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Dream Compassioneers

Dream Compassioneers is a joint-school international education and volunteering organisation. It aims to provide schoolchildren in poverty-stricken regions all over the world with daily necessities and opportunities for education, improving their lives in the long term. Dream Compassioneers is a registered charitable body. (IR File No. 91/17842) (Society Ref. No. 1963635)

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear friends of Dream Compassioneers,

Hello everyone! During August, Dream Compassioneers remains true to its mission and has organized various service activities this month!

In terms of service, committee members visited Cambodia for a service trip, where they visited organizations for voluntary teaching, such as New Future for Children and the Motherland Cambodia Education Center. They also donated supplies collected from the "Grant A Wish" program to local children in need and conducted volunteer teaching. We hope to convey the love of Hong Kong youth to all corners of the world.

Regarding advocacy, the semifinals of the fifth Dream Compassioneers Debate Competition were successfully held on August 16. Congratulations to all the winning teams, and thanks again to the judges for their participation and feedback, as well as to the supporting schools. Additionally, this month's "Read To Inspire" session allowed us to revisit a sharing session by Ms. Vicky Yeung from the Chinese University of Hong Kong Medical Society, who shared her service experiences in Medan, Indonesia. We thank Ms. Yeung for her valuable insights.

As this year's various service activities come to a close, the executive committee and subsidiary committee held the fifth Annual General Meeting of Dream Compassioneers on August 28 to report and summarize the year's service and initiative activities. Thank you all for your support of Dream Compassioneers. We will continue to do our utmost to serve children in need.

Sincerely,

Ms. FONG Hoi Tung, Charlene

Vice President of 5th Executive Committee of Dream Compassioneers

28th August 2025

OUR AIMS

- 1 This association aims to provide daily necessities and education opportunities for schoolchildren in poverty-stricken regions all over the world, improving their life in the long term.
- 2 This association strives to raise public awareness of the situation and needs of the poor in poverty-stricken regions, encouraging more capable individuals to lend a helping hand to those in need.
- 3 This association hopes to enrich the organizational and overseas-service-related experience of Hong Kong students. By widening their horizons, this association hopes to foster the all-round growth of students and to nurture future servant leaders.
- 4 This association embraces individuals of various religious backgrounds and political viewpoints, yet does not participate in any religious or political activities.



REPORT ON AUGUST ACTIVITIES

5th Annual General Meeting of Dream Compassion

The fifth Annual General Meeting of Dream Compassion was successfully held on August 28, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM at the Yasumoto International Academic Park, The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

We were honored to invite the founder, Mr Chan and honorary advisor of Dream Compassion, Ms Hui, the founder of "Make A Change" to give a speech. During this Annual General Meeting, the executive committee also introduced the fifth executive committee and reported on this year's services, initiatives, and financial report.

Last year, We have more than 20 projects. Thank you all for your support of Dream Compassion this year. We will continue to do our utmost in the coming year to provide services and assistance to children in need.



The semifinals of the 5th Dream Compassion Debate Competition



The semifinals of the fifth Dream Compassion Debate Competition were successfully held on August 16, 2025. This year, a total of ninety participating schools were involved. We believe that after this round of competition, the participating students will have a deeper understanding of issues related to children, poverty, and service learning, fostering social advocacy.

Moreover, we sincerely thank all the judges for taking the time out of their busy schedules to attend and provide feedback on the competition; we believe the students have greatly benefited from it. The finals will be held in September, and we look forward to continuing to appreciate the debaters' eloquence and promoting the spirit of service through the debate. Congratulations to the schools that advanced to the finals!





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Dream Compassioneers' Cambodia Service & Cultural Exchange Tour 2025 – “Journey with Dreams, Connecting Hearts”

Dream Compassioneers team has just completed a 7-day “Journey with Dreams, Connecting Hearts” Cambodia Service & Cultural Exchange Tour 2025, supported by the HYAB Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange 2025-26. The team, primarily consisting of Hong Kong students, has recently returned to Hong Kong. Departing in August, the team travelled from Hong Kong to Cambodia, engaging in service and cultural experiences in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap. Executive Director Ice Or, who planned the journey, remarked, “Six years ago, our Cambodia trip inspired the founding of Dream Compassioneers. We are grateful to return for this service exchange. This journey was immensely rewarding, as helping children in need aligns with our mission. We hope to lead the team to contribute even more in the future!”



Serving Communities and Spreading Joy Across Borders

Dream Compassioneers team collected stationery, clothing, books, and toys donated by teachers and students from various schools in Hong Kong, bringing these supplies to Cambodia. They organized a series of exchange and volunteer teaching activities, including a visit to the Homestay Volunteer Teacher Organization, established nearly 20 years ago by teachers and guides. Volunteers taught over 100 students across six classes, employing creative methods to enhance learning. For instance, Chloe Wong, a student of Early Childhood Education at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, used lively “nursery rhyme teaching” to break language barriers, creating a joyful learning atmosphere. Sandy Yeung, a recent graduate from Baptist Lui Ming Choi Secondary School, utilized her exceptional drawing skills and positive education techniques to deepen students’ understanding of vocabulary. Registered social worker Bobo Wong provided extra support to students who needed additional help, fostering a warm and engaging environment. As Naomi Leung, a recent graduate from St. Catharine’s School for Girls, noted, “We created moments of growth and connection with local students that transcended language barriers,” making the experience profoundly meaningful. The team also visited water purification facilities donated by A Drop of Life, a Hong Kong-based organization, and engaged with representatives to learn about their operations.

Additionally, the team visited the Motherland Cambodia Education Center, where they played games with preschool children and delivered supplies and love. Despite the children’s limited English proficiency, the enthusiasm bridged geographical divides. As Johnson Lo from The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong shared, “Seeing the children’s happy smiles, hearing their innocent laughter, feeling their sincere hugs, and waving goodbye – only by experiencing it firsthand can you truly understand.” At the center, the team conducted unique STEM classes, creating heartwarming moments. Ms. Minnie Dong from Ho Man Tin Government Secondary School noted, “One MLC graduate, now a teacher at the center, served as our classroom translator. Her fluent English and dedication showed me how committed individuals can transform children’s lives, helping them embrace a broader world.” Kumi Fung from Caritas Institute of Higher Education added, “Interacting with local teachers showed me the resilience and compassion of long-term commitment. It reminded me to continue this connection and dedication even after leaving.”

The team also engaged with the Lutheran Hope Cambodia Organisation, where the executive president introduced their various services. Dream Compassioneers had previously supported local schools’ water and electricity projects through Amity Foundation (Hong Kong) and explored further collaboration opportunities during this visit.

The team also visited the New Future for Children (NFC) orphanage, a long-term partner. NFC has been quietly serving children in need for over 20 years. During this year’s Victoria Park Lunar New Year Fair, Dream Compassioneers sold artwork created by NFC children, donating the proceeds to support the orphanage’s operations. As Sophia Yau from Bishop Hall Jubilee School shared, “We’ve supported the orphanage with funds and supplies over the years. Seeing the children’s smiles during this visit made all our efforts worthwhile.” Charlene Fong, also from the same school, added, “This journey allowed us to feel the children’s genuine love, and I hope to bring them even more in the future!”

The team interacted with NFC’s dedicated director, Soheat, delivering multiple suitcases of supplies donated by Hong Kong communities and conducting volunteer teaching sessions. From English songs to interactive games, both volunteers and local children were fully engaged. The children performed traditional Cambodian dances, fostering heartfelt connections between the two groups. Colin Wong from HKCWC Fung Yiu King Memorial Secondary School noted, “This was the purest form of joy. I look forward to participating in such meaningful service exchanges again.” Wong Yuet Ka from Lok Sin Tong Ku Chiu Man Secondary School added, “We planted the seeds of ‘dreams’ in Cambodia, nurturing small saplings, hoping these children will grow strong and thrive.”



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Cultural Exchange with the Chinese Chamber of Commerce

To deepen their understanding of local history and culture, the team visited Angkor Wat, the Royal Palace in Phnom Penh, and the Killing Fields Museum. They appreciated Cambodia's rich cultural heritage while reflecting on the importance of peace. The team expressed gratitude to the Cambodia Chinese Chamber of Commerce for their hospitality. Executive Vice Chairman Ms. Han and Mr. Hu, also Deputy Bank Manager Mr. Yang introduced the latest developments in Cambodia, providing students with a comprehensive and vivid understanding of the country.

As Ethan Chan from Ho Man Tin Government Secondary School summarized, “This journey taught us gratitude and helped us rediscover the meaning of service.” Dream Compassioneers' founder, Mr. YY Chan, added, “This was my third time in Cambodia, and I'm deeply grateful. Thanks to the warm reception from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and various service organizations, I'm heartened to see students exploring Cambodia from multiple perspectives, engaging passionately in service, and caring about local history and culture.”



Acknowledgments

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Online Talk - Read to Inspire



LAST MONTH, WE HAD THE HONOR OF INVITING MS. VICKY YEUNG, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG MEDICAL SOCIETY, TO BE THE GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE 34TH REGULAR "PASSION TO TALK, TALK TO INSPIRE" THEMED "ANNUAL SERVICE TRIP 2025-MEDAN". THE SPEAKER SHARED HER EXPERIENCES AND OBSERVATIONS DURING HER VOLUNTEER WORK IN MEDAN. THROUGH SIMPLE GAMES AND WORKSHOPS, SHE AND HER TEAM TAUGHT LOCAL CHILDREN BASIC MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE, HELPING THEM LEARN TO PAY ATTENTION TO HYGIENE AND SELF-CARE IN THEIR DAILY LIVES.

VICKY CARRIED OUT SEVERAL WEEKS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE IN MEDAN. SHE AND HER TEAM STAYED IN DOWNTOWN MEDAN AND TRAVELED DAILY—ABOUT 30 MINUTES BY CAR—FROM THE RELATIVELY MODERN CITY CENTER TO MORE RESOURCE-LIMITED AREAS SUCH AS BAGAN DELI AND BELAWAN. ALONG THE WAY, THE SCENERY GRADUALLY SHIFTED FROM BUSTLING TO HUMBLE, OFFERING A PROFOUND INSIGHT INTO THE LIVING DISPARITIES BETWEEN DIFFERENT SOCIAL STRATA.

THE SERVICE WAS PRIMARILY CONDUCTED AT ISCO CENTERS AND PARTNER SCHOOLS. EACH DAY, THE TEAM DIVIDED INTO THREE GROUPS TO CARRY OUT ACTIVITIES AT THREE DIFFERENT CENTERS. THEY DESIGNED NINE THEMATIC WORKSHOPS DELIVERED THROUGH GAMES, COVERING PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE SUCH AS FIRST AID CPR, WOUND BANDAGING, AND FOOD NUTRITION. THEY ALSO CREATED ORIGINAL ENGLISH NURSERY RHYMES AND PRODUCED SHORT VIDEOS TO HELP THE CHILDREN LEARN ENGLISH IN A FUN AND ENGAGING WAY. IN ADDITION, THEY CONDUCTED HOME VISITS TO UNDERSTAND THE DAILY HABITS AND LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE LOCAL RESIDENTS, OFFERING BASIC HEALTH CHECKS INCLUDING VISION, BMI, BLOOD PRESSURE, HEIGHT, AND WEIGHT MEASUREMENTS.

WHAT LEFT A DEEP IMPRESSION WAS THAT THE BAGAN DELI AREA EXPERIENCES DAILY FLOODING, WITH FLOODWATER OFTEN INTRUDING INTO RESIDENTS' HOMES, WHILE THE BELAWAN DISTRICT SEES NIGHTLY SECURITY INCIDENTS SUCH AS GUNFIGHTS AND KNIFE FIGHTS.

WE HOPE THAT THIS TALK WILL ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO ENGAGE IN VOLUNTEER SERVICES, INTERACT WITH PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES AND CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS, AND THEREBY BROADEN THEIR HORIZONS. VICKY'S EXPERIENCE INSPIRES US TO PAY GREATER ATTENTION TO CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AND WELL-BEING IN DEVELOPING REGIONS AND TO SPREAD THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE FURTHER.

FINALLY, WE SINCERELY THANK THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR HER HEARTFELT SHARING AND ONCE AGAIN APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S PARTICIPATION. THE NEXT ONLINE TALK WILL BE HELD SOON, STAY TUNED!



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