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*Connexion Conference & Event Centre Backs Community Care Programme to Support
Refugee Children at Learning Centre*

KUALA LUMPUR, DECEMBER 2017 – Associates from Connexion Conference & Event Centre (CCEC) visited United Learning Centre off Jalan Imbi on 8 December for the last Community Care Programme organised by UOA Hospitality for 2017. The team contributed food for the learning centre’s year-end celebration for the refugee children as well as the volunteers who have been teaching at the centre.

The Community Care Programme also includes a Charity Drive where the associates of CCEC contribute to support these children by collecting cash donations as well as other basic provisions and education supplies in kind. The Charity Drive runs from 1 to 20 December at all UOA Hospitality properties and all the proceeds will be presented to the learning centre on 22 December to help them in providing for the children.

As part of the festivities and to complete the celebration, the team also presented the children each with a Christmas present during the event.

Consisting of children aged between 3 to 16 years old, United Learning Centre currently provides education, meals and shelter for 76 of these refugee children recognised by UNHCR.

“Refugees are different from immigrants. They are in a vulnerable position because they have no choice but to seek asylum from persecution in their home country. This situation empowers us to reach out to help provide the basics for them to start their lives again in safety and dignity,” said Haikal Maarof, Director of Human Resources, UOA Hospitality.

Other sustainable efforts to aid United Learning Centre from the team are already in the works to hold bi-monthly educational sessions or soft skills training for the children as part of CCEC and UOA Hospitality’s year-round CSR efforts.

“The best we can do besides providing food and shelter is to educate and prepare them to be accepted by a third country like the United States and Australia so that they can have a brighter future,” mention Julian, a full-time warden at the centre. “Without any English language skills, their chances are minimal. This also helps to keep the children off the streets and safely away from human trafficking syndicates.”

United Learning Centre (ULC) is a volunteer driven centre providing children of Burmese refugees with education, meals and shelter. As it runs solely on public contribution, funds for rental and utilities are sought through fund raising campaigns. For donations and volunteering activities, please contact the home at 018-2322011 or email unitedlearningcentre2011@gmail.com. The centre is located at 3C, Jalan Horley off Jalan Imbi, 55100 Kuala Lumpur.



High-spirits among the children while receiving presents during the event



Associates of CCEC & UOA Hospitality serving food to the children during the celebration

About Connexion Conference & Event Centre

Set amidst the iconic Bangsar South integrated development, Connexion Conference & Event Centre (CCEC) is an advanced, fresh, and urban venue, ideal for corporate or social events. Strategically located between Kuala Lumpur and Petaling Jaya, the centre is well served by public transportation and easily accessible via major expressways. Managed by UOA Hospitality, CCEC is spread across two purpose-built venues – Nexus and The Vertical – occupying over 200,000 square feet of versatile space. Featuring 5 Pillarless Ballrooms, 15 Function Rooms, 1 Junior Ballroom, 1 Auditorium, 3 VIP Rooms, and a unique Rooftop Gazebo; CCEC also manages an upscale private event space called The Oak Room to cater for corporate functions, seminars, weddings, cocktail receptions, private dinners, and more. For more information please visit www.connexioncec.com or email connexion.cec@uohospitality.com.my.

About UOA Hospitality

UOA Hospitality (UOAH) was established in 2011 as the asset owner and operator of hospitality projects for leading property investment and development group, UOA Group. With key areas of expertise in managing hospitality brands and properties, UOAH currently oversees a unique portfolio of hotel products and services including Connexion Conference & Event Centre, The Oak Room, VE Hotel & Residence, as well as Capri by Frasers.

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