

Shelter home children visit Petrosains

KUALA LUMPUR: A wet and gloomy day did not deter the children of Rumah Kanak-Kanak Angels from having a fun and educational outing at Petrosains with IREKA CARES volunteers.

IREKA CARES volunteer Dominic Tee, also known as Big Bro, welcomed the children and volunteers.

He briefed them on what to expect on the Petrosains tour, before revealing that there was a quiz to complete as part of the day's event.

Six teams were formed, comprising four children and volunteers who set off immediately after familiarising themselves with the rules and regulations of the quiz. The quiz featured questions about the exhibits.

Big Bro paired off with fellow volunteer Loong Jee Yung, and Ashley and Leon from Rumah Kanak-Kanak Angels.

This proved to be an awesome combination as they finished second, only narrowly missing out on the top prize. The top spot went to volunteers Vione Ha, Yap Soo Hwee and the children, Samantha and Kelly.

The journey began with the dark ride which transported the enthusiastic group on a meandering trail



IREKA CARES volunteers with the children of Rumah Kanak-Kanak Angels.

through natural attractions in Malaysia, set against a dark and tranquil ambience. They arrived at Petrojaya, a cartoon village which showcased the technology of the petrochemical industry 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 Diora-

ma. They also learnt about earthquakes, fossils and petroleum.

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

"The team gelled along quickly in getting all the right answers, while

having fun doing all the various activities, which influenced the final scoring," said Big Bro.

"Overall, it was a good bonding session with the kids."

As a science discovery centre, Petrosains appeals to school-going children with its fun and interactive presentation of science and technology. Each exhibit area features detailed descriptions and user-friendly manuals.

After close to three hours of educational learning at Petrosains, the children and volunteers headed for their lunch break.

Big Bro capped the day by announcing the top three winners, and presented the prizes.

Ireka Corporation Bhd deputy managing director Datuk Lai Foot Kong said: "We are pleased that Irekians are committed to 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."

Rumah Kanak-Kanak Angels was set up in 2004 to provide shelter to underprivileged or abandoned children, between 5 and 16 years old.