# **NEWSLETTER**

#### The Official Newsletter of 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! As the semester draws to a close, Dreams Compassioneers remains committed to our original mission by organizing diverse social services and advocacy activities to support students in need.

Regarding our service initiatives, this month we continue our collaboration with the Hong Kong Association of the Deaf, conducting the service program for hearing-impaired students every Saturday. This initiative not only provides volunteer tutoring for these children but also allows them to explore the joy of knowledge through engaging workshops in science and technology. We believe our volunteers have created lasting memories with the hearing-impaired children during these activities.

With respect to advocacy efforts, the semifinals of the 1st "Dream Compassioneers Debate Competition" Inter-Primary School Service Debate Competition were successfully held, and congratulations to the winning teams for advancing to the finals. We have a series of "Read to Inspire" activities this month. We invite everyone to check our social media to revisit the sharing by Miss Cheung Tsz Shan, a representative of the International Youth Leaders Organization from last month. Furthermore, Dream Compassioneers has closed applications for the Hong Kong Student Service Leader Award 2024-2025. We look forward to seeing passionate student leaders dedicated to service!

This month, Dream Compassioneers is honored to be invited as a member to attend the Agency for Volunteer Service Outstanding Volunteer Network 2025 Annual Dinner. We also responded to the International Association for Volunteer Effort (IAVE) call to participate in the Global Dialogue workshop, representing youth volunteers to share our perspectives on sustainable volunteer work, aiming to promote the development of global volunteering.

Finally, applications for the Dream Compassioneers' service experience trip to Cambodia in August will also close soon. We look forward to this journey, where youth volunteers from different schools will broaden their international perspectives while providing essential education to local children in need.

Thank you once again for the support from all sectors of society for Dreams Compassioneers. We will continue to strive forward and serve students in need!

Sincerely,

Leung Hoi Man, Naomi

Vice President of 5th Executive Committee of Dream Compassioneers

#### **OUR AIMS**

- at 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 povertystricken regions, encouraging more capable individuals to lend a helping hand to those in need
- 3 This association hopes to enrich the organizational and overseasservice-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.



#### **Hong Kong Student Service Leaders Award**



Thank you to over a hundred schools for their enthusiastic support of the 2024-2025 Hong Kong Student Service Leaders Award. After the preliminary selection, we will hold the 3rd Award Ceremony cum 4th Opening Ceremony on July 13. We greatly appreciate the students' passion for service and look forward to everyone growing through this election and becoming better service leaders!



All semifinals of the "Dream Compassioneers Debate Competition" Inter-Primary School Service Debate Competition were successfully held on June 28, 2025. Congratulations to Tsuen Wan Government Primary School and Kwong Ming Ying Loi School advanced to the finals. We believe that after this round of competition, participating students will gain a deeper understanding of issues related to children, poverty, and service learning, thereby promoting social advocacy. Finally, we sincerely thank all the judges and participating schools for their attendance and support of the competition



#### Service Scheme for the hearing-impaired students

This month's Service Scheme for hearing-impaired children was attended by members of Dream Compassioneers committee and service team. To encourage more youth to become volunteers, we have also launched a volunteer recruitment campaign on social media, which has received a warm response. In addition to our regular homework tutoring sessions that provide academic support to students, this month we also held STEM activities and a Japanese cooking class, where students participated in hands-on experiments and making Japanese hand rolls. This creates a more diverse learning environment. Thank you all for your participation!



## 'Compassion Caravan:

#### Cambodia' Cambodia service and culture trip



[This year, Dream Compassioneers is fortunate to receive funding from the Home Affairs and Youth Affairs Bureau to organize the 'Compassion Caravan: Cambodia' Cambodia service and culture trip during the summer vacation. This delegation aims to empower Hong Kong youth with global vision and compassionate values through cultural immersion and meaningful service. The title 'Compassion Caravan: Cambodia' carries profound symbolism: it represents both Hong Kong students ('young compass bearers') journeying to Cambodia, and walking hand-in-hand ('companions on the road') with local children to foster genuine people-to-people connections. The application phase has now been completed. We will conduct interviews on 2nd July. Thank you all for your support!



#### Agency for Volunteer Service Outstanding Volunteer Network 2025 Annual Dinner



Dream Compassioneers was invited to attend the Agency for Volunteer Service Outstanding Volunteer Network 2025 Annual Dinner on June 24, 2025. Additionally, the United Nations has designated 2026 as the "International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development." In response to the International Association for Volunteer Effort's call, the Agency for Volunteer Service (AVS) is hosting a Global Dialogue workshop in Hong Kong. We are honored to represent youth volunteers and take this opportunity to share our views and suggestions on sustainable volunteer work. We look forward to gathering feedback from around the world to further promote the development of global volunteering. Once again, thank you to AVS for the invitation!



# Online Talk - Read to Inspire







Last month, we had the honor of inviting Ms. Cheung Tsz Shan, a representative from the AlESEC, to be the guest speaker for the 33rd regular 'Passion To Talk, Talk to Inspire", themed "Contentment and inner peace - Africa Uganda".

During her sharing, we learned that Ms. Cheung travelled alone to Africa for volunteer teaching, which is truly admirable. Ms. Cheung first encountered volunteer service through the St. John Ambulance during her secondary school years, and she has since embraced this path, enjoying the process of teaching. Of course, preparing to travel alone overseas involves complex preparations. Besides the necessary administrative and procedural work, psychological preparation is also vital. We learned that being a volunteer requires a humble attitude, focused on learning and exchange, rather than a sense of superiority.

Ms. Cheung conducted a six-week volunteer teaching program at a primary school in Uganda and gained invaluable experiences from them. Throughout her teaching journey, she observed that the living conditions in Uganda are not affluent; the streets are often cramped and in poor condition, and the infrastructure is outdated. She also shared her experience of tasting street food, which unfortunately resulted in a week of gastroenteritis. In Uganda, income disparity is a significant issue; while ordinary citizens might earn only \$20 a day, the wealthy can spend over \$100 for a single meal. Many might label African children as inherently poor and unable to receive quality education. However, what they learn is just slightly different from the education received by students in Hong Kong, encompassing innovative and specialized knowledge, with excellent English proficiency.

We hope that this seminar will encourage more people to engage in volunteer service and interact with individuals from diverse countries and cultural backgrounds, broadening their horizons. As the theme suggests, it leads to contentment and inner peace. Through Ms. Cheung's sharing, we aim to inspire greater awareness of children's needs and spread the spirit of service throughout society.

Finally, we sincerely thank the representatives of the organization for their thoughtful sharing, and thank you all again for your attendance. Our next seminar will be held soon, so stay tuned!



## Thank you Chung Chi Alumni for the report

**陳易楊(2010/中文)**畢業後投入教育工作,現職副校長,並帶領學生參與義務工作,幫助香港以至外地有需要的學童。陳校友於多地義教後,與師生及朋友創辦了註冊慈善機構「童夢同行」,並獲得「香港傑出義工獎——傑出青年義工團隊」;陳校友亦獲紅十字會頒發「香港人道年獎——人道新力量」。

「童夢同行」由學生領導,今屆主席為崇基學生**黃詩喬(幼兒教育/二年級)**,期望能夠以言行身教,發揚崇基「止於至善」精神。歡迎



崇基校友和同學支持 「童夢同行」,一同 幫助有需要的學童。 圖為「童夢同行」義 工團隊於今年四月在 尼泊爾的一所孤兒院 進行義務工作。

Thanks to Chung Chi Alumni for sharing. We look forward to more young people joining Dream Compassioneers to promote the spirit of service. Together, let's light up hope for underprivileged children, convey love through action, and let the spirit of service transcend geographical boundaries to build a better world together!"



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