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Little Adults for a Day at KidZania!

On 15 March, in an outing to KidZania sponsored by Credit Suisse, 33 of our children were fortunate to have the chance to live out some of their dream jobs. They had great fun role-playing what it is like to work in different occupations.

Walking into KidZania was like walking into a miniature city owned by children. In just a few hours, they went from being fire fighters to preparing food at KFC; from cleaning windows to being couriers. No job was too big for them to handle!

We saw their cherubic faces lit with enthusiasm as they explored each job station and learnt the "skills" necessary for each job. They earned "kidzos" (KidZania's own currency) after completion of each task. Through these role-play activities in an environment which mimics the adult world, they learnt valuable lessons such as understanding the value of money, the amount of hard work needed to earn that money, as well as spending and saving it. They also realised the potential in each of them and got a glimpse of what they can do in the future.

Our volunteers from Credit Suisse were not only chaperones for our children, they also participated and cheered our children on as they went through different tasks and jobs. It was a wonderful partnership that did much for our children.

The outing was well-received by our beneficiaries and they were very excited to join the next outing. The ticket price to KidZania is out of reach for our beneficiaries – we truly appreciate Credit Suisse's generosity to grant our children this delightful opportunity!

Isaiah Tee, Programme Executive



“ I learnt how people at petrol stations work
Interesting to drive cars there
I enjoy playing the camp obstacle
I learn how to be a paramedic ”

“ I learn that it is hard to earn money
Interesting to learn what kind of powder we put in the soap
It was useful because there was so many things to do ”



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People commonly associate the ephemeral beauty of the Cherry Blossom (Sakura) with Japan. However, on 23rd March, our senior beneficiaries had the privilege to admire the beauty of blooming Sakura trees on local soil!

Volunteers from CISCO took the initiative to sponsor a meaningful outing to Gardens by the Bay for our seniors. Throughout the outing, the volunteers guided our seniors with care and support while they walk. They also shared previous experiences from visiting the gardens.

The seniors, especially those who had never step foot into the 'gardens' before, stood in awe as they entered the Flower Dome that was as big as 75 Olympic swimming pools featuring exotic plants from the world. Accorded as the largest glass greenhouse, it gave our seniors an impression of perpetual spring. Together with the volunteers, our seniors strolled along Sakura-lined pathways and had fun chatting and discovering Japanese-themed elements. We spotted a volunteer taking many photographs with some seniors behind a kimono statue photo booth, laughing away.

When asked about the trip, many of our seniors exclaimed, "I would want to come again to see the flowers!" Some of them simply enjoyed the impressive floral display while many enjoyed the engaging company of the volunteers. Be it taking photographs, chatting or singing together on the way to the gardens, it was truly a wonderful sight to see them so happy.

Thank you CISCO, the laughter you brought to our seniors were as bright and lively as the flowers in the gardens.

Freddy Ow Yong, Intern, Psychology Studies, Ngee Ann Polytechnic



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