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**President Halimah Yacob Visits the NDP 2022 Virtual Choir Interlude to Show Appreciation**

1. President Halimah Yacob visited the participants of the National Day Parade (NDP) 2022 Virtual Choir Interlude at Nee Soon Camp this morning. The Virtual Choir Interlude will be part of the NDP celebration at The Float @ Marina Bay on 9 August, and will be featured as part of the Parade and Ceremony segment for the first time.
2. The Virtual Choir Interlude will perform this year's theme song "Stronger Together", reminding Singaporeans that our diversity is a source of strength, even as we unite to face the challenges ahead. The Virtual Choir Interlude showcases how virtual and physical formats can be brought together to celebrate our National Day as we transition towards living with COVID-19. It also celebrates our journey as a nation through challenges to emerge more resilient and stronger together. The Virtual Choir Interlude comprises 95 participants from the Voices of Singapore Children's Choir, the Combined Special Education (SPED) Choir of Association for Persons with Special Needs (APSN) Chaoyang School, APSN Katong School and Pathlight School, the Boon Lay Secondary School choir, the Manjusri Secondary School choir, SG Enable iChamps (inclusion champions), a Deaf Arts and Music Practitioner, and The Graduate Singers.
3. During the visit, President Halimah observed the choir recording and interacted with the Virtual Choir Interlude participants. Sharing her thoughts on the visit, President Halimah said "I think it is good because it is an indication of how we integrate physical elements of the NDP with the virtual. At the same time, we also ensure inclusivity. Some participants are from SPED schools and we include them so that they are seen by all Singaporeans. I think that is how we generate support for persons with disabilities."
4. The visit was hosted by the Chairman of the NDP 2022 Executive Committee Brigadier-General Goh Pei Ming, and Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Lau, Chairman of the NDP 2022 Parade and Ceremony Committee.

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