

## U Family's Road Trip To Genting Highlands

# TREASURE Adventure

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**A**t the break of dawn on 12 December 2009, 25 cars set off from Orchid Country Club on a 3-day Treasure Venture road trip. Led by U Family, the convoy of families drove from Singapore to Genting Highlands on a treasure hunt.

To make this treasure hunt a real challenge for the families, no map was provided. The only directions given were via “tulips” – a pictorial representation of the route, often used for international motorsports events. Besides having to figure out the tulips, families had to spot answers to the questions along the route and complete specific tasks together at pit stops.

It was not the usual treasure hunt or family holiday, and the purpose was to drive home the message that everyone has an equally important role to play in the family. Communication, trust and teamwork were the key ingredients for a

family to navigate through the challenges.

Going beyond their goal to finish the hunt, participants helped one another with interpreting the route. Team 16's Muhammad Aswadi Salleh and his family notably volunteered to lead the way back for some families who went off the route at one point. This is truly a display of the community spirit among our members.

The hunt ended with a dinner party at the Genting International Convention Centre. The party, themed “Treasure Island”, had families dressed up as pirates and actively interacting with other families through games.

Results of the treasure hunt were announced during the party. The champion family walked away with \$200 worth of FairPrice vouchers and a GPS valued at \$399. Other prizes were given out, including a 2D1N stay voucher at Orchid Country Club for the best dressed “pirates” family.

Day 2 saw the treasure venturers convoying to Bukit Tinggi's Rabbit Park followed by a visit to the Kuala Gandah Elephant Sanctuary. The children were the happiest as they got to have close interaction with the animals.

Throughout the trip, participants are rewarded with good local food – handmade fishballs, “durian bombs”, freshly cooked kampung chicken, to name a few. Many of the places visited were secret finds that many Singaporeans would not know about. These dining experiences were unique and memorable for the families. The strengthening of bonds among the families on this Treasure Venture emphasised to them the most valuable treasure they can have – FAMILY.

U Family will continue to bring more families on Treasure Ventures to other exciting destinations. Announcements will be made on [www.ufamily.org.sg](http://www.ufamily.org.sg).

## Bidding 2009 Farewell With Fiesta Fun



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**T**he seventh and eighth floors of NTUC Centre was buzzing with excitement on 31 December 2009 as the annual NTUC-Administration and Research Unit/Staff Union of NTUC-ARU year-end fiesta provided a well-deserved celebration for staff and their families.

The children were treated to plenty of engaging activities such as candle-making and Wii and Xbox games which kept them entertained. To encourage family bonding, the games conducted on stage also included the involvement of the children and adults present.

NTUC Secretary-General Lim Swee Say also joined in the fun and picked the top winners from the lucky draw. The range of attractive prizes kept the level of excitement high among the staff as they hoped for their names to be called out and cheer on their colleagues who won.

For those who preferred to kick back and chill out, there was also a screening of the new animated film, “Up” in the comfort of pink and green bubble seats. A special magic show presentation by Kiki Tay kept children and adults alike amused with his antics and abilities. Besides



the usual disappearing acts, he thrilled the audience with fire-eating and balloon swallowing tricks, peppered with wordplay humour along the way.

The ARU/SUN Year End Fiesta 2009 ended with a delicious buffet meal. A great way to bid 2009 goodbye as we welcomed in 2010 and the new decade!

### Correction

Rear-Admiral (NS) Lui Tuck Yew is the Advisor to the Amalgamated Union of Public Daily Rated Workers and not Amalgamated Union of Public Employees as reported in page 19 of the 28 December 2009 issue of NTUC This Week. We apologise for the error.