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**FOREIGN STUDENTS TO HOST EARLY CHINESE NEW YEAR REUNION DINNER AT HOTEL FOR 200 NEEDY CLIENTS OF TOUCH COMMUNITY SERVICES**

On 6 February 2013, about 40 foreign students from Nanyang Girls' Boarding School (NYGBS) will host 200 needy children and elderly beneficiaries from TOUCH Community Services for a Lunar New Year Reunion Dinner.

This event, sponsored by Roxy-Pacific Holdings Ltd and Grand Mercure Roxy Hotel since 2011, will be graced by Guest-of-Honour Associate Professor Fatimah Lateef, Member of Parliament for Marine Parade GRC.

Says Mr Edmund Wong, General Manager of TOUCH Community Services, "We started this event in 2011 when we realised that many clients do not have the means or the family to celebrate this festive occasion.

"This year, TOUCH Community Services, together with Grand Mercure Roxy Hotel and NYGBS, have organised a Reunion Dinner to celebrate the Lunar New Year with them."

These foreign students from NYGBS have planned the dinner's programme, entertainment, as well as interact with the clients, who come from TOUCH Young Arrows, TOUCH Seniors Activity Centre and TOUCH Home Care, during the dinner.

Says NYGBS staff, Mrs Kong Fang-Yu, "This is the first time NYGBS has collaborated with TOUCH to help their needy clients enjoy a night out dining with their family.

"We want our girls to know that they can enrich the lives of others who are less privileged, no matter where they may be."

For Yang Yi Bei, a Chinese student currently residing in NYGBS, planning the reunion dinner has helped her in more ways than one.

"Being away from my family, I miss them deeply during Lunar New Year. However, planning for this reunion dinner has kept me busy and gives me a sense of happiness and fulfilment that what I do will benefit the clients of TOUCH.

"This volunteer experience with TOUCH has motivated me to continue serving others. I want to help children who do not have access to education."

Your reporter and photographer/camera crew are cordially invited to cover the event  
(See Programme Outline below).

The details are:

**Date:** Wednesday, 6 February 2013

**Time:** 6.45pm – 9.15pm

**Venue:** Grand Mercure Roxy Hotel  
50 East Coast Road, Roxy Square  
Singapore 428769

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**About TOUCH Community Services**

TOUCH Community Services is a not-for-profit charitable organisation, officially registered in 1992 and a member of the National Council of Social Service since 1994. TOUCH is a multiservice, non-religious organisation serving people of all ages, races and backgrounds through a network of 17 services, 10 centres and 12 children's clubs located at different parts of Singapore. We reach out to some 14,000 clients and 125,000 service users in a year, including children from low-income or single-parent families, youths-at-risk, needy families, people with special and healthcare needs, and the frail elderly. For more information on TOUCH and our services, please visit [www.touch.org.sg](http://www.touch.org.sg) or call 6377 0122.

**Programme Outline:**

<b><u>Programme Time</u></b>	<b><u>Activities</u></b>
6.30 – 7.00pm	Arrival of TOUCH Clients
7.00pm	Start of Programme
7.20pm	Speech by Mr Edmund Wong, General Manager, TOUCH Community Services
7.25pm	Speech by Guest-of-Honour Assoc Prof Fatimah Lateef, Member of Parliament for Marine Parade GRC
8.00pm	Performance 1 by Nanyang Girls' Boarding School
8.10pm	Table Games
8.20pm	Performance by TOUCH Seniors Activity Centre
8.25 – 8.40pm	Performance 2 by Nanyang Girls' Boarding School and Hong Bao Distribution <i>(photo opportunity)</i>
9.00pm	Performance by TOUCH Young Arrows
9.05pm	Closing Speech by Mr Dominique Albero, General Manager, Grand Mercure Roxy Hotel
9.15pm	End of Event