



PRESS RELEASE
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\$600,000 Raised for New Rainbow Centre Campus for Students with Autism at Charity Golf Event

Rainbow Centre (RC) organised a charity golf to raise funds for its third and newest campus on 27 September 2018. When completed by 2022, the purpose-built campus at Admiralty Link will be able to serve up to 300 students aged 7-18 years old with autism. The new campus aims to provide a conducive environment for students to learn, gain independence and grow interdependently alongside their communities. The first batch of 65 students started classes at an interim campus at Marsiling Lane this year.

At the golf event, artworks by four Rainbow Centre (RC) students were put up for auction. Among them is student Noah Tan, whose artwork "Noah's World" expresses how the community around him supports him to fulfil his dreams. Noah has autism and entered RC's Early Intervention Programme when he was five years old. Over time, he grew to love expressing his thoughts and personality through art. Noah's art has taken him places. He won third prize at the Very Special Arts art competition in 2016, and received a Certificate of Recognition for two artworks at the SYF Art Competition 2016. Now 18, Noah is in RC's Talent Art Programme (TAP), which develops students for art-related work and engagement opportunities. Noah has been accepted into a certificate in visual arts programme offered by the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts and Very Special Arts Singapore.

Executive Director of Rainbow Centre, Ms Tan Sze Wee, says, "Rainbow Centre believes that every child can learn; they just need an opportunity and someone to believe in them. The active support by our partners sends a strong message that they believe persons with disabilities have a place in our society. Our third campus allows us to provide learning opportunities to more students with autism, so that they too, can be empowered to live independent and fulfilling lives, as active members in their communities. At our campuses in Margaret Drive and Yishun Park, we have been blessed with neighbours who believe in and warmly opened their doors to our students. Our neighbours have also come into our Rainbow Centre community. We look forward to building such a community in our new campus at Admiralty Link."

Held at the Singapore Island Country Club, this event was supported by almost 50 companies including title sponsor Centurion Corporation Limited, and 200 guests.