

# Day of fun at Petrosains

## Volunteers take underprivileged children to educational centre

**A** WET and gloomy day did not deter children from Angels Children's Home from having a fun and educational outing at Petrosains with Ireka Cares volunteers.

Volunteer Dominic Tee, better known as "Big Bro", briefed everyone on what to expect on the tour and then revealed that there would be a quiz after the tour.

Six teams comprising four children and volunteers each set off immediately after familiarising themselves with the rules and regulations. The quiz featured various questions about the exhibits at the Petrosains centre.

Tee teamed with volunteer Loong Jee Yung, and Ashley and Leon from Rumah Kanak-Kanak Angels.

This proved to be a winning combination as the team eventually finished second, narrowly missing out on the top prize. The top spot went to volunteers Vione Ha, Yap Soo Hwee and children Samantha and Kelly.

The journey began with the Dark Ride transporting the enthusiastic group on a meandering trail through the natural attractions in Malaysia, set against a dark and tranquil ambience.

They arrived at Petrojaya, a cartoon village which showcased the high technology of petrochemicals portrayed through *wayang kulit*.

At the Exploration section, the children learned about the tools and techniques used in petroleum exploration and also had the opportunity to understand what's involved in being a geologist and seismologist.

A "singing" tyrannosaurus was the main

attraction at Geotime Diorama and they also learnt about earthquakes, fossils and petroleum.

Those who like Formula One really enjoyed themselves at the Speed section with its race cars, training games and more.

Other equally memorable experiences here included strapping in for an exciting simulator ride, that is when the adrenaline kicked in akin to riding the roller coaster in outer space.

"The team gelled along quickly in getting all the right answers, while at the same time having fun doing all the various activities, which did influence the final scoring.

"Overall, it was a good bonding session with the children, and it was great getting to know each other better too," Tee said.

After close to three hours of educational learning at Petrosains, the children and volunteers finally bid their farewell to an exciting morning and headed for their lunch break.

Tee capped the day off by announcing the top three winners, and presented the prizes.

"We are pleased that our staff are committed towards a worthy cause that benefits the underprivileged in society.

"Throughout this term, we have planned a plethora of recreational and educational activities for the children, to enhance their learning and communication skills," said Ireka Corporation Bhd deputy managing director Datuk Lai Foot Kong.

Rumah Kanak-Kanak Angels was set up in 2004 to provide shelter to underprivileged or abandoned children, between five and 16 years old.



**All smiles:** Ireka volunteers and Angels Children's Home residents posing for a group photograph.