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Dream Compassioners

Dream Compassioners 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 Compassioners is a registered charitable body. (IR File No. 91/17842) (Society Ref. No. 1963635)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! Wishing you all Year of the Horse filled with good fortune and joy! We are excited to continue our journey with renewed energy in the year ahead!

In terms of service activities, the Lunar New Year Market Project has successfully concluded. This year's theme aimed to help everyone seek out childhood memories. Our dedicated organizing committee and members poured their hearts into this project, hoping to make a difference in the lives of more children. The project raised a total of tens of thousands of dollars, with all profits being donated in full to the educational center and shelter, providing essential educational and living resources for the children. Once again, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all who supported us! Additionally, this month, student volunteers continued to participate in the Service Scheme for hearing-impaired children, offering assistance to those in need.

Regarding advocacy activities, The Debate Competition continues to encourage public attention to global children's issues. The 2nd Dream Compassioners Primary School Debate Competition completed its qualifier matches this month. Simultaneously, The 6th Dream Compassioners Debate Competition held its briefing and qualifier matches. Congratulations to all the advancing teams! Furthermore, this month we have the "Read to Inspire" series available for you to understand the content of last online talk.

Finally, we have some good news to share! We are incredibly grateful that Mr. Chan Yik-yeung, Co-founder of Dream Compassioners, was honored with the nurturing award at the 13th Spirit of Hong Kong Awards, and Dream Compassioners has been shortlisted for the teamwork award of the Spirit of Hong Kong Award. Additionally, Miss. Chan Wai Lam Nicole, the Convenor of the Associated Committee of Dream Compassioners, was honored with 'Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award of the 'Hong Kong Volunteer Award 2025.' We once again express our deepest gratitude to the media and society for their recognition and support! Moving forward, we are more determined than ever to uphold our mission and strive for even greater achievements.

Sincerely,
Ms. HUI Yi Tung, Kelly
President of the 6th Executive Committee of Dream Compassioners
20th February 2026

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 FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES



LUNAR NEW YEAR MARKET

2026



The Lunar New Year Market project has been successfully completed! Our dedicated organizing committee and service club members poured their hearts into this endeavor, hoping to make a difference in the lives of more children. The purpose of our market is to support orphanages with the Motherland Educational Center and the New Future for Children shelter in Cambodia. All profits will be donated in full to the Cambodian education center and shelter to provide children with educational and living resources. We sincerely thank all the artists, media representatives, school and friends for their generous donations and support of the Lunar New Year Market project!

Special thanks to the school for its donation:

- Kwun Tong Kung Lok Government Secondary School
- Chiu Lut Sau Memorial Secondary School
- Madam Lau Kam Lung Secondary School of MFBM
- Shung Tak Catholic English College



SERVICING SCHEME FOR THE HEARING-IMPAIRED STUDENTS

After the holiday, Dream Compassioners continues to send student volunteers for the service scheme for hearing-impaired children, guiding them in pursuing their goals for the new year. Student volunteers actively participated and contributed their love and care.





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ONLINE TALK



In February, we were honored to invite Ms. Tammy Wong, a representative from Kid Soul, to be the guest speaker for the 37th regular "Passion to Talk, Talk to Inspire" themed "What is Play Therapy and its objective? How to become a Play Therapist?".

During the talk, Tammy explained the philosophy of play therapy in simple terms. It is a supportive method designed to help children face challenges related to behavior, social interaction, emotions, and hyperactivity. By providing a safe and stable environment, play therapy allows children to "play out" their inner feelings and troubles without pressure.

She specifically emphasized that play therapy is not limited to children with special educational needs (SEN). Conditions that are difficult to treat with medication, such as separation anxiety and alopecia areata, can also be treated from play therapy. Furthermore, play therapy can provide emotional support for children facing life transitions, such as a change in caregivers, transferring schools, or moving house.

Currently, Hong Kong has not yet established an internationally recognized professional system for play therapy. However, qualifications certified in countries like the UK, the USA, and Australia meet international standards and are recognized in Hong Kong. Locally, there are also relevant professional courses available; for example, Hong Kong Shue Yan University offers a Master of Social Sciences in Play Therapy, providing an educational pathway for those aspiring to join the industry.

In addition to introducing play therapy, Tammy encouraged us to reflect on our future career directions. She advised looking at personal interests, career development, educational philosophy, and professional strengths to help us make more suitable choices in career planning. She suggested that friends interested in joining the play therapy industry could start by participating in volunteer work to gradually accumulate experience.

Finally, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Tammy for her dedicated sharing, and we thank everyone for their participation and support. Please look forward to our next seminar—we will see you then!



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THE 2ND DREAM COMPASSIONEERS PRIMARY SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION



All qualifying rounds of The 2nd Dream Compassioners Primary School Debate Competition were successfully held on 7 February 2026. Congratulations to all winning teams!

We believe that, through this round of competition, participating students will gain a deeper understanding of issues related to children, poverty, and service learning, and will be inspired to engage in social advocacy.

We also sincerely thank the judges for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend and provide feedback; we believe the students benefited greatly. At the same time, we appreciate the enthusiastic support and active participation of the schools in The 2nd Dream Compassioners Primary School Debate Competition.

The preliminary round of The 2nd Dream Compassioners Primary School Debate Competition will be held on 14 March. We look forward to once again enjoying the debaters' sharp exchanges and promoting the spirit of service through debate.



THE 6TH DREAM COMPASSIONEERS DEBATE COMPETITION



The 6th Dream Compassioners Debate Competition's briefing session and qualifier match was successfully held on February 14th and 28th, respectively. Congratulations to the winning teams!

This year's competition saw the participation of 65 schools, aiming to raise awareness about issues concerning children and poverty. We sincerely appreciate the support of all schools participating in the 6th Dream Compassioners Debate Competition and for taking the time out of their busy schedules to attend the briefing session.

In the upcoming months, the competition events will continue. We wish all participating teams smooth preparations, encourage them to enjoy the debates, explore various topics and collectively promote the spirit of service!



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SOCIAL AFFIRMATION

13TH SPIRIT OF HONG KONG AWARDS

We are deeply grateful that Mr. Chan Yik-yeung, co-founder of Dream Compassionees, has been honored with the "Nurturing Award" at the 13th Spirit of Hong Kong Awards. Simultaneously, Dream Compassionees has been shortlisted for the "Teamwork Award". This recognition serves as immense encouragement for our team, and we once again thank the South China Morning Post and society for their affirmation and support! Moving forward, we are more committed than ever to redoubling our efforts, striving to uphold our original mission, and continuing to serve children in need worldwide, pushing our boundaries to achieve even greater milestones.



Spirit of Hong Kong Awards: teacher empowers students to serve, learn and lead with heart
Chan Yik-yeung's initiative, Dream Compassionees, earns him a place as a finalist in the Spirit of Hong Kong Awards in the nurturing category.



Anna Chan
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Spirit of Hong Kong Awards: how a volunteer trip to Cambodia sparked youth-led NGO
Youth volunteer group Dream Compassionees has been nominated in the teamwork category of Spirit of Hong Kong Awards.



Anna Chan
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Interview with South China Morning post

HONG KONG VOLUNTEER AWARD

We are deeply grateful to Miss. Chan Wai Lam, Nicole, the Convenor of the Associated Committee of Dream Compassionees for being honored with the 'Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award' at the 2025 Hong Kong Volunteer Award. The Hong Kong Volunteer Award, jointly organized by the Hong Kong Agency for Volunteer Service and the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau, is the largest volunteer recognition event in Hong Kong. This award not only recognizes Miss. Chan's past efforts but also serves as a source of inspiration for her to continue spreading kindness and promoting the spirit of service in the future. We once again thank the support and encouragement from the society.



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傑出青年義工獎 Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award

陳韋霖 CHAN WAI LAM



我的義工服務旅程始於中學。曾參與聽障兒童義工計劃、少數族裔兒童服務等。亦曾擔任服務為主題的香港辯論比賽、慈善籌款、海外服務等。服務令我找到自我價值，讓我明白我亦能為人帶來快樂。每一次的服務中，服務對象真摯的笑容深深感動了我。我不捨得「我希望能夠守護他們的的笑容。」這也成為我參與、籌辦服務活動的動力。隨着入讀大學，我亦開始參與不同服務及倡議活動。增加活動深度及廣度，鼓勵更多年輕人了解社會需要，並提供平台予他們投身參與服務，凝聚更大的力量，令更多人的臉上綻放出真摯的笑容。

My volunteer service journey began in secondary school through initiatives like tutoring hearing-impaired children and supporting ethnic minority inclusion. I later founded service-based projects, including a Hong Kong-wide debate competition and charity events. What deeply moved me were the grateful smiles of those I served, so I often found myself thinking, "I want to protect these smiles." This became my greatest motivation to organise service projects. Upon entering university, I realised that simply participating in different volunteer activities only allowed me to contribute as an individual. That's why I stepped into a founder's role, organising service campaigns and advocacy programs to inspire young people to recognise societal needs. By providing them a platform to take action, I hoped to unite more like-minded individuals, amplify our collective impact, and bring sincere smiles to even more faces.





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