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The Official Newsletter of Dream Compassioners



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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)

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

30 April 2023
Dear Friends of DC,

Greetings everyone! This month, several initiatives have been launched and we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all of your support.

With respect to our service initiatives, we have started the recruitment of schools for our "Grant A Wish" Supplies Donation Project, in addition to maintaining ongoing contact with several organizations and preparing supplies for donation. Furthermore, we have successfully partnered with New Future for Children, a children's organization in Cambodia, to organize an online voluntary teaching program. English volunteer teachers have been recruited and we earnestly thank for your support!

In the service program jointly organized by Dream Compassioners and Wu Yee Sun College, CUHK, one of the service teams set up a booth on the CUHK campus to collect materials and prepare donations for the homeless in Hong Kong, while other groups also reached out to numerous service organizations. Meanwhile, we have opened up public recruitment for the Servicing Scheme for the hearing-impaired students. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are interested.

On the advocacy front, the first charity ball for secondary school students in Hong Kong, the Dream Compassioners Charity Ball was officially launched on Children's Day! We aspire to build a community of youngsters who are committed to serving children in poverty-stricken regions. Besides, the series of "Read to Inspire" was ongoing this month. We hope everyone can continue embracing the ethos of "Accompany, rather than sympathy" and to put it into action by serving those in need.

In addition, the first preliminary round of the 3rd Dream Compassioners Debate Competition has also been successfully held, and the remaining 32 schools will compete in May. We strongly believe that through the competitions, participating students can enhance their comprehension of issues related to children, poverty and service learning. Here, we would like to extend our genuine appreciation to all schools for their dedicated support and understanding. Meanwhile, the Dream Compassioners Model United Nations (DCMUN) 2023 is also underway and your participation is eagerly anticipated.

Together, let's work hand in hand to bring more positive energy to our society! We will continue to put forth our best effort and work hard for the children in need around the world. Lastly, we wish you all a happy and prosperous life.

Sincerely,
Ms. Lin Yuen-hei, Destiny
Vice-President of the 3rd Executive Committee of Dream Compassioners

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 The founders and members of this association should serve with altruism, placing the interest of others over personal gains and benefits.
- 4 This association hopes to enrich the organisational and overseas-service-related experience of Hong Kong secondary students. By widening their horizons, this association hopes to foster the all-round growth of students and to nurture future servant leaders.
- 5 This association embraces individuals of various religious backgrounds and political viewpoints, yet does not participate in any religious or political activities.



REPORT ON APRIL ACTIVITIES

The Dream Compassioners Charity Ball

The Dream Compassioners Charity Ball is officially launched on 4th of April, Children's Day!

Held by Dream Compassioners, this Charity Ball is the first of its kind in the territory with the main target be local secondary school students. Through series programmes, participating students are expected to have deepened their understanding on the needs of children in the world and the sustainable development goals, hence contribute themselves to promoting social concern for children. Funds will be raised funds to promote meaningful projects (After deducting costs, the net income will be donated to charitable projects related to local children and the Amity Foundation (Hong Kong) to build libraries, water and electricity facilities for rural schools in Cambodia).

The Charity Ball includes educational promotion videos, service sharing, and more activities that bring out the theme of service. Sharing and performances will be brought by guests who actively engaged in charity and service. Moreover, there will be stalls selling snacks, drinks and souvenirs during the event.

The Charity Ball will be held in July and more information will be announced soon. Stay tuned!



The 3rd Dream Compassioners Debate Competition



The 1st preliminary round of the 3rd Dream Compassioners Debate Competition was successfully held on 22 and 23 April 2023, while the remaining 32 participating schools will compete on 13 and 14 May 2023. It is believed that after this match, participants will have a deeper understanding of issues related to children, poverty, and service learning, and hence started playing a role in social initiatives. We would like to thank Bishop Hall Jubilee School, Maryknoll Convent School (Secondary Section), Sacred Heart Canossian College and Good Hope School to be our co-organizers, sending out staff and judges. In addition, we would also like to express our sincere gratitude to all the judges for their time attending and commenting on the competition. At the same time, we would like to extend our genuine appreciation to all the schools for their active support and participation.

The second round of the preliminary round of the 3rd Dream Compassioners Debate Competition will be held on the 13 and 14 May 2023. We look forward to seeing our participants' outstanding performance while promoting the spirit of service in the debate!

For the results of the 1st preliminary round and the tournament list, please refer to our website. Thank you for your continuous support!



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Cambodia Online Voluntary Teaching Project



Dream Compassioners is organizing Cambodia Online Voluntary Teaching Project with New Future for Children, a children organization located in Cambodia. To improve their English-speaking skills, online English-speaking teaching is provided for junior form students in Cambodia. We have finished recruiting voluntary teachers, thank you for your support! In the programme, teachers will have a brief division of labour, including preparing teaching materials and online teaching. The former is responsible for preparing weekly teaching material, and the latter is responsible for holding online classes and interacting with students. We can't wait to see our volunteer teachers' teaching with passion and love!

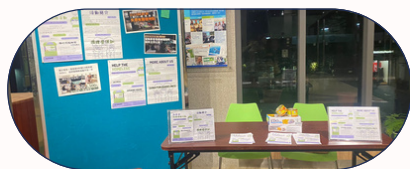
"Grant A Wish" Supplies Donation Project

Dream Compassioners is launching 'Grant A Wish', our signature supplies donation project. We hope to equip under-resourced students with necessities such as clothes, stationeries and masks. Schools can collect supplies according to their schedules from May to July. After the screening, we will donate them to Cambodian orphanages, New Future For Children and Cambodia Care Centre, and we hope to extend our reach to other centers in need. In addition, we encourage participating schools to recruit student ambassadors to assist with the project on campus. Certificates will be presented to all participating schools to express our gratitude. Schools with outstanding participation will also be awarded gold, silver and bronze awards. We look forward to your enthusiastic support!



Service Project with Wu Yee Sun College

Earlier on, our members and students from Wu Yee Sun College, CUHK, had finalized their ideas of organizing service projects and decided on their service directions and targets, including ethnic minority children, street sleepers, and other disadvantaged groups. One of the groups has already launched their project by setting up a material collection booth at the Gallery of WYS College. The project aimed to raise awareness and understanding of the local homeless issue among Hong Kong students and to help those in need. Required materials were collected and they will be donated to a local charity, ImpactHK, which will distribute the materials to the homeless in different districts in Hong Kong later. Other groups have also contacted different service organizations and prepared their service. Thank you for your support!





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Read to inspire



Last month, we were honored to have Ms. Rainie Leung, the founder of SEN With You HK, as our guest speaker to share her experience, as the guest speaker of the 20th regular webinar of “Passion to Talk, Talk to Inspire” Online Webinar. She shared her service experience and the needs of SEN groups in the theme of “The Power of Youth: Accompanying Special Education Needs Group.”

Ms. Leung started her sharing with a quiz game, introducing the characteristics and background of Special Educational Needs (SEN) children. In Hong Kong, over 6.9% of children have been confirmed to have SEN. However, the public needs to understand them more in general. For instance, being the best kid in class does not mean he/she does not have SEN. Also, more than one SENs may exist on the same kid. Some SENs like Dyslexia and Autism are even incurable.

Ms. Leung put her thoughts further by stating out the prevalent prejudice against SEN children among citizens, including believing them as problem students with bad grades and lower abilities. However, such stigmatization, according to Ms. Leung, will push SEN kids away from receiving medical care as they may fear others' discrimination.

ence, Ms. Leung led us to think about the difference of educational needs between normal children and SEN children. For SEN children, what they need may simply be additional care and some tools to assist their study. The needs of SEN children has driven Ms. Leung to found her non-profit, SEN with you. Through hosting Seminars and organizing Leadership Scheme, SEN with You actively involved in helping SEN Children as well as eliminating “SEN stigmatization.”

Lastly, Ms. Leung shared her hope of the public can accompany SEN children as a companion: “Accompany, rather than sympathy.”





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