

## World Down Syndrome Day 2019

*Join us on our journey to build an inclusive society for all persons with Down syndrome on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at Our Tampines Hub*



**Singapore, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019** – Come 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019, join us on our journey to build a more inclusive society for all persons with Down syndrome as we celebrate World Down Syndrome Day 2019 at Our Tampines Hub, Central Plaza. This is the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the World Down Syndrome Day celebration by Down Syndrome Association (Singapore), where the Association aims to raise awareness and exemplify the abilities of persons with Down syndrome while advocating equal rights for them.

Guest-of-Honour, Mr. Ong Ye Kung, Minister of Education will be flagging off the event's signature community walk at 8am. This will be followed by the family carnival



and performances from the DSA(S) Fusion & Creative Dance, DSA(S) Drum Prodigy Ensemble, DSA(S) Aikido and DSA(S) Zumba, and many more by community partners.

“Leave No One Behind” is the theme of this year’s celebration, highlighting the lack of understanding within the community about the potential of persons with Down syndrome, and the importance for everyone to come together, embrace differences and walk alongside persons with Down syndrome towards an inclusive society. Mr. Ratnasabapathy Sivanandam, Chairperson and Founder Board Member of DSA(S) shared, “Since our beginnings in 1996, we have supported members and their families as we continue to move forward towards enabling and empowering them to attain his or her full potential, and essentially help them lead a more independent life. In the same vein, we hope that through public education, we are able to foster a more inclusive environment for our members, here in Singapore.”

Down Syndrome Association (Singapore) will be celebrating World Down Syndrome Day 2019 on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at Our Tampines Hub, Central Plaza. \$20 registration fee applies for the Community Walk, which includes an event t-shirt and goodie bag worth \$50. Carnival coupons can also be purchased for \$10 per booklet with a chance to win in the lucky draw.

**Please find the event details below**

Guest-of-Honour: Mr. Ong Ye Kung, Minister for Education  
Date: Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
Time: 8am – 3pm  
Venue: Our Tampines Hub, Central Plaza  
1 Tampines Walk, Singapore 528523  
Fees: \$20 for Community Walk, \$10 per booklet for Carnival Coupon  
Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/332975050637552/>  
Donation Page: <https://give.asia/campaign/world-down-syndrome-day-2019>

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### **About World Down Syndrome Day (WSD)**

Celebrated on 21<sup>st</sup> March annually, World Down Syndrome Day is a global event to raise awareness and exemplify the abilities of persons with Down syndrome while advocating equal rights for them.

### **About Down Syndrome Association (Singapore)**

Down Syndrome Association (Singapore) [DSA(S)] was established when a group of parents of children with Down syndrome recognised the need to support and educate families, professionals and the public about Down syndrome. It was awarded official recognition by National Council of Social Services and registered as a charity with the Commissioner of Charities in 1997.

The Association's mission is to develop individuals with Down syndrome through lifelong learning and social integration; support families through specialist services, information and education; and advocate for equal opportunities, quality of life and their contribution to society.

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