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How we played host to the Mother of The World's
Smallest Baby - Kwek Yu Xuan



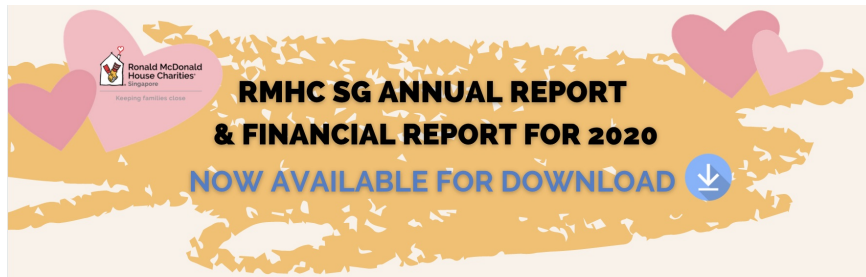
A baby thought to be the world's smallest at birth was discharged from the National University Hospital after 13 months of intensive treatment. **Kwek Yu Xuan** was just 212g - the weight of an apple - when she was born and measured 24cm long. She was delivered at just under 25 weeks - far short of the average 40.

In total, Yu Xuan was hospitalised for 13 months, and Ronald McDonald House Charities had the pleasure to speak to Yu Xuan's mother, **Ms Wong Li Ming (Felicia)** to find out more about her entire 13-month ordeal at the National University Hospital how her seven month stay (Dec'20 to Jul'21) at Ronald McDonald Family Room helped her cope with the caregiving of Yu Xuan.

When asked about how she felt about giving birth to the world's smallest baby, Ms. Wong said, "It was really a shock to me, as my first born child did not have any irregularities whatsoever." The mother of two was also super grateful to both NUH and Ronald McDonald House Charities Singapore for allowing her to use the Family Room.

"It's like a hotel, and having food and a quiet place to think really helped me through the entire ordeal at NUH," said Felicia, who originally hails from Malaysia. The couple have an older child who is currently in the care of her parents and in-laws back in Malaysia. She also expressed her gratitude at having a proper space to eat her meals in peace, especially with the ever-fluctuating dining restrictions imposed during the course of the

pandemic.



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Up close and personal with three Nurses from NUH's Paediatric Ward



In celebration of NUH's Nurses' Day 2021 in August, RMHC SG spoke to three nurses from the hospital's Paediatric ICU and High Dependency ward - Noorida, Priscilla and Jane. From fascinating childhood accounts to the most heart-breaking of tales - we discover what propelled them years or even decades ago that eventually led them down the path of being a frontline hero.

Noorida credited her decision to become a nurse to her experience as a child being warded in a paediatric ward. Noorida was utterly captivated by the way the nurses were showing care and has since dedicated the past two decades towards this profession.

Jane's ambition of being a nurse was primarily to keep the dream of her now deceased sister, alive. Jane's sister, set out to become a nurse many years ago but unfortunately did not make it in the end, and Jane feels that her personal choice of becoming a nurse is the best, and proudest way to honour her sister.

Priscilla on the other hand believes that nursing is a life skill that she can bring wherever she chooses to go. She also believes that as a nurse, she has grown and evolved a lot over the years, and wants more people to understand that it is not as simple as being a doctor's assistant.

While these are three very different accounts and reasons of why they each chose to become a nurse, the common thread that binds all three nurses together remains a constant - their everlasting commitment towards helping those in need.



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