

# Building Castles – and bonds

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## **Microsoft President's Challenge Sand Castle For Hope Straits Time**

“Architect” Loh Kok Weng in his sandcastle at Palawan Beach on Sentosa yesterday. The 23-year-old is a volunteer at Castle Beach, a social enterprise which promotes family bonding through sandcastle building.

At the event, “Sandcastles for Hope”, software giant Microsoft Singapore and its partners gave \$430,000 in cash and software to this year’s President’s Challenge, which raises funds for more than 500 welfare organisations. On hand as guest of honour was President Tony Tan Keng Yam, who joined Microsoft employees, sponsors, beneficiaries and their families for a day at the beach. PHOTO: JOSEPH NAIR FOR THE STRAITS TIMES