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CELEBRATE SINGAPORE'S 58TH BIRTHDAY WITH OUR MIGRANT WORKERS THROUGH COMMUNITY MURAL PAINTING

STARLIGHT'S NATIONAL DAY HARMONY FEST

13th Aug 2023 | 4.00pm - 8.30pm
On this special day, let's come together to celebrate this country we all call home!





SINGAPORE, 8 AUGUST 2023: As part of our nation's 58th birthday celebrations, Tzu Chi Humanistic Youth Centre (HYC), alongside other members from the <u>Starlight Collective</u> group, will be organising a celebratory carnival headlined by community mural painting on **13 August 2023** as part of their continuous bid to unite both local and migrant communities.

The event will not only celebrate our vibrant and diverse Singapore but also mark the grand finale of the <u>Making Waves COVID series</u> - a significant milestone in bringing the campaign from migrant facilities into the heart of our community. On

event day, there will be numerous activities that champion cultural diversity and sustainability for an estimated 200 locals and 200 migrant workers.

These would include co-painting of the Making Waves mural, art therapy workshops and lively carnival booths, among many others. Dinner will also be provided for attendees, serving as an ideal backdrop for the sharing of stories and forming of connections with newfound friends.

Tzu Chi's Support for Migrant Workers Over the Years

- Providing <u>physical and mental support</u> during the COVID-19 pandemic period
- "<u>Do You See Me?</u>" Aug 2022 migrant story showcase

Thus, this latest event is a continuation of our support for our migrant workers, with an aim to help them to integrate into our local society. We welcome members of the media to join us for this meaningful event. Appended below are the details of the event for your kind attention:

Date: 13 August 2023 (Sunday)

Venue: Tzu Chi Humanistic Youth Centre

30A Yishun Central 1, Singapore 768796

Time: 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Key Events Timeline	
4:00 pm	Arrival of guests and migrant workers
4:30 pm	Making Waves Mural co-painting (outdoors) (Session 1)
5:00 pm	Making Waves Mural co-painting (outdoors) (Session 2)
6:00 pm	Arrival of GOH and tour around HYC
7:00 pm	Dinner and networking reception
7:30 pm	Media interviews
8:30 pm	Event end

If you would like to attend, kindly confirm via email at media@tzuchi.org.sg by 11 August 2023, 5pm. As there are limited vacancies, only media who RSVP will be admitted. Do RSVP early for better seating and parking arrangements.



Migrant workers taking part in an event at Kranji Recreation Centre co-organised by Tzu Chi HYC as part of Singapore's 56th National Day celebrations in 2021. (Photo by Tzu-Chi Foundation (Singapore))

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ABOUT TZU CHI HUMANISTIC YOUTH CENTRE

The Tzu Chi Humanistic Youth Centre (HYC) is a non-profit start-up by Tzu Chi Foundation (Singapore) that serves as a platform for youths to learn positive values, meet new people and be inspired. HYC advocates gratitude, respect, responsibility, courage and resilience" through a Five-Pillar Approach, which encompasses Arts & Culture, Eco Awareness, Volunteerism, Young Parenting and Youth Wellness.

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ABOUT STARLIGHT COLLECTIVE

The Starlight Collective comprises of several ground-ups and non-profit organisations, who have worked together on various migrant worker initiatives in the past few years. Its members include Tzu Chi HYC, <u>Sama Sama</u>, <u>Welcome In My Backyard</u> (WIMBY), <u>A Good Space</u>, <u>24Asia</u>, and Homeforallmigrants.

ABOUT TZU-CHI FOUNDATION (SINGAPORE)

The Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation is a global non-profit humanitarian organisation founded in 1966 by a Buddhist nun named Dharma Master Cheng Yen in Taiwan. Its missions of charity, medicine, education, humanistic culture and environmental protection has brought relief to over 100 countries.

In 1993, Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu-Chi Foundation (Singapore) was established, with the organisation's work starting with the Mission of Charity and the goal of relieving poverty, before gradually expanding into the Missions of Medicine, Education, Humanistic Culture, and Environmental Protection over the

years. The heart of Tzu Chi is embedded in its name: in Chinese, "tzu" means compassion and "chi," relief.

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