

## Visit to Engineering and Science Centre together with Good Samaritan Home

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23RD March 2013 was a special day for METDians as we continued to bring engineering and science to people from all walks of life and in particular, the young ones. We invited the children from the Good Samaritan Home for 1-day visit to the engineering and science centre, Petro Sains and Aquaria KLCC.

The day started with some 30 excited children anxiously forming smaller groups and queuing up to enter Petro Sains. This interactive science discovery centre engages through sight, sound, touch and smell and covered all aspects of sciences – from the microscopic to the cosmic, from fearsome dinosaurs to the fascinating world of petroleum. The children had a chance to immerse themselves into a stimulating learning environment through hands-on exhibits, understanding how volcanoes work, science shows and 3D film. All this while, METDians took on the role of part-time science teachers to read the manual to the children and explain what it all meant.

Then we stopped for lunch, after which we went to Aquaria where we were welcomed by the sight of bamboo shark, starfish, sea cucumber and horse crab at the touch-pool. It was a journey to discover fascinating aquatic life. The highlights include a 90m tunnel tank with a moving travelator. We were thrilled to be surrounded by sand tiger shark, giant

stingray, marine turtle and many other varieties of sea creatures swimming around unhindered in the vast oceanarium. We also watched a spectacular live show where divers fed the tiger sharks at Aquatheatre.

The day ended at 4.30 p.m. when the children happily smiled and posed for a group photo. I would like to end this report with a quote from Winston Churchill who said, ***“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give”.*** ■

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