



A Day of Music, A Lifetime of Memories

In the blink of an eye, the 2024 National Day celebration marched us by, Mr Wong Cheng Wee and his wife Mrs Kelly Kerh reminisce about 9 August, the day of our national's birthday. "Participating in the national day celebration with the En Community Services Society Ukulele group on 10 Aug 2024 was more than just a performance – it was a journey of personal growth for me and my wife".

As we prepared under Allison's guidance, we have discovered new levels of dedication and teamwork. The "One North East" theme has challenged us to think beyond ourselves and to re-consider our role in the community.

Standing onstage, ukulele in hand, I felt a transformation. No longer just an individual, I was part of something greater. The audience's response and even the MediaCorp CNA camera faded into the background as I connected with the music and my fellow performers. We sang and played our best despite the baking heat of the afternoon sun. Our sweat may roll down, but our spirits remain high.

"Spread happiness to all despite having personal challenges."



This experience has taught us about the power of community involvement and the joy of contributing to a national celebration. It is a day that will shape my perspective on citizenship and belonging for years to come. Ultimately it is Singapore's 59th birthday.

Happy 59th Birthday Singapore.

How do you celebrate Singapore's birthday? Share with me at solomon_kang@ecss.org.sg