

## News Release



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### **Rainbow Centre launches 'Rainbow Dreams' to commemorate 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Singapore, 6 November 2012 -- Rainbow Centre today launched its third edition of 'Rainbow Dreams', a guide book to a holistic approach to helping children with special needs. The book will be launched officially tonight at Rainbow Centre's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner where Minister for Education, Mr Heng Swee Keat will grace the event as guest of honour.

The theme of the year for Rainbow Centre is "TowaRds InClusion – Celebrating 20 years of Reaching Out & Collaboration" and as part of Rainbow Centre's special anniversary, the third edition of 'Rainbow Dreams' was specially launched to mark the celebration. The book consists of sections specifically targeted to children with special needs in the Singapore context as well as how to recognize abnormal development in a child. The book also talks about the various medical conditions spanned over the spectrum of special needs and addresses issues the child will ultimately face throughout adolescence and adulthood. The book will retail at all major book stores from today and will be sold at S\$25.

President Tony Tan Keng Yam along with more than 40 writers which includes doctors, educationalists, professionals and parents who are actively involved in the care of children and adults with special needs contributed to the book. The President also shares his thoughts on 'Rainbow Dreams' in his foreword.

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Mrs June Tham-Toh Syn Yuen, Executive Director of Rainbow Centre Singapore and one of the editors of the book said, "We are constantly striving to address needs in the special education sector and being able to compile a third edition of Rainbow Dreams helps us help others who may wish to have a comprehensive guide on caring for those with special needs."

The previous two editions of 'Rainbow Dreams' were published in 1997 and 2002. The need for answers and resources about caring for those with special needs prompted the compilation of the third edition, which has updated information and an expanded scope of discussions.

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### About Rainbow Centre, Singapore

Rainbow Centre was established in 1992 as a non-profit organisation to provide special education, early intervention and professional therapy for children with special needs. Today, the organisation also provides allied health services, support services for families, and training and consultancy for professionals and caregivers in the region. Its leadership in special needs education has led to the publication of two previous editions of 'Rainbow Dreams', a foundational text on special education and needs.

Rainbow Centre Singapore is a registered charity with the Registry of Societies and granted as an Institution of Public Character (IPC) status under the Charities Act. It runs two special education schools and two early intervention centres at Rainbow Centre - Margaret Drive School campus and Rainbow Centre - Yishun Park School campus, and provides therapy services, family life services for caregivers and professional training and consultation to enhance the quality of life of children with special needs and their families.

For more information on our programmes and services, please visit [www.rainbowcentre.org.sg](http://www.rainbowcentre.org.sg)

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