

Elocution Contest "Building 1Malaysia" Saturday 25 Sep 2010 @ PESS



Comments from an ex-Interactor

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Yesterday, I was invited by President Choy Ying of RC Pudu to attend the finals of their Interact Elocution Contest. The contest was organised for all the Interact Clubs under Pudu's wing and after a few rounds, the final was held on Saturday 25th October 2010 at SMK Perempuan Pudu. The event attracted over 300 students, parents & teachers.

As a former Interactor some 30 years ago, I remember vividly being so impressed with Rotarians attending Interact functions at my school . It was their dedication, commitment and friendliness that had made me so impressed with Rotary.

Yesterday, I saw that same feeling amongst the Interactors who attended the Elocution contest. Led by President Choy Ying & the ever youthful "Uncle" VG Chandran as the Organising Chairman, it was evident that the Rotarians of RC Pudu were showing that "Every Rotarian is an example to Youth".

Thank you RC Pudu for an eventful morning.

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ELOQUITION CONTEST WINNERS INVITED TO ADDRESS RC PUDU ON 22 NOV 2010

Our first speaker was BALAMURALI TAMIL-WANAN and he was accompanied by his dad P. Tamilwanan. Bala is a Form 4 student from SMK Sri Sentosa and is the president of their Interact Club. Bala changed to a very confident personality as soon as he spoke on the subject of “What is expected of us as leaders”. He quickly touched on the need for leaders to heed the subject of polarization, understanding, racial balance, transparency and the future need of citizens to be skillful and street smart to ensure the continued growth of our country.



He ended his speech by admitting that his participation in the Elocution Contest has given him lots of self confidence and changed him from being “playful” to “serious”. Lets hope he will remain playfully serious in his life.

Our second speaker was FILIZ KARACHA who also spoke on the subject “What is expected of us as future leaders”. She was accompanied by her father Richard. She approached this subject from a slightly different angle, but delivered her speech in a very confident manner. She claims that every idea, no matter how “wacky or crazy” should be heard for who knows that an idea expressed can lead to a sane solution. She thinks that keeping things to oneself is considered selfish, one must share ideas. Leaders she feels must set aside their ego, be humble, be willing to guide and advise and correct in a quiet convincing manner. Leaders should possess charisma, socialize, must not be seen to be doing nothing or be “like a robot”. Cult leaders may be weird but they know how to convince! She opined that children today have “loud voices”, are positive and charismatic and they can be leaders of tomorrow.



Finally we had NASHA RAINA BINTI ABDUL RAHIM who came with her doting father Abdul Rahim bin Othman. Nasha and the second speaker Filiz are both from the Kuen Cheng High School. Nasha is in Form 4 whereas Filiz is in Form 3. Nasha was the 1st prize winner of the Elocution Contest. Nasha's topic was "I am proud to be a Malaysian". Eloquently she enumerated the reasons for her feeling proud to be a Malaysian...the diversity, the multi-cultural heritage, the "flavours", colours and the inspiration that stems from the fact that today Malaysia has become recognizable because of our leaders, our landmarks, our hosting of world class events and not the least our famous tag line of Malaysia being "truly Asia".



Not least are our famous sports personalities and our culture of the unique "open house" culture of celebrating festivities together. She is therefore proud to be born Malaysian.



The speakers with parents & teachers and DG Kok Beng, PP VG Chandran, New Gen Director Jeffery Yap & VP Heng CT.

After a few questions PP VG Chandran, the brain behind this contest, was asked to do the thanking. The 3 months of preparation VG noted was well worth the efforts that started off with a talk on Public Speaking by PP Charlie Chan. The contestants all learned to express themselves with confidence with the help of parents and teachers. In doing so they build their self-confidence even as they spend hours rehearsing, some practicing before a mirror.

Acting President CT HENG appeared to take more than his usual interest in the manner the speakers speak with confidence and clear diction.