kee Wee, a highly qualified and experienced economist with a wealth of knowledge in forecasting financial markets and global economies.

Dr. Tan shared and illustrated his views using the award winning 2014 film; 'The Theory of Everything'. Everyone was treated to an insightful presentation of Dr. Tan's insights on topics from currency exchanges to investment assets like property and gold, as well as the overall state of the economy.

The Q&A session was an exciting finish to a Friday night, as eager investors fired questions and indulged in discussions. After the culmination of the talk, 1st Vice President of the YWCA Board of Management, Ms. Mavis Tsoi presented Dr. Tan with a token of appreciation.

Thank you to all who attended and a special note of gratitude to Dr. Tan for gracing us with your presence again!



Chinese New Year Lunch for the Elderly

By Sharon Regina Kulasekaran



To usher in the Year of the Goat, the YWCA held the annual Chinese New Year lunch for the elderly on Thursday 26 February 2015. 65 elderlies from our Meals-on-Wheels programme were treated to a wonderful Chinese New Year lunch at Fort Canning Lodge.

We were blessed to have about 50 volunteers, including corporates from Dell and Panduit, on hand to befriend and assist the elderly. In addition, Dell kindly sponsored a caricaturist to sketch portraits of the elderlies, many of whom queued patiently to have their faces drawn. The caricaturist did a wonderful job with the drawings and the elderlies were very pleased to receive a keepsake to remember the event by!

To kick-off the celebration, Yu Sheng was served at the start of the feast for the elderlies to 'lo hei'. They excitedly recited prosperous phrases together before tucking in to the Yu Sheng provided by the Café Lodge. Following this, the volunteers served a delicious Chinese buffet meal to the elderlies. The joy was evident on their faces as they chatted with each other and interacted with the volunteers.

Everyone played Bingo after lunch, and prizes were given out to each of the winners. The elderlies clung onto their Bingo cards in eager anticipation, attentively listening out for each round of numbers. Before heading home, everyone was presented with Chinese New Year goodies, red packets and oranges.



Cook-out with UPS

By Stephanie Hung

At the break of dawn on Saturday 18 April, a large group of United Parcel Service (UPS) volunteers and YWCA staff gathered at the former Adult Day Centre (ADC) at Outram Road in an excited chatter for the first Cook-out of the year. UPS generously donated \$10,000 last year to fund and sustain our quarterly Cook-out sessions.

The preparation of the food such as chopping and boiling vegetables and marinating chicken thighs had been completed the day before by a separate group of eight individual volunteers. This Cook-out's menu was an extensive one, boasting stir-fried Korean BBQ chicken thighs with onions, mixed vegetables, and fried fishballs in a tomato and Thai sweet chili sauce over a bed of steamed white rice. In line with the Asian theme, dessert comprised of glutinous rice balls in three flavours; black sesame, red bean and peanut, rolled in crushed peanuts.

The 28 volunteers were divided into different work stations, and all energetically got to work. The kids even lent a hand, helping to stick labels on each of the lunchboxes. It was a great opportunity for the volunteers to interact in an environment out of the office, as they were from dissimilar departments. With everyone working together in a seamless fashion, the cooking and packing of the delicious lunches was completed with minimal hiccups in record time! Nine other individual volunteers selflessly volunteered their Saturday morning to assist in delivering the packed lunches to the grateful beneficiaries from our Meals-on-Wheels programme in different homes and centres island-wide.

It was an extremely hot and humid day, and thus after hours of hard work, everybody had worked up quite an appetite. With the tantalising smell of the food lingering in the air, all sat down to enjoy the fruits of their labour after the packed lunches had gone out. Everyone went home with their tummies satisfied, but greater still was the knowledge that they had brightened the lives of some 250 individuals who were treated to a homemade meal cooked with love.



Kids' Club March School Holidays Outing

By Sharon Regina Kulasekaran

During the March school holidays, the YWCA organised an outing to the Alive Museum for 11 children on our Meals-on Wheels Programme. Two children with special needs were also able to join us with the accompaniment of their mothers. The children gathered at YWCA Outram and were buddied with volunteers who had kindly sacrificed their Friday afternoon to be present to accompany and guide the children. Volunteers, children and staff alike then hopped onto a chartered bus to head to the Alive Museum at Suntec City.

The children had a blast exploring the different artistic 3D paintings and readily posed and smiled for the cameras! They took turns to help each other take photographs to remember the outing by. It was a good opportunity for the children to strengthen their friendships with each other as well as bond with their volunteer buddies. The children ended the outing with a treat, going to McDonalds for ice cream. Needless to say, everyone went back home with big smiles all around!



March School Holidays at the Youth Centre

By Nicole Chua

Our Youth Centre saw a food fiesta during the March school holidays! On the morning of 18 March, the youths baked butter cupcakes decorated with buttercream and topped with sweet and sour candy and marshmallows. These beautiful rainbow cupcakes were not only a beautiful sight to the eyes, but tasted awesome too! The girls happily packed their cupcakes into boxes to proudly share their baked treats with their families at home.

There was also a special session in the afternoon which reunited cousins who stayed at different children's homes. It was a heartwarming moment for everyone present as the cousins embraced each other upon meeting for the first time in nearly a year. The youth and children then proceeded to make colourful Rice Krispie Treats and rainbow cupcakes. When the session was complete, we even had a mini birthday celebration for one of the girls.

Thursday 19 March saw children from Care Club at Prison Fellowship baking oatmeal raisin cookies from scratch. They tasted almost like the ones sold at Subway! The children enjoyed bonding with volunteers as they rolled the cookies by hand, and in a moving gesture, delicately packed a generous amount of their own cookies in pretty bags to present to their volunteer buddies at the end of the session.

The last session was on Friday 20 March and the youths made Rice Krispie Treats. Though the recipe was a simple one, it required the young bakers to take on the challenge to be fast and quick so as to mold the fresh, warm treats into the shape they desired before it hardened. At the end of the session, each youth ended up with at least 10 treats to share with their loved ones.

The individual characteristics and creativity of the youths shone through as they personalised their treats with various colours and different shaped molds.

For the upcoming school holidays in June, we are excited to launch a new initiative; 'Crafternoons'! From 2 to 5 June and 8 to 12 June we are opening the Youth Centre to children, youths and even mothers to create various paintings and craftworks. Selected artworks and masterpieces may even be available for sale at the YWCA Bazaar on 20 June 2015!





Sustenance for Families Expansion By Carol Tan

Our Sustenance for Families Programme has seen a few changes in the past quarter. Overall, there has been an increase in the number of beneficiaries from an average of 70 to 130 per month in the past year. As such, the frequency of the weekday packing sessions has been increased to twice a month due to the greater number of beneficiaries and to create more volunteering opportunities. The packing will now be conducted on every first and last Friday of each month.

We are blessed to have a dedicated pool of corporate volunteers who are ever enthusiastic to support this programme by giving of their time and service to pack and deliver the rations islandwide to over 1,300 families that we serve every month. Dell and Standard Chartered Bank have committed to volunteer to pack rations for alternate months this year, and we are grateful to welcome Morgan Stanley to join us for the first time in June's upcoming packing session.

We are always looking for more volunteers to come on board, whether it be individuals or corporate groups. For corporate organisations, you can gather a team of at least 10 people to pack and deliver rations to the families all over Singapore. Please call 6223 1227 or visit www.ywca.org.sg/volunteer/weekdayweekend-sustenance-families for more information.

Self-Development Camp with Melrose Home

By Alice Chua



Melrose Home is our new partner for our Workz-on-Wheels Programme in 2015. We started our collaboration with them by conducting a Self-Development Camp for the youths aged 13 to 16 years old during the March school holidays.

During the one day camp, we aimed to raise the youth's self-esteem whilst inculcating character values and independence. Firstly, the youths were asked to complete a questionnaire and personality test. They were then encouraged to give positive compliments to one another, so as to identify their own strengths.



In line with Melrose Home's stance on independent living, the youths flaunted their culinary flair by cooking their own lunch; baked pasta. Each of them felt much fulfilment in doing so, as cooking is a therapeutic activity and facilitates in fostering self-esteem. Additionally, besides discovering and developing their talents in cooking, the youths also had fun and learnt to share and follow instructions.

After lunch, the youths were guided on self-regulation techniques, after which they were tasked with creating a skit based on different scenarios. The aim of this was twofold; to give the children the opportunity to express themselves through drama as well as to build on their problem-solving skills.



The camp ended with a sharing session as the youths spoke of the learning points that they could apply to their lives from the camp. Overall, the youths commented that they enjoyed the sessions and were looking forward to attending more of such sessions with the YWCA.

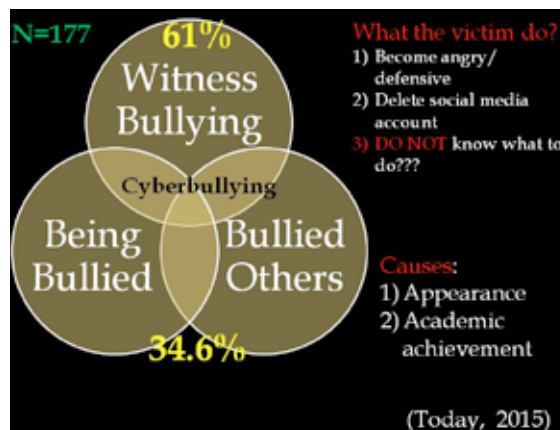
The volunteers on hand noted that the youths were resilient, ambitious and cooperative. We identified each youth's individual talents which we can nurture whilst working with Melrose Home in the upcoming school holidays when we conduct more programmes to benefit the youths.

Cyberbullying Workshop with Prison Fellowship Singapore

By Alice Chua

Our first session of the year with Prison Fellowship Singapore was a social etiquette workshop on cyberbullying. In this highly technological era with strong peer influences, the current generation of youngsters are very savvy in using social media as part of their social life. Hence, through our workshop, we aimed to raise awareness of cyberbullying and educate them on how to cope if they become victims of cyberbullying.

The children were handed a bullying questionnaire for them to identify if they bore characteristics pertaining to a bully or a victim. This checklist served as a benchmark for us to identify the level of the children's understanding of bullying. Afterwards, volunteers acted out an interesting skit on cyberbullying which educated the children on the Harassment Act. To conclude the session, we screened video clips on cyberbullying to reinforce the message behind the skit and expose the children to the consequences of cyberbullying.



Our next session will comprise of a follow-up activity centred on bullying. If you would like to join us to befriend the children, please contact us at volunteer@ywca.org.sg for more information.

CHILD CARE

Combined Chinese New Year Care and Share Programme

By Rebecca Au

On 27 February 2015, 160 elderly YWCA Meals-on-Wheels beneficiaries were treated to a sumptuous lunch organised by God of Love Delivery (G.O.L.D.), a voluntary group which provides free lunches to these elderly on weekends. The event was held at the YWCA Fort Canning Lodge's Sophia Cooke Ballroom.

The K1 and K2 children from our Bishan, McNair and West Coast Child Development Centres (CDCs) displayed heart-warming caring and sharing characteristics by entertaining the elderly with a medley of songs and dances. The elderly clapped along with delight as they watched the children sing and dance to music, and their faces lit up with much joy.

After the finale song, children from the three centres, guided by their teachers, distributed goodie bags to all of the elderly. Parents from Bishan, McNair and West Coast CDCs had generously donated packs of milo, noodles and biscuits to fill the goodie bags.

The event provided the children with the opportunity to experience the joy of giving back to the needy as well as cultivate respect and care for the elderly. We would like to thank our parents for their generous donations of the goodie bags, as well as all the children, staff and G.O.L.D for each playing part in making the event a huge success!



Pasir Ris CDC's Tribute to Mr. Lee Kuan Yew

By Ho Mee Kuen



On 25 March 2015, the staff at Pasir Ris Child Development Centre (Pasir Ris CDC) brought some of the K2 children to pay their respects to the late Mr. Lee Kuan Yew. It was an impromptu decision made by our Principal, Madam Ho, as she thought it would be a good opportunity for the children to pay their respects to our founding father and more learn about his contributions to the nation.

We arrived at Tampines Community Plaza at around 5.15pm. The atmosphere was solemn, but we were greeted with warm friendly smiles by the volunteers and MP Mr Baey Yam Keng. We bowed three times in respect for Mr. Lee and laid our homemade card for him. It was a big heart shaped card on which children, teachers, aunts and parents of Pasir Ris CDC had penned down their heartfelt messages.

As we stood there, the children started to express words of gratitude to Mr. Lee, thanking him for making Singapore a beautiful, clean and green city. It was uplifting to hear our children speaking with sincerity from the bottom of their hearts!

Shortly after, one lady approached us asking for permission to interview and video our children. We stood together in a group, taking turns to thank Mr. Lee for what he had done for Singapore. We then brought the children around to view the exhibits of Mr. Lee's life contributions to Singapore. With much interest and curiosity, the children discussed the photographs, asked questions and read the captions. They also read the condolence messages in awe, coming to the realisation of how great a leader Mr. Lee was.

It was indeed a unique and meaningful experience paying our tributes to Mr. Lee. The children learnt to develop compassion, appreciation and respect for Mr. Lee. Although at this age they may not be fully aware of how Mr. Lee had dedicated his whole life to Singapore, we hope to continue to educate our children about his extraordinary contributions and the positive life attitudes that he possessed. May his legacy live on forever for generations to come!



McNair CDC's Tribute to Mr Lee Kuan Yew

On Monday 23 March 2015 at 3:18 a.m, we lost Singapore's most valuable asset, our founding father, Mr. Lee Kuan Yew. Indeed it was a dark day for all of us.

As people all around Singapore were showing their gratitude to him through tributes and penning their condolences, children of YWCA McNair also did their part by writing appreciation messages to Mr. Lee Kuan Yew to thank him for his endless contribution to this country.

Prior to this, the teachers spent about three days to educate the children on Mr. Lee Kuan Yew's legacy. They watched videos showcasing the dedication and passion he had in transforming Singapore into a modern city which now has the best airport in the world and is considered one of the safest and most corruption-free countries.

After gaining knowledge and utmost admiration for Mr. Lee Kuan Yew, the K1 and K2 children penned down their appreciation messages. When they were done, the teachers assisted in collecting all the messages and sticking them on a big sheet of coloured paper.

在 2015 年 3 月 25 日，星期一上午 8 点 13 分，我们失去了新加坡最宝贵的财富——我们的建国总理，李光耀先生。

新加坡的民众都通过献致敬和写吊唁词，表现对他的感激。YWCA McNair 的孩子们也做了他们该做的本份，也给李光耀先生写信来感谢他为这个国家和我们无限的贡献。

在这之前，老师们花了 3 天的时间向孩子们展示了李光耀宪政的遗赠。他们观看关于李光耀先生所拥有的奉献精神 and 热情的录像——从小渔村改变成一个现代化的城市。这座城市现在有全世界最好的机场，被认为是世界上最安全与没有贪污腐败的国家。

在对李光耀先生和他为新加坡所做的一切更了解之后，K1 和 K2 的孩子们在课堂上开始写下他们的对国父的感激。孩子们写完后，老师们协助他们把感谢信粘到一张大彩色纸上。

2015 年 3 月 27 日，星期五，K1 和 K2 的孩子们参观了宏茂桥的社区中心，表达了他们对我们的建国总理最后的尊重。孩

On Friday 27 March 2015, the K1 and K2 children visited the Community Tribute Centre at Ang Mo Kio to pay their last respects to our founding father. They brought the big sheet of paper with their messages along, hoping that it will reach him in one way or another.

Before they placed their messages on the stage, the children and teachers took time to bow to Mr. Lee Kuan Yew's picture to show their respect and heart-felt appreciation. Lastly, they exclaimed "Mr. Lee Kuan Yew, We love you!". It was truly heart-warming to see the young children display their gratitude and thankfulness to Mr. Lee Kuan Yew. It was a sorrowful, yet gratifying day for all of us!

"To our dearest Mr. Lee Kuan Yew, You will always be fondly remembered by the children, parents and staff of YWCA McNair. Thank you for dedicating your entire life to the growth of this country and us! Your sacrifices have enabled us to reap the fruits of your labour. We will continue to honour your legacy. Have a well-deserved rest. Rest in peace, Mr. Lee Kuan Yew!"

Miss Vaisha (K1)

孩子们带了粘有他们感谢信的大彩色纸，一起把尊敬和感谢传达给李光耀先生。

孩子们在吊唁台上摆放他们的感谢信之前，孩子和老师们首先向李光耀先生的遗照鞠躬，来表达对李光耀先生的尊敬和由衷的感谢。最后，在孩子们鞠完躬后一起说：“李光耀先生，我们爱您！”

看到孩子们表现出对李光耀先生的感谢和感激，我们被深深感动了。

“致最亲爱的李光耀先生，

您将会永远被 YWCA McNair 的孩子，父母和员工深情地缅怀。感谢您奉献了您的一生发展这个国家和我们！因为您的牺牲，我们都能够享受您的劳动成果。我们将会继续以您的遗赠为荣。李光耀先生，安息！”

张老师 (K2)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome on Board

The YWCA is pleased to welcome new staff to the team. We welcome Yeo Say Moi as Cook at Ang Mo Kio CDC, Komathi D/O Anbu Allagan as Senior Teacher and Oe Lien Hiong as Attendant at Bedok CDC, Goon Mai Lin as Para Educator at Bukit Gombak CDC, Estrada Irene Caspe as Para Educator at Jurong East CDC, Tan Siew Lan as Attendant at Pasir Ris CDC, Lee Qian Hui Hazel as Principal at West Coast CDC, Catherine Jerah Philemon as Administrator, Garcia Jean Jamandron as Senior Occupational Therapist, and Joharan Beevi D/O Mohd Ismail and Loretta Immaculate Michael as Learning Support Teachers at the Educational Support Unit.

At Fort Canning Lodge, we welcome Choe Sow Weng as Cook, Gangadharan Ramesh Babu as Guest Service Officer, Muhammad Iswandi Bin Mohd Nor as Technician and Pirema a/p Mahanderan as Waitress.

At the National Office, we welcome Tan Hong Tin Priscilla as HR Executive.

23 March 2015

YWCA of Singapore Letter of Condolence to Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong

Dear Prime Minister Lee,

I would like to express my heartfelt condolences on the passing of your beloved father Mr. Lee Kuan Yew.

As Singapore's founding father, Mr. Lee was an extraordinary visionary leader who led Singapore through five decades of sustained success. He will be remembered for his profound and tireless dedication in personally molding our country into the great and prosperous nation that it is today. He was a devoted public servant who truly loved his people and his country.

Mr. Lee will be missed dearly by all but his spirit will live on forever, and the YWCA of Singapore will strive to carry out his legacy in our commitment to touch and transform the lives of the needy in the community.

Together with my Board of Management, YWCA members and all at YWCA, we extend our deepest sympathies to you and your family during this time of bereavement. Please accept our most heartfelt thoughts and prayers.

May he rest in peace.

Yours Sincerely,

Tan Kee Leng, PBM

President

Young Women's Christian Association of Singapore



*Prime Minister
Singapore*

6 May 2015

Dear Ms Tan,

On behalf of my family, thank you for your condolences and words of comfort.

My father had dedicated his life to realising his vision of multi-racialism and harmony between the races and religions. May we honour his legacy by ever strengthening the harmony that he had strived to build and protect.

Yours sincerely

Lee Hsien Loong

