

# My First Skool Celebrates The Spirit Of Philanthropy!

By **Gwen Sin**

**I**t was a glorious finale for 20 Kindergarten Two (K2) students from My First Skool (MFS) at Block 950 Hougang and their families, as they put up meaningful performances related to individual self-worthiness and philanthropy in their graduation concert on 25 November 2011.

It was also a significant testimony of commitment and dedication that has paid off for the key drivers and teaching staff, since the centre was officially established under the Community Partnership Programme (CPP) between Ang Mo Kio GRC and NTUC First Campus to serve the needs of many residents to enjoy convenient and quality early childhood services.

NTUC Director (Migrant Workers) Yeo Guat Kwang was present as Guest-of-Honour. Said Mr Yeo: "The quality of its curriculum and teaching strength make My First Skool the best alternative for many working parents. It is indeed to the benefit of residents living within the vicinity to harness the strength of My First Skool as a

partner in the care and education of young children. When the centre, parents and community work as a team for the children, it can only be for the benefit of the little ones."

Said the centre's Principal Celine Cheng: "Our main role is to concretise the values of our students. As often shared with my teachers, children need 'hard' and 'soft' skills to be moulded. Through such a concert, they learnt teamwork, how to compromise and taking

constructive feedback from their teachers. Along the process, they mature and are able to showcase such wonderful talent today."

Judging from the confidence and self-assurance radiating from the 20 graduating students' faces that evening, it is evitable that the transition to primary school will be a smoother and easier one for them.

**“ I enrolled my eldest daughter into MFS Punggol South just a year ago because this centre is nearer to our home. What I really like is that she has become more bilingual. She only wanted to speak in English previously, since her ex-classmates at her earlier pre-school are more fluent in English. Now she's willing to converse in Mandarin, and comfortable speaking it with her friends at this centre. She also learns another aspect in life, which is the willingness to share. She learns that not everyone is as fortunate as her, and is more generous these days.”**

**Mrs Pearly Ng, whose daughters Althea (6) and Anthea (4) are both students at MFS Punggol South.**



NTUC Director (Migrant Workers) Yeo Guat Kwang in a group photo with some of the graduating K2 students from My First Skool (MFS) at Block 950 Hougang.