

WFP Malaysia's Unforgettable Raya Celebration With Children Of Rknh

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WFP Malaysia celebrated the Hari Raya festive season with the children of Rumah Kasih Nurul Hasanah (RKNH) in Ampang, Kuala Lumpur on April 30. During the visit, food and other essential items contributed by donors and well-wishers were handed over to the home.

The event started with Ustaz Zawawi gathering the children in the living hall for prayer followed by lunch. The 30 children were seated on the floor lined with kain saprah and they enjoyed delicious home-cooked beef rendang, curry chicken and acar timun prepared by the home staff.



After lunch, the founder of RKNH Kak Umi welcomed all guests and volunteers warmly. She thanked WFP for visiting RKNH again and explained the role of RKNH in educating and taking care of children from less fortunate families. "The donation and groceries we receive not only go to the children from the home, but also single mothers and desperate families in the area who approach us for help," she said.

Deputy President of WFP Datin Wellens Mimi Maria Farizan, in her opening speech, expressed the sincere desire of WFP members to bring love, cheer and joy to the children during this festive season.

The fun then started with a warm-up game, Hot Potato, led by gamemaster Abang Adha. The children, aged 5-16 years old, were very clever and responsive during the games session. They participated actively, and winners were given prizes as encouragement.



Our energetic emcee, Ms Wan Yee, rendered a popular English song "Count On Me" together with an international volunteer from China Ms Pan Xingyu who played the ukulele. The children performed Islamic devotional songs, known as nasyid, accompanied by traditional Malay instruments like the gendang and rebana. The children also danced to the famous Malaysian folk song Chan Mali Chan. Ms Wan Yee led the volunteers and children in a series of actions and moves. The whole room was filled with the sound of laughter as the children waved their arms and danced happily to the melody.

In her closing remarks, the President of WFWP Mdm Lina Cheng extended her appreciation for the friendship between RKNH and WFWP. She highlighted the importance of tolerance and respect for one another in forging peace and harmony within a multicultural community in Malaysia. At the end of the event, all children received duit raya, or money packets, from Philanthropist Puan Azra and goodie bags from WFWP.

First-time volunteer Ms Hui Ping, thought the event was very enjoyable: "The atmosphere of the program was excellent. It is a new experience for me to celebrate the festive season together with the kids who are so adorable and well-behaved. They seemed to be genuinely happy during the event."