



A Splashing Good Time With Hong Leong Foundation

Hong Leong Foundation had a splashing good time on a DUCKTour outing with nearly 70 elderly, staff volunteers and senior executives as part of its annual lunar new year festivities. Pictured here with elderly residents from Adventist Home for the Elders are Governors of Hong Leong Foundation Mr Kingston Kwek (foreground in sunglasses), Ms Michelle Kwek (in beige pants), Mr Kwek Eik Sheng (seated in the same row as Ms Kwek on the right), and CDL Group General Manager Mr Chia Ngiang Hong (background in sunglasses).

Some 40 beneficiaries from two senior homes, Adventist Home for the Elders and St John's Home for Elderly Persons had a splashing good time on a DUCKTour outing as part of Hong Leong Foundation's annual charity event. This event aims to build mental and social well-being, driving the Health Promotion Board's initiatives to "Live Well, Age Well" for Singapore's aging community.

It was a memorable time for the seniors from Adventist Home for the Elders and St. John's Home for Elderly Persons. They toured the city in an hour-long land and sea historic adventure of the Civic District, where sights of the iconic city skyline and landmarks such as the Old Supreme Court and the War Memorial Park ignited deep memories. The event ended with games and performances, and a sumptuous Lunar New Year buffet spread at Orchard Hotel which includes Double Boiled Ginseng Black Chicken Soup and Peking Duck.



Staff volunteers across Hong Leong Group of companies helping the elderly up the 'duck' boat, an amphibious remodelled Vietnamese war craft that can go on land and sea.

Big cheers erupted all around as the boat splashed into the sea.

Sharing love with the beneficiaries are staff volunteers across the Hong Leong Group of companies including City Developments Limited, Hong Leong Holdings, Millennium Hotels and Resorts, Hong Leong Finance, Hong Leong Asia and Hong Realty. Together with the seniors and volunteers, the event saw a total turnout of nearly 70 people.



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The charity event is part of Hong Leong Foundation's annual outreach to the silver community for over 40 years. The Foundation also made cash contributions of nearly S\$460,000 to 2,870 elderly beneficiaries under the Ministry of Social and Family Development's ComCare Long-Term Assistance scheme.



Mr Quek Kon Hui, a governor of Hong Leong Foundation (standing far left) sharing his welcome speech at Orchard Café where lunch was held after the tour.



An elderly lady expressing her appreciation and gratitude to Mr Quek as he handed her bingo prize of birds' nest. With him is Mr Poh Wei Jun from CDL.

"Helping seniors integrate into the community is vital towards their holistic care and wellbeing. Through this event, we are able to see the smiles we bring to the beneficiaries, reminding us just how impactful and precious such face-to-face engagements are to them," said Ms Michelle Kwek, a governor of Hong Leong Foundation who was among the organisers behind today's charity event.

For the year 2023, the Foundation donated nearly S\$4 million to several causes, including the Lee Kuan Yew Centennial Fund, National Kidney Foundation, Crimson Wetlands at Bird Paradise, Fragile Forest Exhibit at Singapore Zoo, Institute of Technical Education, Singapore Association for Mental Health, and Dance Ensemble Singapore.



Staff volunteers helping the elderly win their hand at bingo games.



Volunteers like Ms Rita Chua from Hong Leong Finance, (standing in the centre), helping to serve the elderly as they tucked into the delicious lunch buffet.