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On 27 Dec 2007, the Tan Chin Tuan Foundation (TCTF) organised a fun, happy and successful 90-minute educational treat for the 42 beneficiaries of As-Salaam PPIS Family Support Centre (FSC), comprising children, youth and their parents. They are from single-parent families - a group which TCTF supports.

It being a rare opportunity for this group to view exhibits that have come all the way from France, TCTF organised this treat especially for them. For most of the beneficiaries, it was their first trip to the National Museum. Everything from food, to transport was taken care of by TCTF.

TCTF CEO Eric Teng and the Charges d'Affaires of France Yves Carmona were at hand to welcome the guests and share how each group was involved in this activity, which illustrated Country-to-Country (France-Singapore), Museum-to-Museum (Louvre Museum and National Museum of Singapore) and People-to-People partnership.

Even before the tour started, "Goddess Nike" played by Graces Speech and Drama Studio teacher Michelle Leow, was on the TCTF-chartered bus with the guests. The Greek "Goddess of Victory" took them through the National Museum's activity booklet to prepare them for what they would see, and to remind them of museum etiquette.

At the museum, they were met by 15 volunteers comprising staff from Tan Chin Tuan Foundation, the FSC and other guest performers from Graces Speech and Drama Studio. Leading the tour, TCTF Programme Director Yap Su-Yin regaled the guests with Greek stories involving the artefacts on showcase. Volunteer storytellers also recounted Greek myths. The mood was so infectious that outsiders joined the tour and storytelling activities.

3,000 TCTF beneficiaries will also be enjoying free access to this exhibition from January to March 08. This is part of the foundation's commitment that the educational and community outreach of this exhibition extends to the young, old and needy among us.