



European Union
Delegation to Singapore

REPORT

INAUGURAL KIDS CAMP SINGAPORE

In support of vulnerable children

For every child to enjoy a safe childhood without violence,
exploitation or abuse



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SUMMARY

As part of the commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Human Rights Declaration and in celebration of the International Day for Protection of Children (1st June 2023), the European Union Delegation to Singapore, in cooperation with Casa Raudha Women Shelter and KidsCamp Singapore, presented the **inaugural Kids Camp** for girls and boys, who experienced domestic violence. By engaging in activities in the tranquil setting of Fort Canning Park, the objective of the event was to bring happiness into the lives of children who have experienced trauma.

In her welcome remarks, EU Ambassador to Singapore Iwona Piórko said: “Without healthy children, we will not have healthy societies. This is why the commemoration of the protection of their rights, and the celebration of every child in the world today is so important.” The protection and promotion of the wellbeing of children is at the core of both the European Union and Singapore. Child rights include the right to health, education, family life, play and recreation, an adequate standard of living and to be protected from abuse and harm.

A Day of Fun was designed to reflect also on the EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child and the European Child Guarantee, a comprehensive EU policy framework to ensure the protection of the rights of all children, and secure access to basic services for vulnerable children. It is in line with The Singapore 4-5 Convention on the Rights of the Child, in which Singapore underscores its commitment to protecting and promoting the wellbeing of its children; and the endorsement of the White Paper on Singapore Women’s Development, by all members of Parliament, which depicts preventing gender-based violence as a prerequisite for gender equality.

For the 30 children of Casa Raudha, it was the first time they visited Fort Canning Park. Upon arrival several mentioned “finally feeling like children again,” a feeling most have had to repress due to their vulnerable circumstances over the many past years of their young lives.

The welcoming setting of Fort Canning Park, the enthusiasm and care of the team of KidsCamp Singapore, the playgrounds and the activities that awaited them, soon brought smiles, and laughter on the faces of children that had arrived closed, sad, and melancholic. The event was a great success and showed how a little caring and love, can make a huge difference.

ACTIVITY

- 30 Children of Casa Raudha and some of their parents attended the event at Fort Canning Park.
- After welcome remarks by Ambassador Iwona Piórko, Casa Raudha's Managing Director, and KidsCamp CEO, Ambassador Piórko presented special EU/KidsCamp Singapore T-shirts to each participant.
- Ambassador Piórko, EU Staff, Casa Raudha Managing Director and staff, and all the children and parents in attendance participated in the fun activities planned for the morning: obstacle races in small teams, treasure hunt, and lastly, tug of war.
- The activities, based on the Montessori method, planned and conducted by well-trained and experienced coaches, were designed to develop social skills, enhance problem solving and listening competence, and encourage leadership and creative thinking abilities.
- The activities conveyed such strong values as sharing, simplicity, and respect for others.
- Other activities included: Archery, Dodgeball, Sack Race, Soccer, Rugby, Face Painting, Dance, Bullrush, Water fight, a stroll in the enchanting park, and a visit to the Civil Defence Heritage Gallery.
- To keep the children hydrated and strong, there were several water and snack breaks through the day.
- At 3pm, after a long, tiresome but thrilling day, the children of Casa Raudha left the camp satisfied, smiling, tired, optimistic, and very happy.







OUTPUTS

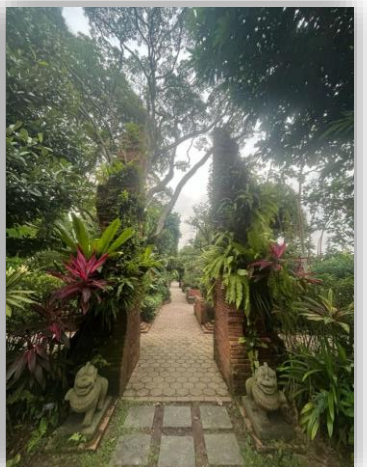
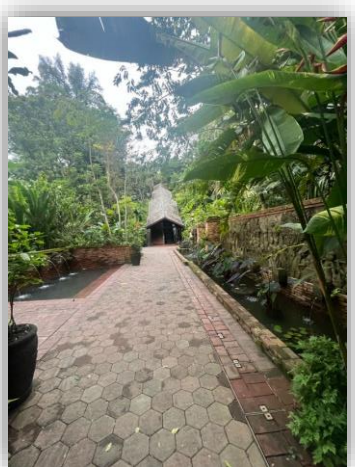
- Ambassador Iwona Piórko – European Union Ambassador opened the **Day of Fun** with a short speech.
- Sponsored and hosted by KidsCamp Singapore
- In cooperation with Casa Raudha Women Shelter.
- EU staff and Casa Raudha staff participated in the activities.
- This is a follow-up to ‘the European Union Delegation to Singapore - Casa Raudha Women Shelter joint awareness raising about gender-based-violence (GBV)’ that was part of 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based-Violence campaign in November 2022.
- Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights, and the second anniversary of the EU’s adoption of the Strategy on the Rights of the Child (24 March 2021).
- The event is in celebration of the International Day for Protection of Children, 1 June 2023. 1 June was established as the International Day for Protection of Children and has been celebrated in different parts of the world on that day ever since.
- About 30 children of Casa Raudha Women Shelter and their parents participated.



European Union Ambassador to Singapore delivering opening remarks



THE LOCATION



PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

T-SHIRT FOR EVENT



EU BAGS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS AND ATTENDEES



DIGITAL PROMOTION

Keeping the protection of the children's privacy as priority when posting, pictures and videos could only be publicised with the agreement of Casa Raudha Women Shelter. The pictures, carefully chosen, were posted on all of EU Social media platforms on 1st June 2023 in celebration of the International Day for Protection of Children as well as on its website. KidsCamp Singapore also promoted the successful cooperation on their Instagram and Facebook sites.

Links:

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