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Ex-beauty queens hold colouring contest for 54 children at family-run home

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The beauty queens present the memento to founder, Jacinta, as children strike a pose. (From top left) Joann Chan, Joey Ong, Jacinta, Zoe Tan, and Lim Sui Pei.

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Beauty queens of D'Touch International's Miss Malaysia Tourism Pageant visited The Lighthouse Children's Welfare Home last Sunday for an afternoon of bonding with the children.

The children were all smiles during the interactive sessions with the visitors.

The group of former Miss Malaysia included Zoe Tan (Miss Malaysia Queen of Tourism), Joanne Chan (Miss Malaysia Tourism), Lim Sui Pei (Miss Malaysia Asia Pacific) and Joey Ong (Miss Malaysia Tourism Metropolitan).

They were at the home for two hours where they engaged the children in a colouring contest.

The beauty queens also gave out workbooks sponsored by Pelangi Publishing Group and stationery sponsored by Faber Castell to the home's children.

The Lighthouse Children's Welfare Home shelters 54 children.

The children live with founders Steven Silvaraju and Jacinta Steven who began the registered charity 11 years ago to provide the children with a nurturing and secure environment.

The home focuses on raising the children in a loving, family-oriented home, with every effort made to keep siblings together.

In line with the vision to spread the spirit of "Loving Sunday," this corporate social responsibility campaign along with D'Touch International's Miss Malaysia will set the last Sunday of every month with a mission to provide a "Gift of Knowledge."

The Miss Malaysia beauty queens will be devoting their time on visits to set up bookshelves and donate books to charitable homes to encourage reading.

The campaign will also see the beauty queens promoting education and knowledge with activities such as reading sessions and outdoor educational tours.

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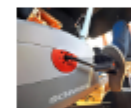
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