

MEDIA ADVISORY**Millennium Hotels and Resorts Teaches Life Lessons Through Cycling**

Hotel Staff Volunteer for OCBC Cycle 2016's "Teach A Child To Cycle Programme"



M Social General Manager Mr Ting Huong Tak (right), helping ten-year-old Abdul Hadi how to cycle during the Teach A Child to Cycle programme conducted by staff volunteers from Millennium Hotels and Resorts at M Social Singapore. (Photo Credit: OCBC Cycle 2016)

SINGAPORE, 30 July 2016 – STAFF volunteers from Millennium Hotels and Resorts took time off to give back to the community by teaching 20 under-privileged children how to cycle at the Teach A Child To Cycle Programme, presented by Millennium Hotels & Resorts (MHR).

The children, who come from the Dyslexia Association of Singapore, The Business Times Budding Artists Fund, Thye Hua Kwan Moral Charities and Yu Neng Primary School, spent their morning at M Social Singapore and learnt the basic principles of cycling. M Social is the latest addition to MHR's stable of five hotels here.

Today marks the second session of OCBC Cycle 2016's three-part series of Teach A Child to Cycle. On the concluding session on 6 August, the children will progress to a half-day cycling trip around the Singapore Sports Hub. The children, staff volunteers and OCBC Cycle 2016 participants who have offered to volunteer for this programme, will end the cycling trip with a sumptuous lunch prepared by chefs at Grand Copthorne Waterfront, followed by a mini-colouring competition with customised artwork created by staff volunteers from the hotel.

“The session was fun and interesting. I feel very happy because now I know how to ride on two wheels. I want to continue to practise so that I can ride even more,” said nine-year-old Rosqushairi Aandi Bin Rosli.

“This has been a meaningful partnership between Millennium Hotels and Resorts and OCBC Cycle. It is an immersive experience for everyone involved given that the cycling sessions require active engagement and interaction between the volunteers and children,” said M Social General Manager Mr Ting Huang Tak, who also volunteered at today’s cycling session.

“We feel a deep sense of responsibility towards the children as they struggle to balance. By understanding their fear of falling, our volunteers took great care to motivate and help them overcome these mental challenges. It’s like teaching a life skill – once you learn how to cycle, you will never forget.”

He added: “Seeing their triumphant smiles and joy as they finally master cycling, makes it such a touching and rewarding experience. We are appreciative of the chance to give back and contribute any way possible.”

OCBC Cycle 2016, the nation’s largest cycling event, will take place on 1 and 2 October this year. Visit www.ocbccycle.com for more information.

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