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Social Enterprise in Singapore: The Jacket that hugs

Because it is important to embrace social enterprises in Singapore, T.Ware has developed an inflatable vest that hugs.

A smartphone application within the range of ten meters allows you to administer a hug and inflate the vest to reduce impatience and anxiety for individuals with Autism and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

T.Ware's CEO, Mr. James Teh, believes that because it is important to embrace, he commercialized his doctoral thesis at the National University of Singapore and developed the T.Jacket. With this jacket, working parents who have children diagnosed with Autism or ADHD do not have to quit their jobs to take care of their children. Also, special education teachers can use the smartphone application to help take care of more than one student at any one time.

T.Ware's CIO, Mr. Lin Wei Liang said that usually in Singapore, the ratio of special education teachers to students is 1 to 6, and they sometimes are unable to keep the students under control. In a trial held in conjunction with National University of Singapore last year, T.Jacket was an obvious help for more than 20 families with children diagnosed with Autism

Mr. Lin says that within ten to twenty seconds, T.Jacket will inflate at the shoulders and side of abdomen, producing pressure similar to the effect of a hug to calm down restless children. T.Ware caught the attention of DBS Bank, and upon a proposal from T.Ware which was reviewed by The Singapore Association of Social Enterprise, DBS Bank has agreed to provide corporate sponsorship in the form of subsidies for low income families that need the jacket but cannot afford it.