

NEWSLETTER

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)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of DC,

Greetings! Half of the summer holiday has already passed. Still, we continue to work hard and actively organize various service and advocacy activities.

In terms of service activities, our executive committee members sorted out the donated materials from several schools. In this month, first batch of 80kg clothing and stationery has arrived Cambodia. We expect that nearly 500 students from two Cambodian orphanages will benefit from this program. We will also sort out the remaining goods as soon as possible to provide for more students' educational needs. In addition, the "Dream Compassioners Free Tuition Service" is currently recruiting volunteer teachers. We welcome interested tertiary students to apply and provide more learning opportunities for grassroots students in Hong Kong. Finally, due to funding issues, our partner orphanage in Cambodia was forced to close down. Thus, our Cambodian Online Voluntary Teaching Program had to be suspended. We will look for other orphanages in need and provide more opportunities for students to practice their English language skills, unleashing their potential and changing their lives.

In terms of advocacy activities, we successfully held the quarterfinals of the 3rd Dream Compassioners debate competition this month. Four schools successfully stood out from the 72 participating teams and advanced to the semifinals. This round's topics include baby hatches and early childhood education, advocating for the protection of infants and children. In addition, we also successfully held the DCMUN2023. Participants representing various countries engaged in discussions on economy, human rights, and culture, discussing different issues such as child soldiers, refugee children, and education for children in developing countries. Moreover, we were also honored to have Ms Florence Lau, founder and CEO of CantoGather, to share their experience in organizing a social enterprise that provides Cantonese language training and multicultural education to serve ethnic minority students. Finally, Dream Compassioners was invited to participate in the launching ceremony of the "Hong Kong Volunteer Award 2023" organized by the Hong Kong Agency for Voluntary Service, promoting the spirit of service to the public through a torch relay event.

Once again, thank you for supporting us! We will continue to work hard and serve children in need.

Sincerely,
Mr. Lin Kai-chun Charlie
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 JULY ACTIVITIES

Launching Ceremony of the "2023 Hong Kong Volunteer Award"

This month, Dream Compassioners had the honor of being invited to the Launching Ceremony of the "2023 Hong Kong Volunteer Award". As the "Outstanding Youth Volunteer Group" in the 2022 Hong Kong Volunteer Award, Dream Compassioners has always been supporting the development of volunteer services in both the territory and worldwide. Three of our young volunteers participated in the launching ceremony, serving as volunteer runners to pass the torch with several athletes, symbolizing the passing of the passion for service to people from all walks of life. We hope that Dream Compassioners can continue to recruit more citizens to become volunteers, bringing care and hope to more people in need!



Cambodia Online Teaching Service

The Cambodia Online English Teaching Service has been running for six weeks, laying the foundation for English speaking skills for Cambodia's students. In the past 2 months, our volunteer teachers prepared lessons on different topics to arouse students' interest in English. We are grateful for the hard work of the volunteer teachers in preparing for the program. Unfortunately, our partner orphanage in Cambodia needs to close down due to funding issues. As a result, the volunteer teaching program came to an end. We hope the students can find suitable education as soon as possible. We will also actively contact other orphanages and resume the online volunteer teaching program next year. Thank you again for all your support!





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Passion to Talk, Talk to Inspire

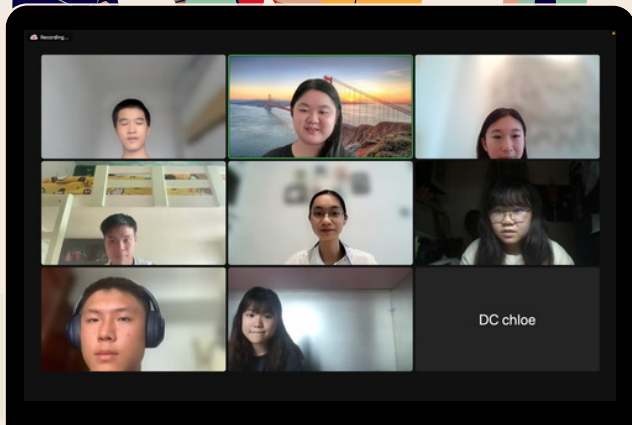
The 22nd regular 'Passion to Talk, Talk to Inspire' webinar has been successfully held on 28th July, 2023.

We are elated to be able to invite Ms Florence Lau, founder and CEO of CantoGather as our guest to share her own experience in founding a social enterprise to serve local ethnic minorities children by conducting cultural diversity lesson in schools. We thank Ms Lau heartfelt sharing, and we thank you again for your participation and support. Please stay tuned for our coming Read to Inspire.



DCMUN 2023

DCMUN 2023 was held on July 29th and 30th successfully. Delegates represented different countries and engaged in discussions as various stakeholders under the guidance of experienced chairs. The theme of this year's conference was children, and participants discussed child-related issues in three councils, including the ECOSOC, the UNHCR, and the SOCHUM, advocating for children's rights from economic, refugees and human rights perspectives. During the conference, participants discussed various topics, such as the living environment of children in war zones and the lack of educational opportunities for refugee children. This event not only enhanced the participants' expression and analytical abilities but also encouraged them to empathize with different countries' situations and think about feasible solutions to help children, contributing to the protection of children.





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Free Tuition Service

Free Tuition Service, which aims to provide online free tutorial service for Form 4-6 DSE students, has always been the flagship program of Dream Compassioners. We aim to reduce the unequal opportunities students from different family backgrounds receive. We are now accepting application from both teachers and students.

Eligibility of students:

1. Senior form (Form 4-6) students taking the DSE curriculum
2. Students with financial needs, such as those currently receiving the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) - Students are required to submit proofs of financial needs when the application is approved
3. \$150 security deposit is required (full refund after finishing at least 12 hours of tuition)

Recruitment of teachers (Priority given to those who can teach English):

1. Have completed senior secondary education or above (Curriculums other than DSE are also accepted)
2. Achieved level 5 or above in teaching subject (Or equivalent in other curriculums)
3. Spare one hour per week teaching one student for at least three months

As a teacher, not only will you gain valuable experience working with a student, but a certificate will also be presented once you have completed 12 hours of service.

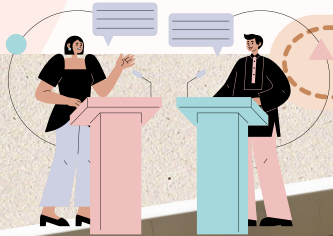




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The 3rd Dream Compassion Inter-School Service Debate Competition

The 3rd Dream Compassion Inter-School Service Debate Competition was successfully held on July 1st and 2nd for the second round of preliminary rounds, on July 15th and 16th for the semi-finals, and on July 28th for the final. The debate topics included "The benefits of setting up baby hatches outweigh the disadvantages" and "The Hong Kong government should fully incorporate early childhood education into free education." We hope that students can understand and reflect on the current protection measures for children. We believe that students can have a deeper understanding of children, poverty, and service learning in Hong Kong and even the international community through this competition. At the same time, we would like to thank all the cooperating schools, including Bishop Hall Jubilee School, Maryknoll Convent School (Secondary Section), Sacred Heart Canossian College and Good Hope School, for sending out staff members and judges. In addition, we would like to sincerely thank all the judges for attending and providing insightful comments on the competition. We believe that the students have benefited greatly from your participation. Last, We would like to express our gratitude to all the schools for their active support of the 3rd Dream Compassion Inter-School Service Debate Competition and enthusiastic participation in the competition. The semi-finals of the competition will be held on August 12, 2023. We hope that we can continue to enjoy the eloquent speeches of the debaters and promote the spirit of service through the debates.



Competition Review





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The Project Presentation of the 2nd Hong Kong Student Service Leaders Award

The project presentation meeting of the 2nd Hong Kong Student Service Leaders Award was successfully held on July 2. Finalists presented their current fundraising and service projects. We were honoured to have Mr Alex Leung, the co-founder of Mender of Things (an initiative in pursuit of empathy), as well as the Founder of Take It Slow Life Work Studio, and Mr. Chan Yik Yeung, co-founder of Dream Compassion, as judges to provide advice for finalists' fundraising and service projects.

The first group (Agapi) will raise funds by holding three workshops and collecting registration fees. These include workshops on scented stone, air-dry clay, and handmade Cambodian bracelets. They will incorporate elements of Cambodia in the workshop to help participants understand the cultural characteristics of Cambodia. They will hold the workshops on August 7, 8, and 15 at the community center, as well as participate in a market on August 5 and 6 to sell their products and hold mini workshops.

The second group of students (Fluoresco) will raise funds through a charity sale. They have designed three products: a laptop bag, a shoulder bag, and an accessory bag, all printed with images related to Cambodia, including the Cambodian symbol and Khmer script. They plan to sell the products at a physical market on August 12 and 13, while promoting their cause online to raise public awareness of Cambodian students. Other products will be sold through online platform.

The third group (Afterglow) will raise funds by filming a series of videos. The videos will explore the difficulties face by Cambodian students in their daily lives, including the economy, environmental pollution, and public health, to raise Hong Kong people's awareness of the current situation in Cambodia. They will post the videos on various social media platforms to gain more support.

After deducting the costs, all the funds raised by the finalists will be donated to the Amity Foundation (Hong Kong) to assist in building libraries and water and electricity facilities for Cambodian village schools. We hope that all of you can support the fundraising activities of our finalists!

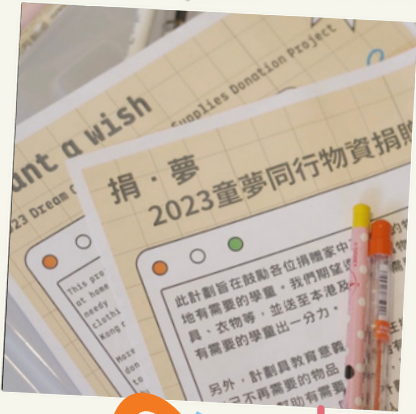




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"Grant A Wish" Supplies Donation Project

Last month, we donated the first batch of over 80 kilograms of supplies to the Cambodian orphanages, New Future for Children orphanage and the Cambodia Care Centre. The first batch of supplies (include the materials collect by Bishop Hall Jubilee School, etc.) have arrived in Cambodia and over 500 students are expected to benefit from it. This month, two participating schools, Hoi Ping Chamber of Commerce Secondary School and Tak Sun Secondary School, have completed the collection of supplies. We will sort out the relevant materials as soon as possible and send them to the needy schools in Cambodia. Once again, we would like to thank the public and the participating schools for their support of this year's "Grant A Wish" supplies donation project.





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