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SUPPORTERS ROCK THE NIGHT - WILDLIFE WINS THE DAY

Singapore's wildlife protection society threw a gala event of magnificent proportions last Friday night. Voices of the Wild raised more than S\$80,000 for unique animal welfare programs and community education and awareness campaigns.

The Animal Concerns Research and Education Society (aka ACRES) has just celebrated its seventh year anniversary, which was a key theme of the event. Over three hundred guests made their way to Orchid Country Club, a major supporter of the night, for a nine course vegan meal and entertainment that brought both laughter and tears.

Several guests were called on stage to impersonate bands by the energetic and sensational Darryl from MCube Events, ranging from 'emo rock' through to boy bands and rappers – performances that brought the house down.

Conversely, a beautifully produced video of ACRES' work with so many beleaguered animals touched many guests, with tissues and handkerchiefs spotted around the venue during the screening.

Community participation in the evening contributed to its roaring success, with student volunteers from ITE Bishan helping to run proceedings during the night. There were also performances by the Northland Secondary Symphonic band, a fashion parade featuring CLEO bachelors and Miss Universe Singapore 2007, Jessica Tan, and several fine examples of local art donated by Singaporeans Marcus Lim, Anthony Tan, Chew Choon and Rosihan Dahim were auctioned for exciting prices.

Guest of Honour, Mr K Shanmugam, Minister for Law and Second Minister for Home Affairs cut the enormous and spectacular seventh birthday cake and gave a heart-felt speech about the plight of animals in the illegal wildlife trade and ACRES work in stemming its proliferation, which was received to great applause.

"I am heartened by the overwhelming support shown by our supporters and am touched by the encouragement by Minister Shanmugam. On behalf of ACRES and the animals, I would like to thank them and look forward to continuing our efforts in making a difference for the animals and our community," said the society's modest founder and Executive Director, Mr Louis Ng.

ACRES runs a range of excellent programmes to educate Singaporeans on lifestyle choices that are animal-friendly, to tackle the illegal wildlife trade and to improve living conditions and welfare of wild animals in captivity. In addition, one hundred and ninety animals including primates, lizards, turtles, sugar-gliders and snakes have all directly benefited from ACRES' interventions since 2001.

To become a supporter of ACRES work, learn about volunteering or make a donation, visit the informative website at www.acres.org.sg

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