

A SWEET GESTURE



Siti Zaiton bte Rahmat remembered the day in 1991 when she received a big *hongbao* from the late Tan Keng Siong, who was a Director at Wearnes from 1984 to 1994. Mr Tan was the son of the late Tan Sri Dr Tan. Siti, currently a secretary in the corporate and legal department at Wearnes' headquarters, was then standing in for Mr Tan's secretary, who was on maternity leave. Siti remembers Mr Tan for encouraging her and giving her confidence. "I was just a clerk relieving other secretaries and not a full-fledged secretary as I did not have any secretarial qualifications. But Mr Tan was very patient with me and told me to take it easy and not be flustered. That really helped to boost my morale and confidence."

To show his appreciation of her good work, he gave Siti a S\$150 red packet during Chinese New Year. Siti says she profusely tried to refuse the red packet as it was a significant sum of money. "But he insisted that I must take it. He said: 'This is my own money, I want to give it to you, you deserve it!' I thought serving Mr Tan was already the most rewarding experience, so when he gave me the *hongbao*, I was really honoured beyond words!"