

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. (REF.CP/LIC/SO/19/63635)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

31st October 2022

Dear Friends of Dream Compassioners.

It has been two months since the beginning of this academic year and many of our activities have started.

Two weeks ago, the Executive Committee of Dream Compassioners called their first general meeting, marking the commencement of 3rd DC's term of office. This year, we have 16 executive committee members who come from different universities and secondary schools, including local schools and international schools. It is great to see the diversity of our new executive members, as some of them are non-Chinese or non-local. It is hoped that our new members could embrace cultural diversity by serving our society and cooperating with peers from different backgrounds. Once again, your support definitely means a lot to our new executive committee and we promise we will try our best to serve. You can read our new members' self-introduction to know more about them.

In addition, the 2nd Hong Kong Student Service Leader Award (HKSSLA) was launched officially. We are delighted to receive support from various organizations and judges. We hope the Award can recognize students' contributions to serving society, encouraging them to continue serving. We must express gratitude to every school which supported us and nominated students to join the Award.

Furthermore, we established a new service activity together with Wu Yee Sun College, CUHK. This month, our student members went to the College and met university students, discussing future service projects. What's more, some student members participated in our Tutorial Project and cooperated with HKSOD for the first time.

We will announce the application details for different activities in the coming future. Please stay tuned! Do not hesitate to join our regular activities and we can't wait to see you at our coming November "Passion to Talk, Talk to Inspire" Webinar.

Sincerely,

Mr. LIN Kai-chun, Charlie

President of 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 OF OCT ACTIVITIES

First General Meeting of Executive Committee

Our first regular meeting was held successfully. There were varying sessions, including self-introduction of executive committee members and greeting one another. The Chairperson of the 2nd DC introduced our mottos and activities, which helped our members learn more about DC. Meanwhile, we were delighted to see some 2nd DC executive committee members' participation, who gave meaningful sharing and reminders. It was our honor to have some management board directors attend and support us. Let's support our incoming executive members to serve the students.



Service Project with Wu Yee Sun College, CUHK



On 22nd October, we officially commenced our service project with Wu Yee Sun College, CUHK. Our student members were able to meet with university students from Wu Yee Sun College. This is a precious opportunity for us to cooperate with the College as we both want to provide a platform for secondary students and tertiary students to discuss and organize service projects by themselves. This time, we are glad to see 12 student members paired up with 10 College students. They will be separated into 4 groups, sharing their past experience and discussing their service target. They will also be given a chance to participate in Design Thinking Workshop, utilizing their creativity to come up with various service projects. They are expected to contact NGOs and execute the service project in a group context. It is hoped that they can gain more experience in this event and we look forward to their project outcomes!





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READ TO INSPIRE

Last month, we were honored to have Ms. Eunice Hui, the founder of Make A Change, as the guest speaker of the 17th regular webinar "Passion to Talk, Talk to Inspire". With the theme of "The Other Side of Cambodia," Ms. Hui shared her 11-year service experiences in Cambodia and gave us some interesting trivia and knowledge about Cambodia. In addition, she expressed her concern and gave out her own thoughts on the current stigma of Cambodia.

Ms. Hui began with the story of Stephen Wiltheil. He was deemed to have difficulty communicating with people because of his autism. However, he is talented in painting, reminding us not to judge the book by its cover, but to deepen the understanding in order to find out more and bring out the topic of stigmatization.

Due to the recent news, the general public has a negative view of Cambodia, with poverty, backwardness, and dirtiness being synonymous with it. However, Ms. Hsu pointed out the other side of Cambodia from other perspectives. She first gave us basic information about Cambodia, including its geographical location, currency, language, and so on. The speaker pointed out that the Khmer language spoken by Cambodians is of Thai origin, partly influenced by Cantonese, and has its own unique numerals.

She then pointed out that there are twenty five provinces in Cambodia and we should not generalize the situation of particular provinces to represent the whole of Cambodia. The speaker also shared the history, culture, and natural scenery of Cambodia, including its temples, beaches, and tropical rainforests, encouraging us to discover more about Cambodia. She also shared different information about Cambodia, including its national flag, religion, hot springs, festivals, and so on.

In addition, Ms. Hui urged us to take actions for Cambodia with five major acts, namely to see Cambodia as an equal, to understand the place, to donate goods instead of money to the locals, to prevent food wastage and to protect the environment hygiene. She also reminded us to pay attention to the need for vaccines, tourist decorations, daily culture, and traffic safety when we visit Cambodia.

Finally, the speaker shared her service experiences and organization. She has been serving Cambodia for many years through donations and personal visits, she also founded Make A Change, an organization that hopes that the public can get to know Cambodia in a holistic way and learn the concept of understanding before helping, without the backward label!





Executive Committee Introduction

Charlie -- President

Hello! I am Charlie Lin, the President of the 3rd Dream Compassioners Executive Committee. I am now studying at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. It is my honour to take up the President role when Dream Compassioners is stepping into its third year.

From being the Human Resources Director in the 1st DC, the External Vice-President in the 2nd DC and finally becoming the President, I am more than grateful for all the blessings I received in DC, including friendships, experience in organizing activities, and most importantly, the skills for serving others. Therefore, I would like to contribute back to DC, making it a better stage for student leaders to serve people in need. It is my wish to lead the 3rd DC to serve society with our best effort!



Cecilia--Vice President

Hello, I am Cecilia, the vice president of 3rd DC, and I am mainly responsible for service projects. I am studying education at the University of Hong Kong. Regarding education, I participated in a Cambodia service tour a few years ago. This experience inspired me a lot, including arousing my interest in education and awareness regarding less developed countries. I enjoy joining various volunteer activities, such as event helpers and children helpers. I hope to accumulate experience and organize meaningful activities with other committees. And strive our best to help the needy.

I am looking forward to collaborating

Chloe -- Vice President

Hi everyone! This is Chloe Wong, a secondary six student from Bishop Hall Jubilee School, and also the Vice President of Dream Compassioners. I engaged in DC by being one of the subsidiary committees in 1st DC and taking up the post of Human Resources Director last year. I am grateful that I can continue my endeavour as a Vice President to keep joining. In the past fruitful year, I am delighted to collaborate with other passionate executive committees. Through organising various activities, I developed a deeper understanding of different social issues, which further motivated me to serve other people in need. I understand we should not take the things around us for granted and it is important to stay thankful for the things I possess. In the coming year, I sincerely hope that I can work with other committee members, share a common goal, and continue to serve people in need!





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Nicole -- Vice President

Hello everyone! I am Nicole Chan, currently studying Chinese Language and Literature at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and I serve as the Vice President of DC this year. It is my honor to have DC's confidence, and become part of DC after a year. In F5, I was the Financial Director of 1st DC. Until F6, although I am not one of the executive committees, I still joined several events of DC. All these experiences have strengthened my determination and taught me to enjoy the happiness and satisfaction of service. I am looking forward to working with our executive committees and organizing different events this year. Not only for the development of DC, but also to try our best to serve the people in need and keep stepping forward on the road of service!



Iris -- General Secretary

Hello everyone I am Iris, and I am the general secretary of the 3rd executive committee. In my leisure time, dancing is always what I do, as it has been my long-time favorite hobby since kindergarten! The services I have participated in are Big Brothers and Sisters and social service groups. However, I do not have much experience in serving outside of school. Therefore, I tried to step out of my comfort zone and be a part of Dream Compassionees, trying to give a hand to various groups of people I have never reached. I am glad that I got the chance this year! I hope that I can learn more from other committees and keep a beginner's mind this year!



Kelly -- Financial Director

Hello everyone, I am Kelly Hui, a F.5 student from Bishop Hall Jubilee School, and I am also the financial director of this year's Dream Compassionees. I like to write calligraphy and play the guzheng. I also participate in different extracurricular activities in school, such as debating and participating in different services. Outside of school, I would like to thank Dream Compassionees for giving me the opportunity to be a subsidiary member last year, giving me the opportunity to participate in different activities, such as the Service Scheme for hearing-impaired students, Supplies Collection Project, and being the helpers of the Dream Compassionees Debate Competition, I have benefited a lot from these activities.

Be it the social and livelihood issues from all over the world or the seemingly insignificant people and things around us, they are all worthy of our attention and we should lend a helping hand to all of them. As a student, I hope that I can continue to try my best to serve the public with a new identity, and I hope that I can provide education opportunities and life needs for children in needy areas in the world, to help these children, such that their lives can be improved and their destiny can be changed gradually. In the coming year, let's work together and join more different services to strive for a brighter future for these children.





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Amy -- Human Resources Director

I am Wong Yuen Ching, Amy. I come from Bishop Hall Jubilee School, studying in form five this year. I am the human resources director this year. Last year, I was one of the subsidiary committee members. In the service I experienced in the previous year, I saw many students' passion for service, everyone is willing to contribute to our society. I also participated in the Dream Compassioners Debate Competition, I was very interested in the motions which mainly talked about service. It made me think about the issues of child labor, and child marriage problems in developing countries. This year, as one of the executive committee members, I hope to work with partners who are also interested in serving. I will spare no effort to help more people who are underprivileged to put our vision into practice and spread our messages to the globe to help those in need. I believe the little steps we devote to service can change many people's lives and enlighten them!

Destiny -- Human Resource Director

Hello everyone, this is Destiny Lin, a secondary five student as well as a subsidiary committee member of last year. Apart from singing and debating, I truly enjoy the process of thinking, but I rarely put my words and thoughts into action. I have never thought of stepping out of my comfort zone. But in the past year, I am grateful that I have participated in different service activities, such as tutoring ethnic minorities and hearing-impaired children. Although my experience is limited, they still encouraged me to continue to serve and explore every part of the world, instead of just living in my own world.



Anne -- Service Director

Hello everyone. I am Anne Ng from PLKCKY, and I will be the service director in the upcoming year. Despite not having previous experience participating in DC's voluntary activities, seeing the meaningful and diversified activities has motivated me to contribute towards DC on a multitude of levels, hoping to help those that are in need to my maximum capacity. Previously, I had been a part of the implementation of tutoring services for ethnic minorities. Having seen the contentment in students benefiting from the scheme has inspired and fueled my passion for serving the community. In the future, I look forward to contributing towards DC to prepare more advocacy or service activities, and I hope to see you all during the activities :)





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Sharon -- Service Director

Hello everyone I'm Sharon, one of the service directors of the 3rd DC Executive Committee. It is undoubtedly my honor to be able to become a part of the team this year. Looking back, I saw DC's recruitment for volunteers for their Service Project last summer, and I believed it would be a remarkable experience and therefore I went for the application. It was then a providential opportunity that I saw the recruitment for DC's 3rd Executive Committee as well, and after having a more concrete understanding of the organization, I decided to give it a try. I thought that it would be an exceptionally grateful opportunity if I could participate in organizing DC's events this year, such as various service projects and debate tournaments while creating unforgettable memories with different people. As a student, my strength may be insignificant when it comes to

comparison with the whole society, but when we all combine what we have here in DC, we may make tremendous changes. Let's strive to accomplish our missions, and I wish memorable moments could be created here by both me and you.



Lina -- Service Director

Hello everyone! I am Lina from TWGSS, the service director of the 3rd "Dream Compassionees". While I look forward to cooperating with you, I want to share the reason why I joined "Dream Compassionees".

In fact, many social problems are not brought to public attention. As a student, it is impossible to change the whole society simply just by myself. However, I believe that students like me can help to change society by participating in various volunteer work bit by bit.

By chance, I came into contact with "Dream Compassionees". Different from other general school associations, we cover a variety of service activities and aim to provide assistance to children in need around the world. "Dream Compassionees" provides an opportunity for students like me to tackle problems outside school, understanding and taking care of social problems in community and even around the globe. I look forward to contributing to society with you in the coming year and I wish to see you all in DC's future activities!



Kayla -- Public Relations Director

Hi! I am Kayla from GSIS. I love solo verse speaking, speech, debating, and architecture. I am also passionate about philanthropy and apply my knowledge and ideas to every organization of charity activities. I hope to advocate and call every student and stakeholder to support the needy in the local and international community, to put their hearts into action, and to use actions to restore hope. I am honored to be the Public Relations Director of Dream Compassionees Exco this year. I hope to work with all DC members to make more meaningful contributions to society and bring care and help to children in poverty-stricken regions.





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Scarlett -- Public Relations Director

Hello! I am Scarlett Lee from St. Mary's Canossian College. And I am the Public Relations Director of the 3rd Dream Compassioners Executive Committee.

I got to know about Dream Compassioners when I participated in the Dream Compassioners Debate Competition. While preparing for the competition, I read through a lot of information on the rights of children, but I found out that the rights of children aren't taken seriously in most developing countries, and the issues of child labor and child marriage are still severe in the above places. It is true that through debating, we can draw the public's attention toward these matters, but it is still far away from enough. Therefore, I am honored to be a part of Dream Compassioners this year, so that I can do my best to fight for a happy childhood for these children.



This year, I promise that I will spare no effort to help these children strive for their rights. I believe that together, with our rich creativity and empathy, we will be able to understand the needs of children in developing countries, design various activities for them, and finally create a better future for them. Thank you!



Jessica -- Publication and IT Director

I'm Jessica Wong from T.W.G.Hs Chang Ming Thien College, and I'm the Publications and IT Directors this year. In my growing experience, I know that "knowledge changes destiny". I feel lucky because I was born in a city that provides free education for twelve years, but I know it is extremely difficult to chase after dreams and knowledge for children from some poor regions in the world. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

As a result, I joined DC to contribute to the organizational services. Also, to cultivate an international perspective to help myself devote my life to a service career in the future. I was a member of the Design and Technology School Team. I have invented inventions that can help the blind, and the elderly, and promote women's employment. I have also participated in a

number of services related to the blind, deaf, elderly, etc. Besides, I assisted in teaching children's interest classes in a community center.

These experiences have made me understand that students are absolutely capable of contributing to society. This year, I hope to practice my service enthusiasm in DC, get to know more like-minded friends, and infect others to light up the future of children together.



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Anika -- Publication and IT Director

Hello all, I'm Anika and I am currently a year 11 student at Li Po Chun United World College. I have been engaging in various youth events that are related to youth education and opportunities, Model United Nations, and also being actively involved in multiple conferences for the past few years. I am very passionate about volunteering to help people in different aspects, particularly towards children's education and its related problems, which is one of the reasons that motivate me to participate in Dream Compassioners to further work with other like-minded people towards the same goal. Besides volunteering and participating in youth events, I also enjoy doing sports, like basketball and Ballet. Singing and watching Netflix would definitely be my other favorite things to do in my free time. I will be serving as one of the Publications and IT directors in DC and am looking forward to working with the other members in DC, holding our hands together to turn our power into something useful and helpful in the future. Thank you!

Janice -- Publication and IT Director

Hello everyone! I am the Publication and Information Technology Director of the 3rd Dream Compassioners, Janice Ng from SKH Bishop Mok Sau Tseng Secondary School.

Above all, I am honored to be on one of the executive committees of DC this year. I am very grateful to DC for their recognition and trust, which gave me the opportunity to cooperate with brilliant people on the journey of advocacy and service on social issues and help those in need.

I heard about DC last year. My school was honored to be invited by one of the incumbent executive committees and became one of the co-organizers of the DC Debating Competition. During the process of assisting the competition and debating, I met some kind and dedicated student leaders. I also learned about issues that I didn't know well before, such as child labor

and education problems of children in poor countries, which involve many aspects and complicated issues. I realised that many problems are difficult to solve at the moment, but this precisely became my motivation and I decided to take action to improve the situation.

In these few weeks after becoming an executive committee, I participated in the Servicing Scheme for Hearing-impaired Students and the social service project in cooperation with the Wu Yee Sun College of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. I am very grateful for these chances to learn from different people.

It is really challenging for me to participate as a committee or participant in different activities, but I look forward to working with all of you this year to pursue a better world.





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