

Exploring life skills through the art of chocolate making



Queenie in a group photo with the Harriston team and the young participants after the Chocolate DIY Workshop.

PARENTS who have witnessed their children deeply involved in creative art know the importance of art in a child's development as it expands a child's ability to interact with the world around them.

In light of this insight, Harriston Chocolate recently conducted their largest Chocolate DIY Workshop for over 250 children aged 8 to 12 during the 'Three Acts of Goodness Children Life Exploration Education Arts Camp' organised by Fo Guang Shan Dong Zen Temple in Jenjarom, Selangor.

Well-known for its efforts in promoting peace and charity, Fo Guang Shan Dong Zen Temple also organises activities to enrich the lives of the people while giving back to the community.

Through various activities in their latest 4-day education arts camp, they aimed to develop various life skills in children, such as observation, imagination, creativity, communication, leadership and artistic expression.

In collaboration with Fo Guang Shan Dong Zen Temple, Harriston Chocolate introduced the fun art of chocolate making packed with discovery and hands-on experience in the artistic segment of the camp.

Young and eager participants were able to express themselves artistically through the moulding and tempering of chocolates as well as coating and decorating them with chocolate paint and sprinkles.

Adding more joy to the activity, participants could also bring home their chocolate creations to share with their loved ones.

While children may seem to take part in artistic activities purely for fun, Harriston believes that children are actually going through a deep learning process and

acquiring useful life skills through artistic exploration.

Executive Director of Harriston Chocolate, Queenie Teng said organising DIY Chocolate Workshop is part of Harriston's corporate social responsibilities to bring the magical joy of chocolate to the world as a leading chocolate retailer and homegrown brand in the country.

"Harriston's Chocolate DIY Workshop is highly recommended for children as it is a beneficial activity that helps them to develop important life skills like communication, problem-solving and fine motor skills, social and emotional growth, while providing them with an avenue of self-expression and creativity," she said.

"With over 250 children joining, this is by far Harriston's biggest DIY Chocolate Workshop. We are truly delighted and honoured to be a part of this art camp to help young children unleash their creativity, improve their soft skills and excite their senses," Queenie added.

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Two children showing their creation.