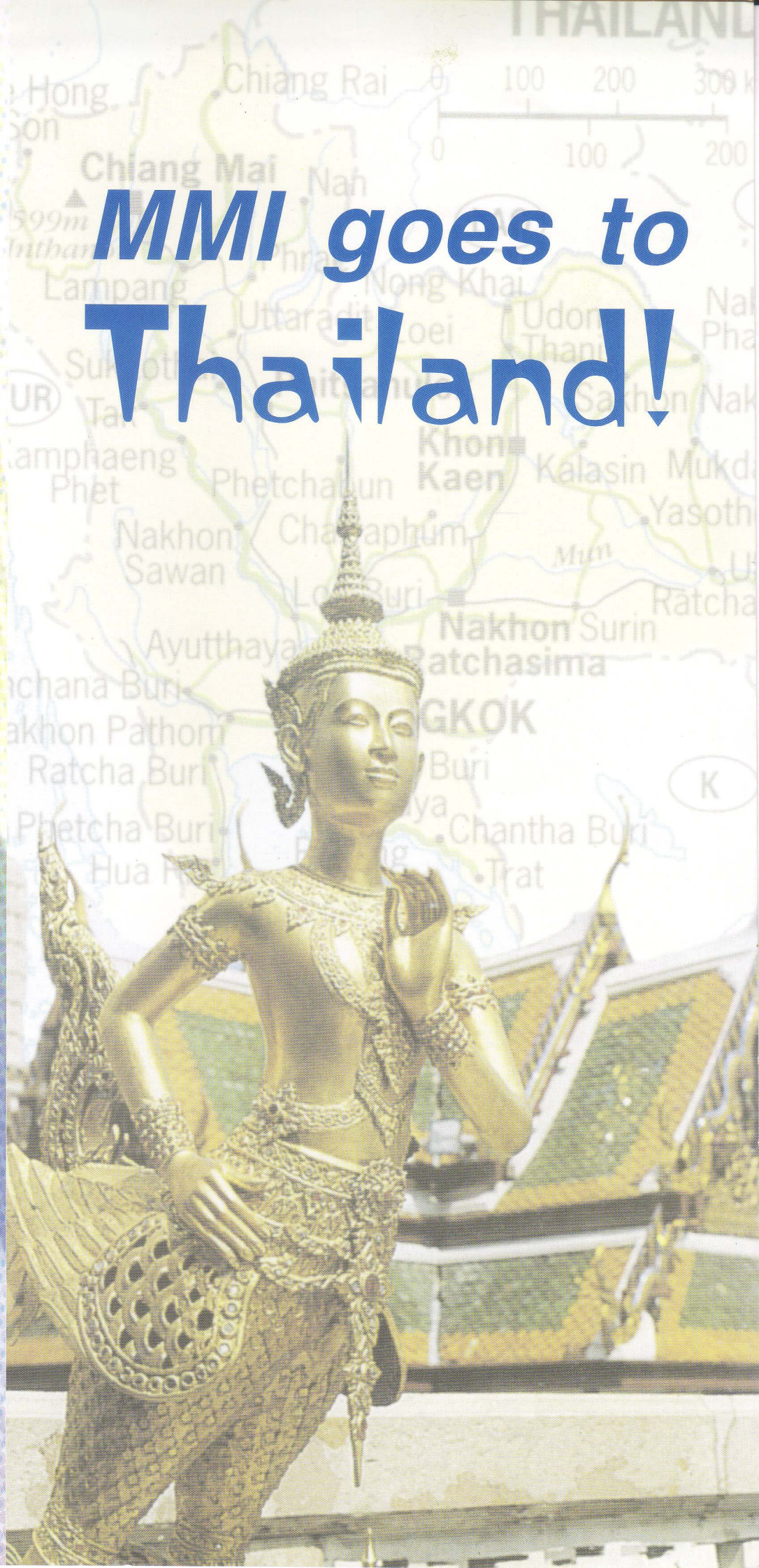


MMI goes to Thailand!

EXPLORE



Exploring Our Opportunities

Business is blooming for MMI as new ventures sprout in both local and international arenas.

An exciting addition has been made to the MMI family: Thailand. A new collaboration with a large Thai corporation, the Horizon Beach Resort Group, promises to widen MMI's embrace on different nationalities and cultures.

Back in India, things are running smoothly. The third batch of teacher-training course students have commenced while our kids continue to thrive in our fun activities and educational tours.

Finally, a new course is born - one for both parents and teachers alike. A workshop-oriented speech and drama course, "All the World's a Stage", has been newly incorporated by the Corporate HQ and Training Centre, and has received much positive response.

With all these new additions, MMI will no doubt continue to provide quality programmes - all the time, everytime.



*"Education of a very small child
does not aim at
preparing him for school,
but for life."*

Dr. Maria Montessori

Good news yet again! The Modern Montessori International Group and the Horizon Beach Resort Group of Thailand have embarked on a joint venture to open a Montessori Pre-School and Training Centre.

Owned by a group of shareholders, the Horizon Beach Resort is one of the more popular tourist spots in the country. The organisation has successfully run boutique hotels across Thailand and are now investing in the education sector in collaboration with MMI in an effort to give something back to the community.

This endeavour means that teachers in Thailand, as well as all other adults keen on learning the internationally known Montessori method of education will be able to acquire the Diploma in Montessori Method of Education while learning in a conducive environment. Also in the process of being planned is the setting up of more than 20 such education centres in Thailand within the next five years.



Cool Splash



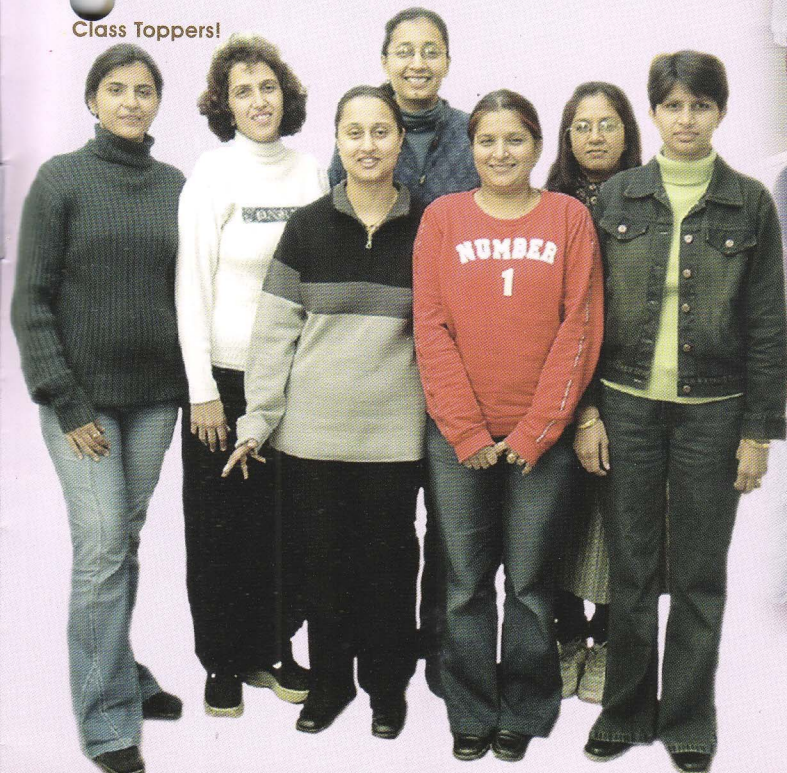
Over at MMI India, the theme for the month of July was 'Water' and the children dove right into it, literally! A 'Cool Splash' activity was organised for them from the 9th to the 18th of July. Needless to say, they had a wet n' wild time taking turns playing in the splash pools.

Visit to the fire station and police station



Also on the agenda were trips to the fire and police stations on the 22nd and 29th of July. These excursions not only taught the kids basic safety, but also shed some much valued light on how emergencies are squelched and justice is upheld. The children were indeed fascinated by the multiple functions of fire engines and the various duties of their local heroes.

Class Toppers!



Enthusiastic Performance by Trainees



Happy Birthday, Dr. Maria Montessori!

MMI at Motherhood Fair 2004

MMI Singapore recently took a 'fair stand' at the 2004 Motherhood Fair from the 2nd to the 7th of June alongside a smorgasbord of other exhibits catering to the many concerns of mums and mums-to-be. The Singapore Expo Hall was packed with all sorts of goodies ranging from baby products to ladies massage parlours, not to mention freebies.

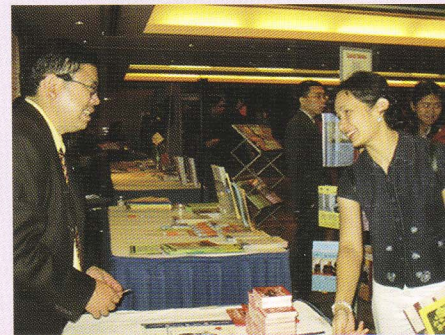
Everybody evidently had a good time and MMI certainly played a part in it. Our five-day involvement raised public awareness of the Montessori culture as well as its childcare services and products. To give parents a taste of what MMI has to offer, vouchers were also given out to parents, entitling them to a free trial session for our enrichment courses.



Suntec Educational Fair

This May, at Suntec City, the Singapore Press Holdings (SPH) held an educational fair. The exhibition halls were filled with top-notch education providers who freely gave advice and information regarding their services and policies.

MMI marketers partook in this affair in robust form, fiercely promoting our Montessorian philosophy and programmes. The crowd comprised mostly of students, fresh graduates and working adults who sought to upgrade their skills and knowledge. No doubt they returned home better informed.



"I joined in the fun and realised that we parents can be big kids, too, and enjoy just like the children if we let ourselves..."

- Bryan's Mum



Family Day – a day to spend quality time with the people you love, mingle, interact and, most importantly, have fun! That is exactly what MMI Tampines did when it celebrated its Family Day at Fort Canning Park on the 23rd of May 2004.

Children, their parents and grandparents all attended the event, equipped with sunhats, cameras, and picnic baskets. Various activities and events were organised, including a treasure hunt, magic show and children's performances. The kids had worked hard at them and the parents were eager to see the fruits of their labour. Parents also took this opportunity to mingle with the other families and the children stirred with excitement upon receiving their goody bags. All in all, the occasion was a truly joyous and memorable one.

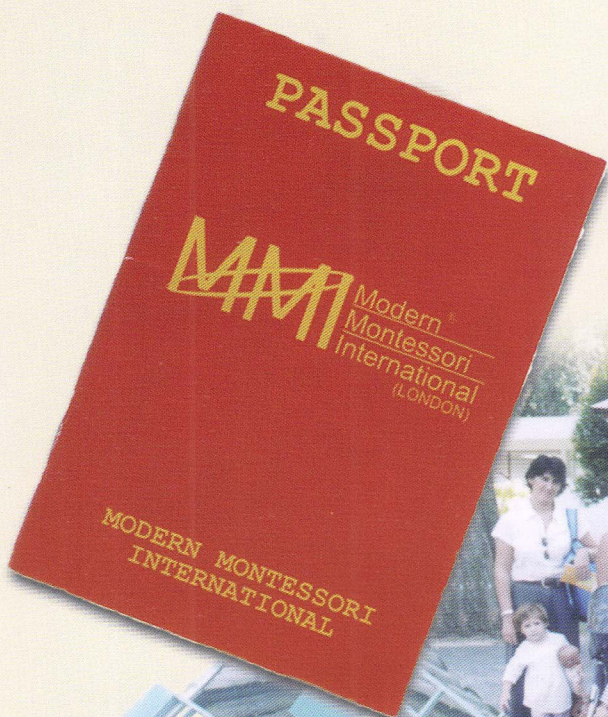
"We felt that this outing has taught the children the values of comradeship, discipline and teamwork at a very young age that will bring them through adulthood. We were also impressed with the children's ability to perform in front of a reasonably big crowd."

- Rye-Is' Mum

"I must say the success of the event was very much attributed to the effort put in through the countless number of rehearsals as well as the patience showed."

- Kirsten's Mum



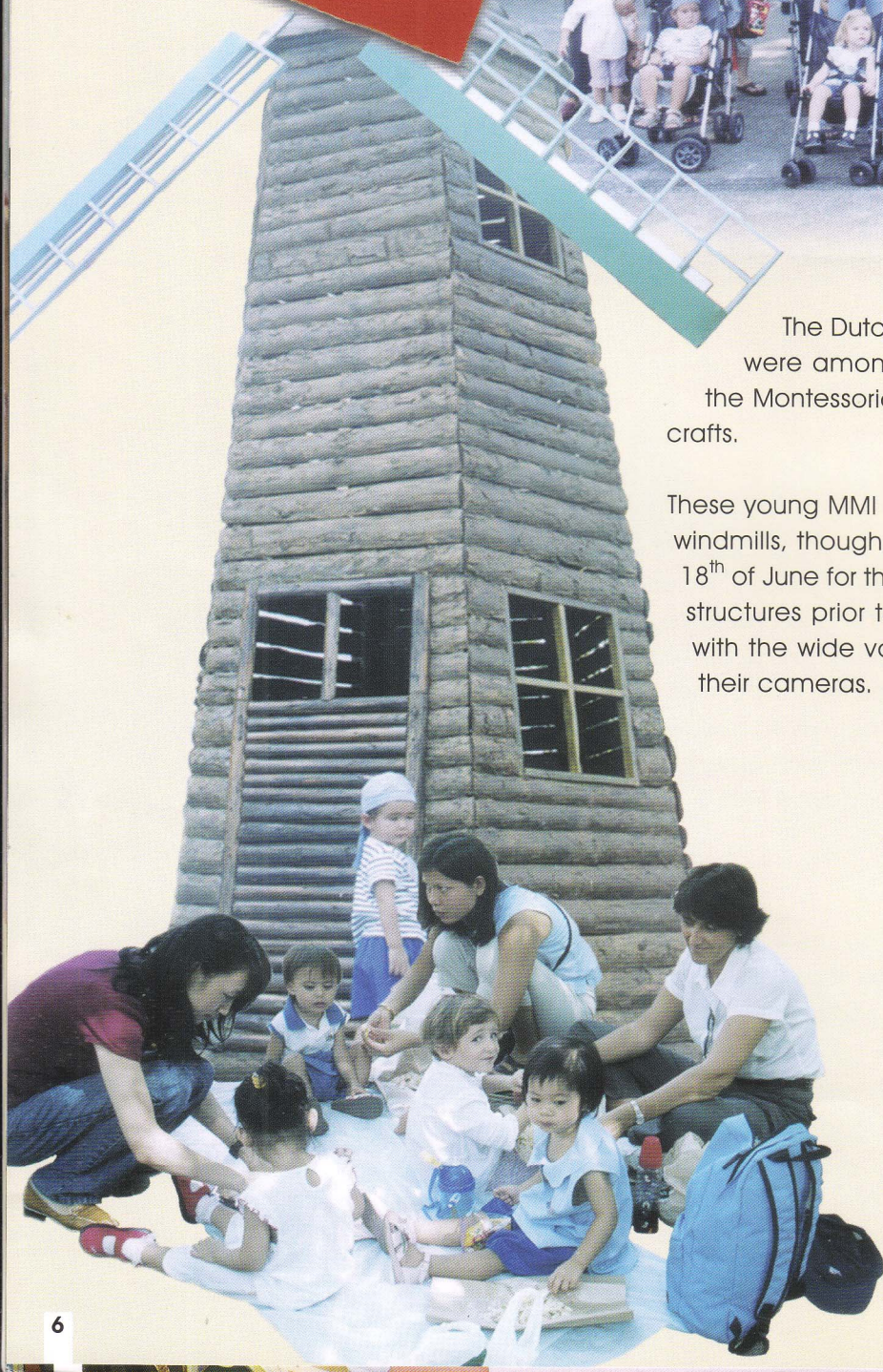


All holders of the MMI 'Passport to the World' are entitled to fun-filled adventures at interesting destinations all across the globe. This time, it was off to the beautiful Netherlands for the kids from our Claymore Centre. There, they not only got to see some of the landmarks for which the Netherlands is famous, but also witness the lifestyles and different cultures of the people there.



The Dutch traditional costume and the land's agriculture were among the highlights of the trip and, as expected, the Montessorians also tried their hands at windmills and tulip crafts.

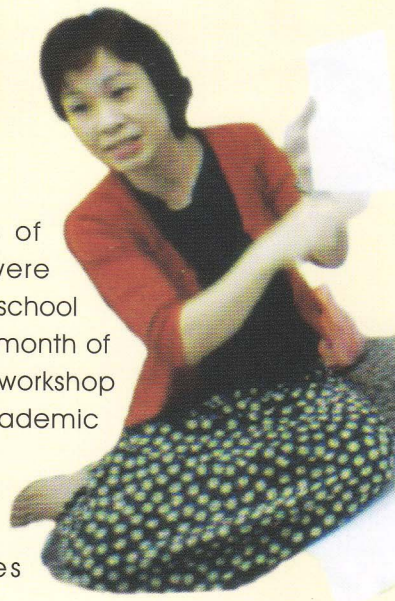
These young MMI explorers did not limit themselves to just paper windmills, though. They also visited the Chinese Gardens on the 18th of June for the Windmill Festival. Having learnt all about these structures prior to their visit, the youngsters busied themselves with the wide variety of items on display, snapping away with their cameras.





Bravo MMI!

As part of the on-going series of activities, several workshops were conducted at the MMI HQ for pre-school teachers and parents during the month of June. These include the Phonics workshop conducted by Bob Durgude, Academic Director of MMI; the Personal Grooming workshop, conducted by celebrity mum Wendy Jacobs; and the Classroom Centres workshop, conducted by Rajakhan, HOD of MMI.



All the workshops were well received. Many complimented the organisation and its trainers for their efficiency and professionalism in coming up with the workshops. MMI HQ is actively looking forward to conducting many other such activities.

"Your Say"



My view of MMI: "Dedicated teachers"

Hema Dakshini
DMT Student

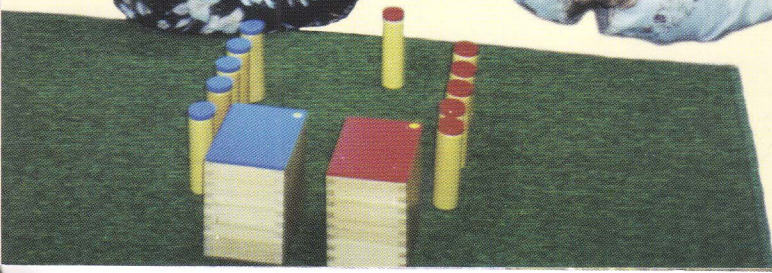


Why study the Montessori method?

"Montessori gives me the ability to understand children, understand child psychology, help mould the young mind of a child and enables me to work with them. As an individual the Montessori method also teaches me how to guide my daughter."

Choosing MMI:

"MMI is an established organisation with dedicated teachers. The syllabuses offered are very helpful and lessons are conducted in well-equipped classrooms. It gives us a lot of hands-on experience assisted by a qualified teaching staff. The location is also centralised, thereby making it convenient for me to travel to."





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