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### Spreading Mid-Autumn cheer with light and song



A total of 880 seniors took part in a mass singalong yesterday evening at Supertree Grove in Gardens by the Bay, to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival, which falls on Friday. Education Minister Ong Ye Kung led the elderly in the singalong as well as on a lantern walk around the gardens. The seniors were from 12 centres run by the Chinese Development Assistance Council (CDAC) and centres jointly run by Singapore's four self-help groups, including Mendaki. Mr Ong, who is the CDAC board chairman, was joined by Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Home Affairs and National Development Sun Xueling, who is also a CDAC board member. The event was jointly organised by the CDAC and Gardens by the Bay. Also at the event to lend a hand were about 80 volunteers and about 120 student befrienders from Nan Chiau High School, Jurong West Secondary School, Juying Secondary School and Temasek Polytechnic. The Mid-Autumn Festival is celebrated by eating mooncakes and viewing the moon, as the moon is said to shine brightest on the night of the 15th day of the eighth lunar month. ST PHOTO: ALPHONSUS CHERN

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## 华助会滨海湾花园晚会 880名乐龄赏灯歌唱庆中秋

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平日绿意盎然的滨海湾花园，前晚被点点灯火照亮，还萦绕美妙歌声。

为了在中秋佳节期间给年长者带来欢乐和温暖，华社自助理事会连同滨海湾花园首次举办了一场结合“大家唱”和提灯笼的中秋聚会。

来自12所华助会中心和自助团体联合中心的880名乐龄人士，由120名学生和80名义工陪同赴会。

虽然我国这几天出现轻微烟霾，不过这并没有扰乱大家的兴致，各中心的乐龄人士在活动开始前就抵达滨海湾花园擎天树丛（Supertree Grove Gardens by the Bay）把场地坐满。

庆祝会傍晚6时30分以《大家唱》节目为主线展开。一首首耳熟能详的经典名曲响彻滨海湾花园，让台下的观众兴奋不已，重温旧时回忆。

96.3好FM的王德明、林安

娜、洪普云和刘杰奇担任活动主持人，带动现场的气氛。本地资深艺人林茹萍也到场高唱福建、广东和潮州三个不同方言的曲子。活动的高潮是大家提着灯笼起身高唱《月亮代表我的心》和《城里的月光》，整个场面温馨感人。

洪惜卿（79岁，退休人士）和丈夫唱完《月亮代表我的心》后眼睛泛着泪光。她说：“今晚能和大家聚在这里真的很高兴，场面太感人了。这是我们过得最难忘的中秋节。”

“大家唱”的环节结束后，乐龄人士提着灯笼在滨海湾花园走一小段路，欣赏中秋灯饰。

也是华助会董事会主席的教育部长王乙康以主宾身份出席了这场庆中秋活动。

▶来自12所华助会中心和自助团体联合中心的乐龄人士，提着灯笼欣赏台上呈献的一首首经典名曲，共度温馨的夜晚。（林泽锐摄）

