

PRESS RELEASE

Children in Paediatric Ward Entertained to Storytelling by Teachers Julia Gabriel Centre Teachers Visited Pantai Hospital Kuala Lumpur for Charity Initiative



[The Julia Gabriel Centre team, led by Shobana Chandran (middle, seated, in red) entertaining the crowd in Pantai Hospital Kuala Lumpur's Paediatric Ward with an interactive storytelling session.]

KUALA LUMPUR, 9 October 2014 – Julia Gabriel Centre (JGC) teachers recently visited the Paediatric Ward in Pantai Hospital Kuala Lumpur as part of an initiative to bring warmth and happiness to the children in the local community. The team, led by Senior Teacher Shobana Chandran from Julia Gabriel Centre Bangsar brought the team together to entertain the children with the school's signature music and movements introduction before moving on to an interactive storytelling session.

This charity visit was the first in line out of a planned twice a month regular tie-up with Pantai Hospital Kuala Lumpur (PHKL), made possible through collaborative efforts headed by JGC's Centre Director, Wang Pau Lee and PHKL's Norhaslina Othman, Senior Manager, Business Development and Sr Sallailawati Tandang.



According to Wang, this effort was born out of her personal aspiration to empower her teachers to give back to the local community through the school's unique EduDrama teaching methodology which incorporates elements of drama and imaginary play. Wang commented, "Our teachers are trained to work with children across all ages, and this opportunity with Pantai Hospital Kuala Lumpur is indeed an excellent platform for our school to work with a community of young learners – creating a positive environment even in a hospital, for the young patients to learn while in recuperation, and simultaneously being entertained."

More than 20 participants comprising the young patients, with the accompaniment of their parents and siblings enjoyed the music session with the teachers and the use of imagination through the medium of drama during the storytelling session. "We teach communication skills by way of invoking children's love for playing because they learn best through play. Through this programme with PHKL, we hope to spend some time to brighten up their day, keeping them captivated and at the same time expose them to skills we would normally cover in our classes", added Wang.

Through such corporate social responsibility initiatives, Julia Gabriel Centre hopes to continue their efforts to foster a fun and friendly, yet stimulating environment for children to build their confidence and expressive communication from a young age. The learning centre, with its preschool arm, Chiltern House, aims to create a positive impact towards the local community they serve in.





[The teachers getting the young crowd moving with fun, light-hearted music for the opening during this twicea-month CSR initiative.]

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