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Youngsters Inspired at Duric Football Clinic

Thanks to Great Eastern's SG50 Wishes campaign, needy children learn football skills from the three-time S.League Player of the Year

Singapore, **8 September 2015** – Over 60 beneficiaries from Beyond Social Services had the opportunity to hone their football skills at Jalan Besar Stadium this morning at a special clinic conducted by Aleksandar Duric, who is now Assistant Coach and fitness coach with Tampines Rovers FC.

One young participant who enjoyed today's session was nine-year-old Danial Amirul. "I have always enjoyed playing football since my father introduced me to it when I was younger. I learned a lot today from Coach Duric, especially goal keeping. I hope when I grow up, I can play for Singapore."

This was the second of two clinics by Duric made possible by Great Eastern as part of its SG50 Wishes campaign. Commented Duric: "Football has provided me with so much and I have always wanted to give something back in return. I would like to thank Great Eastern for the opportunity to work with over 150 needy children over two sessions. I hope I have been able to share with them in a fun way not only football skills but also the importance of teamwork and perseverance."



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