

## Let's have more interaction, say top scouts and guides



President Wee congratulates Ho Hui Shuen, the daughter of Mr Ho Kah Leong, as her parents look on.

SOME top scouts and guides in Singapore would like to see more interaction between the different units as well as more involvement between the older and younger members.

And some of the guides also said they wished for more strenuous activities, just like those the scouts have now.

These top scouts and guides gave their wish list to *The Sunday Times* yesterday after they were awarded the President's Scout and Guide Awards by President Wee Kim Wee at the Istana.

A total of 18 scouts and six guides won the annual awards this year.

Said Tan Tian Luh, 18, of Anglo-Chinese Junior College: "I hope for more inter-unit competitions for activities like

pioneering and sports. That way, the different scout groups can judge how good they are."

Chong Chee Loong, 17, a Raffles Junior College student, recommended more activities which will give the senior scouts a chance to pass their skills and knowledge to younger scouts.

Said Chee Loong: "We should have more activities like the 80 km to 100 km exploration hikes where we have to cover several checkpoints all over Singapore with the help of two junior scouts in lower secondary. The younger ones can learn initiative and endurance from us during such activities."

The guides said they are ready for more strenuous ac-

tivities. Nor Hidayah Mohd Amin, 17, of Temasek Junior College, who spoke for several other guides, said: "People say that guides are good at nothing but singing. We want more outdoor activities like camps and pioneering. People tend to think of guides as soft."

Among the proud parents at the ceremony yesterday was Mr Ho Kah Leong, MP for Jurong and Senior Parliamentary Secretary (Communications and Information). His daughter Ho Hui Shuen, 17, who is in Catholic Junior College, was one of the award recipients.

She said her success was partly due to her understanding parents who were behind her all the way.

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