YOUNG ENGINEERS PUT SMILES ON FACES OF CHILDREN

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Young engineers with the children of PKWTWP

Get set, ready, go to National Science Center

Wow, what's that?

Lunch time!

The IEM Graduate and Student Section organised a visit to the National Science Centre on 26 September 2004 for the children of PKWTWP (Persatuan Kebajikan Warga Tua dan Kanak-kanak Wilayah Persekutuan). The objective of the visit was to cultivate interest in science among the children. The activity was organised by the Social & Community Portfolio, with Sdr. Cheng Wei Loon (Leader), Sdr. Ivan Tan and Sdri. Cheong Sze Yin in the organising committee. The participants consist of 10 G&S members, 8 volunteers and 26 children.

At 9.15 a.m., the G&S members arrived at the PKWTWP in Kepong, Kuala Lumpur. Waiting at the gate were the enthusiastic children dressed in dark blue. Before departure to the National Science Centre, the children were divided into 6 groups and escorted by the young and caring engineers and other volunteers.

The adventure at the National Science Centre began with the *Underwater World Aquarium.* Some children were frightened at the Environment Odyssey as it was a little dark and there were intermittent sounds of animals. However, the fatherly engineers pacified and carried the children through the "jungle". Next, the journey got more exciting as we adventured through the *Pathway to Science, Pathway to Discovery, Thinking Machine,* and *Future World.*

The adventure didn't stop there, as we ventured outdoors to check out the *Nature Centre and Bird Park.* The children were excited to cross the floating bridge, and they also saw the ostrich and sheep. After the exhausting adventure, the young engineers brought the children to lunch at a fast food restaurant at Desa Sri Hartamas. Lunch time? Not yet for the young engineers who were still busy taking care of the children. The children were just incredibly energetic and adventurous.

Next stop? Send the children back to the home.

Learn any new science and technology? The young engineers learned that it's tougher to take care of children than to design a bridge! We felt great to be able to carve a smile on each of the children's faces. Watch out for our next community service activity and let's **"Show Them We Care"**.

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