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Diplomat spouses bake for the needy in SG50 project

The cookies, baked at an SG50 celebration, will go to the underprivileged through voluntary welfare organisation "Willing Hearts".

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SINGAPORE: Over 3000 cookies were baked on Friday (Jun 12) for 500 underprivileged families across Singapore as part of a baking project.

The project saw 14 diplomatic spouses come together with 30 senior volunteers to give back to society and also celebrate 50 years of Singapore's independence. The spouses which took part came from countries such as Angola, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Turkey and Zimbabwe.

The cookies, which come in three flavours, will be distributed to the families through Voluntary Welfare Organisation, "Willing Hearts", which provides daily meals and other support services to the needy.



The collaboration aims to allow the diplomatic community to join in the SG50 celebrations as well as promote senior volunteerism, which is low in Singapore, compared to other Asian countries, according to Mr Ngiam Tong Yuen, the 1st vice president of RSVP Singapore.

Senior volunteer organisation, RSVP Singapore organised the event in celebration of the National Senior Volunteer Month, which is held from April to October 2015.

"We are behind Hong Kong and maybe even Taiwan," said Mr Ngiam. "So really Singapore should make an effort to get more senior citizens volunteering. It's not only good for the community, it's good for the person himself. You are occupied, you are interested, you are less likely to become unhappy, and become a burden to society."

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