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NEWSLETTER

The Official Newsletter of 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. (REF.CP/LIC/SO/19/63635)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of Dream Compassioners,

We wish everyone a great start of school! We have not stopped during the last month of summer holiday, and we continued our eventful journey in service.

In terms of service, we have shipped the supplies collected for Grant A Wish to Cambodia in the hope of providing help for local schoolchildren. At the same time, we also started our volunteer tuition scheme to provide local students with education resources. We also started a service scheme for ethnic minorities to facilitate communication between local teenagers and ethnic minorities to achieve social inclusivity. In the area of campaigns, we were invited to speak at the Hong Kong United Nations Education, Scientific, and Cultural Organization and hold the finals of the Dream Compassioners debate competition. We also discussed collaboration with Amity Foundation Hong Kong with the aims of building school infrastructure in Cambodia. Other than service and campaigns, we also met up with the third Executive Committee members to pass down our spirit! At the interview, I saw myself in the passionate students.

Two years have passed and I often think about the time when I was a fresh high school graduate with a passion to found Dream Compassioners as president. All the ideas that popped up in my head were achieved, be it volunteer tuition or building schools in Cambodia. It was hard to go from a thought to reality, and honestly speaking, I have countless instances where I wanted to give up, maybe it's when I was rushing back home to make documents, or thinking that I could have done better when problems arose, or how the pandemic ruined the original plans. Luckily, I always got a simple word of thank you from my service target, the accompaniments of my fellow friends, and the support from you all. All these made me learn and reignite to continue my service.

There have been quite a few activities over the two years but we can't say we have done much for the world. The world is big, and we see the hardships around us, hear the cries from afar, and we know there are still uncountable people in need. We hope we can instill positivity in our society, let our small spark ignite to change the world.

Lastly, I thank everyone on behalf of the committee members! Thank you for supporting Dream Compassioners in our perilous journey.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ice Or
President, 2nd 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 August Activities

Dream Compassioners 2nd Debate Competition

Dream Compassioners Debate Competition is the first debate competition aimed at providing a platform for students to debate on the most pressing and access to education.

The 2nd Dream Compassioners Debate Competition Grand Final and presentation ceremony has been held on 29 August 2022! After the competitions, we believe that all debaters could develop mutual understanding between the perspective of different stakeholders in the society and put it into practice. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to our co-organizers, Bishop Hall Jubilee School, SKH Bishop Mok Sau Tseng Secondary School, Ju Ching Chu Secondary School (Yuen Long) and Good Hope School. We would also like to express our utmost gratitude towards Ms. Angel Man, Mr. Ho and Mr. Jeff Tsang for being judges of the Grand Final! Thank you all again for supporting us. You are welcomed to watch the recorded competition uploaded on our website. See you all next year!



Results

Team A -- Sha Tin Government Secondary School

Team B -- Kowloon Tong School (Secondary Section)

Results -- 0:3

Motions (Grand Final)

Stakeholder 1: Governments should give priority to protecting children's right to play

Stakeholder 2: Governments should give priority to protecting children's right to education



Champion

Kowloon Tong School (Secondary Section)

1st Runner-up

Sha Tin Government Secondary School

2nd Runner-up

- Po Leung Kuk Wu Chung College

- St. Teresa Secondary School

Best Debater of Grand Final

3rd Speaker: Wong Wing Yin

-- Kowloon Tong School (Secondary Section)



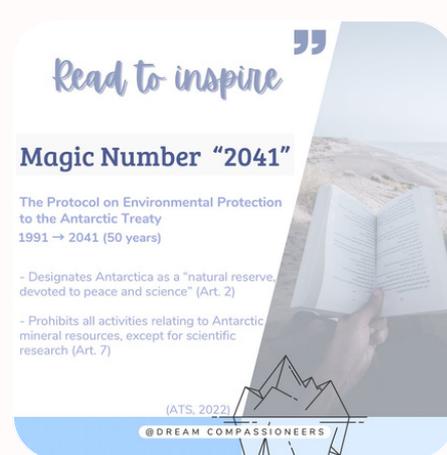
Report on August Activities

Passion to Read, Read to Inspire - Online Talk

Last month, we are honored to be able to invite the Hong Kong representatives of 2041 ClimateForce Antarctic Expedition, Ms. Christie Lai and Mr. Justin Yeung to share their Arctic expedition under the theme “Antarctic Spirit Leadership”, and to give their insight on environmental conservation and leadership qualities.

Ms. Lai and Mr. Yeung shared with us a magical number “2041”. The significance of this number is that the The Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty— one limiting the exploitation of Antarctica – will expire in 2041, thus the future of Antarctica will be determined by that year. Our speakers hope we can remember this number. Their expedition to Antarctica is not only about the exquisite natural views, but also about discussing different resolutions as a global citizen and what to bring back to Hong Kong.

Both speakers advocate for the awareness of climate change, to let more people understand the current environmental situation and act against the tide. A research shown that micro plastics are detected in the Antarctic region, a sign that the plastic we dispose of is spreading out all over the world, and we might ingest these through water and food. This, we need to understand the linkage between human and nature and conserve the nature, so as to establish a livable environment.





Report on August Activities



Grant A Wish - Supplies Donation Project 2022

Thank you to all participating schools who have actively promoted the “Grant A Wish” Supplies Donation Project 2022, bringing us a considerable amount of stationary and clothes. After sorting and filtering, the first batch of supplies collected from our participating schools has been sent to New Future for Children, an orphanage in Cambodia, by our student members this month. We would like to once again express our gratitude to all students who donated supplies and supported this meaningful cause. We hope all participants can understand the meaning of helping others is the way to help ourselves and act out the recycling idea. Every mickle makes a muckle. It is believed that your passion can definitely create a better learning environment for Cambodia’s children!



DC Free Tuition Service



Over the past month, we have met with tutors who applied to volunteer for the DC Free Tuition Service. We were happy to see all the tutors' enthusiasm and eagerness to serve. Thank you for all of the applications! We are currently matching tutors and students according to their requests. The matching process has been completed. Results will be announced soon!

童夢同行義補計劃
DREAM COMPASSIONERS
FREE TUITION SERVICE

宗旨
Aims

- 本計劃期望為有經濟需要的學童提供針對性的免費補習長遠提升生活，將來回饋社會。
- 本計劃期望為熱心義工提供服務與交流平台，使其運用所長，幫助有需要學童，貢獻社會，同時累積人生經驗。
- 本計劃透過義務補習，服務他人，希望能推廣服務精神為善舉，呼應「童夢同行」宗旨。

- To provide pertinent, free tuition service to students in need, in order to improve their living standards in the long term so they may dedicate themselves to society in the future.
- To introduce a service and communication platform for enthusiastic volunteers to help students in need, contribute to society and obtain life experiences.
- To serve through providing free tuition service to students in need. We hope to promote the server-oriented culture in line with the spirit of Dream Compassioners.





Report on August Activities

Ethnic Minority and Local Teenagers Service 2022

We are launching a service programme – "Ethnic Minority and Local Teenagers Service Project 2022" with CUSST! Ethnic minorities and local teenagers might not have the opportunity to get to know each other very well in the past. In view of this, we are going to hold various activities such as going to the Thai Temple to learn more about their culture. Not only can participants gain a better understanding of ethnic minorities facilitating an inclusive society, but they can also learn how to get along well with the ethnic minorities. We hope that through the four sessions of in-person services, the two communities can interact more and build long-lasting friendships.

主辦機構: 樂善堂
協辦機構: 樂善堂李賢義少數族裔支援中心

「同行融樂」少數族裔和本地青年服務計劃 2022

服務日期、時間及地點:
13/8/2022 (星期六) 1330 - 1530
20/8/2022 (星期六) 1330 - 1630
27/8/2022 (星期六) 1330 - 1630
03/9/2022 (星期六) 1400 - 1700

對象: 中三至五本地中學生
名額: 5名 (*參加者必須符合疫苗通行證資格)
形式: 實體
報名方法: Google form

Scan me!

Briefing Session



Ice Breaking Session

The volunteers met up with the ethnic minorities for the first time and spent some time ice-breaking through group discussions and various games. There were some communication difficulties due to the language barrier but it was a great opportunity to get to know each other.





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Ethnic Minority and Local Teenagers Service 2022

First Outing -- North Point

As the ethnic minorities are incoming Form Ones who will go to school in North Point soon, the volunteers and participants gave them a tour of the area around their school so they can adapt more quickly. We hope they can familiarize with the new environment and immerse themselves into secondary school life quickly. Besides, we tasted Thai food, learned Thai etiquette, shared Thai culture with passersby, and compared the cultural differences between the two places. We believe that both locals and ethnic minority teens could learn more about each other by breaking down prejudice, and build friendship!



Second Outing -- Wat Mekthumvanaram

We visited the Wat Mekthumvanaram together with local and ethnic minority students. The monks shared with us some knowledge about Thai Buddhism, including ceremonies, culture and festivals. We believe students must have learnt a lot and got an in-depth understanding on Thai culture. After the tour, students were not only able to compare the similarities and differences between religions of Hong Kong and Thailand, but they also learned to respect the religious belief of each other.





Report on August Activities



Associated Board Gathering

Our associated board members gathered on 14 August to share insights and strengthen bondings. We are extremely grateful for this opportunity to gather face to face. In the gathering, associated members share with us their latest activities and gave many insightful comments and advice for our development and activities. We truly learn a lot from them. Thank you to all associated members for your continuous support and help! We look forward to seeing other associated board members in the future.

Collaborating with WYS College

We are currently in discussion with Wu Yee Sun College of CUHK about opportunities to collaborate in the coming year. We look forward to co-organising Service Workshop and social services together in CUHK. Stay tuned for more exciting activities in the near future!



Collaborating with the Amity Foundation

We are currently in discussion with the Amity Foundation on plans to collaborate in the coming year. We have met with their representatives this month and we hope to provide more assistance to Cambodian schools and children in need!



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UNESCO HKA Sharing



We were honored to be invited as speakers for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Hong Kong Association's Proficiency Certificate in Sustainable Development Planning course, sharing on Sustainable Development Goals. Being a joint-school international association focusing on education, we specifically focused on SDG Goal #1 'No Poverty' and #4 'Quality Education', leading students to think about how we can help our world to achieve sustainable goals through statistics and videos. Students were also required to dive deeper into current issues, analyzing case studies and discussing possible solutions using what they have learned. We also took this opportunity to share our experience in establishing DC and our current services, encouraging them to participate in our activities. It is hoped that DC can help students understand sustainable development goals, together building a better future for us and the next generation.



3rd Committee Interview

We are glad to have received an overwhelming number of applications this year. After first round of assessment, we have selected 50 candidates and are currently in the process of interviewing them. We look forward to seeing 3rd DC strive their best to serve the community.





2nd Dream Compassioners

- Words from our Exco -



I have never thought my year has ended so swiftly. Dream Compassioners hosted many activities this year and I have learned much through organising some of them. People often say we should look further into the world instead of living in our own circle, and I think my eyes have been broadened. With companions that are efficient and considerate, that helps you without any questions, has increased my ability and responsibility as well. I think my growth shows from the not-as-good activities at first that blossomed into a proposal that can be administered. As the Service Director, I must bring about the process of service. I am exposed to the HKSOD scheme for hearing impaired the most, at first I thought my responsibility is to ensure they have a nice day, but through my journey, service can break stereotypes and bias. Everyone has their own bias, but they will be shattered once we know them more! From the unfriendliness at first to the closeness and intimacy made me understand that we need to take the first step and be willing to communicate with them. It doesn't need to be a word, we can start by gestures and writing, let them know what's on our minds, and it'll suffice. When I know that what I do can break stereotypes, I feel like I actually serve people, instead of just hosting an activity. The end of a year signifies the start of another, I look forward to Dream Compassioners continue serving people in need around the world and enhance the spirit of service!

- Suki Wong, Service Director



Being the Information Technology Director of Dream Compassioners is meaningful. I appreciate working with other members in the past year to host many meaningful activities, such as the second Dream Compassioners Debate Competition and the Passion to Talk, Talk to Inspire Webinar. This year of service taught me 'not to be served but to serve', we should have a heart for service and answer the calls of others. I hope Dream Compassioners can continue walking with children in the future.

- Sunny Tsung, IT Director

Thank you 



2nd Dream Compassioners

- Words from our Exco -



The term of service of 2nd DC is coming to an end. Not only did we continue to serve children, but we also created countless unforgettable moments. This year, we launched the tutorial service for hearing-impaired children, whose lovely faces have been engraved in our minds. Also, the 2nd DC Debate Competition was widely recognized by schools with more than 40 teams participating in it. We even established The Hong Kong Student Service Leader Award 2021-22 and over 200 outstanding students were nominated by their schools. My deepest gratitude goes to everyone who has supported us throughout the journey! I would also like to thank my teachers and friends who encouraged me to take up the External Vice President of DC in Form 6 and not give up my passion for serving others. It was never easy for me to strike a balance between preparing for DSE and leading meetings and services in DC. I was lucky enough to receive paramount support, enabling me to get satisfactory results in both DSE and my service in DC. Stepping into September, I will become a freshman in CUHK but I will also be chairing the Executive Committee of DC. I look forward to seeing you in my new role and continuing my service to children!

- Charlie Lin, External Vice President



Before I knew it, the one-year term of service passed, and I am very grateful to be able to serve as the Director of Human Resources in the past year. Throughout the year, I gained a lot from participating in the various activities of Dream Compassioners and cooperating with other committee members. It is a great pleasure to work with this group of like-minded partners to organize various activities and make a contribution to school children in need. To be able to continue the tradition and organize to organize DC Cup was one of the most rewarding and memorable experiences of the year. It was really encouraging to see the students prepare and fight side by side. On the day of the finals, listening to the competing schools share their past achievements, mentioning how the DC Cup made them reflect more on the plight of children in developing countries, and put it into action in their daily lives definitely made the effort we put in worthwhile. A single spark can start a prairie fire. I hope that the efforts of the past year can also influence the general public. I encourage you to pay more attention to the disadvantaged groups in society. In the coming year, I hope that the next executive committee will be able to carry forward the spirit of Dream Compassioners' enthusiasm and helping others. I hereby wish the next executive committee all the best and create a better Dream Compassioners!

- Chloe Wong, Human Resources Director

many thanks



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- Words from our Subcom -



Being a member at the Subsidiary Committee of Dream Compassioners let me gain valuable volunteer and event- organising experience. Organising activities not only broadened my horizons and fostered my growth, it also allowed me to see Dream Compassioners' determination to benefit every child through different competitions and events. Dream Compassioners discovered my strengths and allow me to put them to use in serving children. Joining these services immersed me into the difficulties faced by children in education and daily life, and I also found happiness in engaging with children.

I used to think dreams were too vague and weak that weren't about to withstand the reality. But when children benefit from our services, I understand the meaning of Dream Compassioners caring for children's dreams. They may be frail, but they carry children's hope to the future. Everyone is born equal but they may not receive equal treatment. We, born in Hong Kong, have the responsibility to safeguard other's dreams, no matter if it's poor children or those with special needs, or even just a simple child with a dream, Dream Compassioners will strive to serve them. On the dreamcatching path, Dream Compassioners will be with children always.

- Chloe Kwok, Subsidiary Committee Member



I still vividly recall how I joined Dream Compassioners out of the simple wish to join extra curricular activities, one year later, I gained a new prospect to let children receive quality education equally and pursue their dreams, I am grateful towards my journey in Dream Compassioners, where I met many peers and mentors with the same heart as me, other than service, we also enjoy other activities such as debate!

Moreover, the complete system of Dream Compassioners not only provided a chance to volunteer, but also raised concerns over child issues such as children labor through activities like Debate Competition and DCMUN. Also, the monthly webinar hosted by different community leaders educated students on service skills and knowledge, and equipped me with skills for service. To put it simply, I can get different opportunities and skills in Dream Compassioners, but the most important of them all has got to me the spirit for service.

- Destiny Lin, Subsidiary Committee Member





2nd Dream Compassioners



Grateful to know all of you in DC ~ ♥

一年容易就落鞋, DC 比我想像中, 仲要 chur!
好多謝各位嘅包容同我會永遠記住嘅,
在套野唔多講,
大家 SUN FU SAZ!!!

呢一年以嚟好開心可以同大家一齊做野♥
!!wish you all the best!!



Really glad to have joined DC last year and got to work with all these amazing people!! Will miss working with you all ☺

Zen ♥

落鞋快樂♥

每個人都善良又可愛, 跟人類, 呢一年辛苦大家了!
希望你比得到研收獲到快樂, 友誼同成長~3~
最後祝大家未來美好, 快樂幸福, 不忘初心, 繼續努力服務!
標的聚性聽我唱歌先消心靈! :P

承蒙大家支持





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親，祝大家365日生日快樂！

多謝大家睇我哋嘅newsletter，多謝大家嘅支持！

回想翻呢一年，真係覺得時間過得超快。

再諗翻原來我哋呢一年都做咗唔少嘢♡

咁快就要走真係好唔捨得……

一定要重聚為第二屆！

我哋就係最親嘅親！冇親得過我哋！

我哋嘅



雖然淨係上在莊幾個月，

但係好開心可以識到大家！！

同理都學左好多嘢！

Shiny

呢一年係DC學到好多嘢，識咗好多人
下年我未必係EXCO嘅一員，但一日為DC嘅
人，終身都係DC嘅成員♡

我會繼承DC passion to Dream Dream to
Inspire 精神~

常務秘書 Kennis 上



你要忠於你立場

才能找到你的善良



Dream Compassioners
Forever ♡

2022 辛苦大家啦！

雖然今年過得好波折，

大家又都好忙，但各位

都做得好好！冇諗過

咁快就已經一年啦…

希望大家之後嘅路都

一帆風順！之後都要

約出嚟食飯 keep in

touch ahhh! ♡





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