

# Great Communicator Are GREAT LEADERS!

On 7 February, 71 children from various kindergartens were awarded certificates for achieving in their Australian GUILD English Communication Examination which was held in November 2009. This certificate presentation was jointly organized by Dynakids and the Australian GUILD Music and Speech Examination Board. A number of parents, kindergarten principals and children attended this inaugural Certificate Presentation.

“Dynakids is a sister company of Dynabooks group of companies”, says Ferlyn Teh manager of Dynakids. “Our beginnings were in IT and for the last 25 years we have developed a unique concept. We have upgraded our software and coursewares to meet the technology enhancements as well as market needs to ensure appropriate IT learning among the learners. However, we have come to realise the lack of effective communication in English with our students. Therefore, for the past 3 years we have worked very closely with the Australian GUILD Music & Speech Examination Board to help our students upgrade their English communication skills.”



“It is therefore mandatory, effective communication skills in English need to be introduced to young children at an early age so the skills are developed and the desire to read English is inculcated in them” said Teh.

“We found the Australian GUILD English Communication syllabus very comprehensive and suitable to teach young children to communicate effectively in English and give them a strong foundation in the language” added Teh.



Australian GUILD is primarily an examining body in the fields of music and speech. With the aims to develop music and speech education and skills by promoting uncompromising standards of education in both performing skills and in teaching. The Australian GUILD conducts music & speech examinations twice yearly in Malaysia, mainly May/June and November/December.

“These examinations are merely assessments which offer an opportunity for a child to express themselves creatively in an enjoyable and non-threatening environment. There are not about passing or failing, but a platform for young children to begin their education in English Communication” said Johnson Lim, General Manager of the Australian GUILD Music & Speech Examination Board.



“Of most business transactions carried out internationally, the mode of communication has always been English” says Lim. “A recent survey showed the low rate of employability among our local graduates was due to their lack in English communication” added Lim.



Also present was Australian GUILD’s examiner, Catherine Kunapathy, who encouraged and compliments the parents of the children.

“The use of English in a home environment will strengthen the child’s grasp of the English language and give them a stronger foundation,” says Catherine.

She praised the parents for their dedication and commitment to the overall education of their children. She said behind every successful and confident child is a great parent.