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新生代基金管理委员会主席郑惪升致辞时,以一个令人心痛的故事开头:一名女子曾因吸毒而 进监狱七八次。她的七个孩子中,有五个都因为她反复入狱而失去了下落。这名女子年少时, 曾被有毒瘾的父亲性侵。

"这样的故事在我们新生代基金会遇到的家庭之中是很常见的。父母的缺失、有限的经济条件、匮乏的道德指引、童年创伤——这些都是为什么孩子在父亲或母亲,甚至是双亲坐过牢的家庭中成长,最终也锒铛入狱的主要原因。我们把这种现象称为'代际犯罪'。"

新生代基金目前每年为约600个父母被监禁的孩童提供帮助,包括给予奖学金和赞助学费,丰富课外活动等各种方式,来阻止代际犯罪。

尚达曼总统: 鼓励民众尽力帮助成长路程不易孩童

尚达曼总统致辞时,鼓励民众尽可能帮助成长路程不易的孩童和家庭。

"我们必须意识到,在父亲或母亲被监禁的情况下成长是多么的困难,要面对遭遗弃的感觉, 有时还不得不挺身而出,照顾年幼的弟妹。留下的父亲或母亲则要外出工作,这可能会对他们 的生活造成长久的影响。"

本次慈善晚宴通过拍卖的方式筹集善款,一共有24件拍品,其中最受瞩目的是由艺术家金怀奇制作的金继艺术品"Unbroken Collection"系列。这套艺术品一共有八只碗,尚达曼总统及 夫人也参与了制作,拍卖后为本次活动筹集了3万8000元善款。

金继(Kintsugi)是日本的一种传统修复工艺,通过填补裂缝和破损部分,并使用金粉,赋予物品独特的美感。这正好反映出新生代基金受益者的经历,即破碎的东西可转为艺术,曾经历经风雨的人也会涅槃重生、变得更好。



Translation:

NeuGen Fund raises close to \$800,000 to help children and families of reformed offenders by Xiong Dan Rui

NeuGen Fund held its inaugural charity gala dinner at the Ritz Carlton, Millenia Singapore, raising approximately \$793,096 from the event including a charity auction to support children and families of reformed offenders.

In his welcome speech, Mr Joshua Tay, Chairman of NeuGen Fund shared a heartbreaking story of a mother who was in and out of prison for seven or eight times. Among her seven children, she has lost contact with five of them due to the multiple incarcerations. It was also revealed that she was a victim of sexual abuse by her drug-addict father.

"Stories like this are extremely common among the families we have come across at NeuGen. Parental absentees, limited financial resources, lack of proper moral guidance, childhood traumas — are some of the key factors in explaining how children growing up in families where one or both parents had been or are currently serving time in prison, are likely to end up in the system themselves. We term this "intergenerational offending'."

NeuGen currently supports an average of 600 children with incarcerated parents, through initiatives such as bursary awards, after-school activities and others to prevent intergenerational offending.

President Tharman encourages more to support the children with challenging growing up years

In his opening address, President Tharman Shanmugaratnam encouraged more support from public to help these children.

"We have to appreciate how difficult it is to grow up with a parent in prison. Grappling with feelings of abandonment. Sometimes having to step up and be a caregiver for younger siblings while the remaining parent goes out to work. The impact can reverberate in their lives for years."

At the event, there were a total of 24 items put up for charity auction, with the most spotlight on an exclusive "Unbroken" collection by local potter Kim Whye Kee featuring eight handcrafted bowls restored using kintsugi technique. The collection, adorned with finishing touches by President Tharman and his wife, was successfully auctioned off at \$38,000.

The kintsugi technique is a traditional Japanese art of repairing pottery with a blend of gold and lacquer, to make the finished product uniquely beautiful. This drew striking parallels to the lives of NeuGen's beneficiaries, embodying the belief that, like the bowls, individuals can be mended, reconstructed and emerged into something uniquely remarkable.