

Tan Chin Tuan Foundation grants birthday wishes of 19 centenarians

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SINGAPORE: The Tan Chin Tuan Foundation is celebrating the birth centennial of the late banker and philanthropist Dr Tan Chin Tuan by granting the wishes of those aged 100 and above in seven nursing homes.

Among the 19 centenarians, one wished to have a "Tiger Balm" while another wanted a dozen cans of milk powder.

For four other centenarians, all they wanted was lunch and a party for all their friends, plus a special treat of durians.

"I am really happy today," said 106-year-old Loy Kai Sie.

Tan Chin Tuan Foundation had set aside a six-figure sum for the project and as the money has not been used up, it will go to other community projects such as rehabilitation programmes in nursing homes.

Eric Teng, CEO of Tan Chin Tuan Foundation, said: "I was pleasantly surprised. But actually, on reflection, it also shows the values of the older generation. What they treasure most are really the simple things. They really enjoy just being together with their friends, the bonding, and I think it makes a lot of sense that for younger people like us, we should bear in mind that there is a lot more to life than asking for big expensive birthday wishes."

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