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Introduction

As the national centre managing complex, high-risk medical conditions in infants and children, KKH aimed through **Kids Explore@KKH** to **engage with children** in the community to:

Celebrate its culture of 'Patients. At the heart of all we do', by celebrating children



- Showcase KKH as the birthplace for Singaporeans, and a life-saving institution
- Encourage an interest in healthcare, and an appreciation of healthcare professionals

Experiential Learning

Kids Explore@KKH was organised on 28 June 2015 as an **experiential** tour to provide a total of **100 children**, aged 6-12 years, and **54 parents** and caregivers an unparalleled, behind-the-scenes discovery of different healthcare roles and specialties. The event took children through a fun-filled, action-packed exploration of KKH's specialist facilities, while role-playing various healthcare professionals.

In the **Operating Theatre** they donned **surgical scrubs** and tried activities commonly performed by surgical teams; at the KKH ENT Centre they performed ear, nose and throat **examinations**. They also learnt about professions in the areas of Orthopaedics, Rehabilitation, Sports Medicine, Infection **Control and Child Life Services**, such as Hospital Play. At KKH's **Simulation Training Centre**, they saw a simulation of a

medical team managing a medical emergency.

Engaged through hands-on activities through half a day, the young 'Explorers' not only experienced diverse roles in healthcare the fun way, but also picked up interesting information on healthy living. Each 'Explorer' proudly took back a certificate for excellence in exploring healthcare!

Overwhelming Response

Kids Explore@KKH drew positive feedback for its planning and execution, as well as the **interest and appreciation** it elicited towards healthcare as a profession.

A photo album on **Kids Explore@KKH** shared on Facebook received an encouraging response with an outreach of 7,041, 180 Likes and 31 Shares.

98% of the participants rated Kids Explore@KKH as Excellent or Good

Furthermore, Kids Explore@KKH fostered amity and camaraderie among 149 staff members and 80 volunteers who came together to run the event and showcase KKH's expertise and contributions for the next generation of Singaporeans.

Custom-made Surgical Scrubs

Inspiring Dreams & Aspirations

Fun Learning All The Way!

Teamwork & Solidarity



Great Takeaways!

Kids Explore@KKH proved an effective community involvement initiative for children to gain a fun learning experience of healthcare, and also elicited great teamwork and solidarity among staff and community volunteers towards the hospital's goal.