Approximately 100 students took part in SMU’s in-house barefoot walk. The walk was organised by a team of SMU students who are pioneering a campus chapter for Habitat for Humanity Singapore. As a campus chapter, the team would like to further Habitat Singapore’s various initiatives while encouraging fellow university mates to be pro-active in pursuing social causes that stem from the rampant poverty within our region.

Furthermore, the campus chapter has the vision in mind to empower youths, by putting into action their desires to serve the community and to subsequently inspire others to follow after their example. With this in mind, the chapter began with an in-house barefoot walk that mobilised students from SMU, Temasek Polytechnic and couple of junior colleges.

The organising team gathered the 100 students, who took time off their summer break to walk barefoot in SMU. The walk was held in the concourse of Singapore Management University, starting from the School of Economics and ending at the Lee Kong Chian School of Business. The walk started at 3pm and ended at around 3.20pm. Thereafter, the students gathered to form the outline of two barefoot and a number 6, in a concerted attempt to remember those without shoes.

While advocating this cause, participants of this in-house walk were also reminded that they had a role to play in highlighting the rampant poverty among our regional neighbours. The number 6 was significant as the students were expressing their fervent support for the Bare Your Sole event to be held this Saturday 18th of June, counting down the number of days to this event organised jointly by Habitat Singapore and Barclays.

The enthusiasm was evidently felt as the students finally made the shape of the two bare feet and the number 6, with photos depicting the final scene. The event then came to a close with students gathering in small groups to take photos, holding signs to express their support for Bare Your Sole 2011.