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The Official Newsletter of Dream Compassioneers



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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

28 February 2023  
Dear Friends of DC,

Hello everyone! Many projects have been launched this month and we would like to thank you all for your support.

This month, Mr. Chan Yik Yeung, the co-founder of DC was interviewed by several media. Mr. Chan introduced to the public the mission, history and services of DC, hoping to share the spirit of service with the public and encourage the community to care about the rights of children. We were also honoured to be invited by our Honorary Advisor, Principal Tso Siu Man of De La Salle Secondary School, N.T., to share with teachers and students that we hope to encourage students to take action and participate in our services!

On the advocacy front, application period for the 3rd Dream Compassioneers Debate Competition is now closed. Thanks to the support of schools, over 70 teams have signed up for the competition and the number of participating schools has increased from 32 to 72. The briefing session was completed this month and the external competition will be held in mid-March.

Secondly, the series of "Read to Inspire" continued this month. We hope that you can learn from the sharing and be inspired by last month's presentation by Ms Chan Choi Kiu. The Dream Compassioneers Model United Nations (DCMUN) 2023 has also been launched and is now recruiting chairs for the Model United Nations Conferences.

In addition, the 2nd Hong Kong Student Service Leaders Award Mentorship Session was also held this month for mentors and students to meet each other. The students are working in groups to prepare their fundraising projects, so let's look forward to their achievements!

In terms of services, our members started meeting teachers of "Free Tuition Service" this month. Students will be matching with teachers in the near future, in the hope of providing assistance to grassroots students. At the same time, we continued to provide homework guidance to children with hearing impairment on Saturdays.

Thank you once again for your support of DC! We wish you all a happy and prosperous life.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Wong Sze-kiu, Chloe  
Vice-President of the 3rd Executive Committee of Dream Compassioneers

## 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 FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

### Media Interview



The Co-Founder of Dream Compassioneers, Mr. Chan Yik Yeung, was awarded the "Hong Kong Humanity Award- Hong Kong Humanity Youth Power" by The Hong Kong Red Cross. He was interviewed by HK01, WeMedia01(HK) and Ming Pao to share the aims, founding history and relative service projects of DC. Meanwhile, the media also interviewed the "Grant A Wish" Materials Donation Project at Bishop Hall Jubilee School, to record students' collection and sorting out the materials that will be sent to the orphanages in Cambodia. We are sincerely thankful for the social recognition. It is hoped that we can spread the service spirit through the sharing and raise the awareness about children's issues!

### Sharing at De La Salle Secondary School, N.T.

We are honored to be invited by Principal Tso Siu-Man to conduct a sharing at De La Salle Secondary School, N.T., on 26 February. We shared the aim of Dream Compassioneers and introduced our efforts in fostering service learning with teachers and students of De La Salle Secondary School, N.T. Meanwhile, the teachers shared their past service projects with us, inspiring us with many innovative ideas. We also invited the School to join our activities. It is hoped that this sharing can encourage more students to serve others and contribute to society.





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### 2nd Hong Kong Student Service Leaders Award

The Mentorship Session of the 2nd Hong Kong Student Service Leaders Award was successfully held at Bishop Hall Jubilee School on February 19. Finalists are separated in three groups and are responsible for different fund-raising projects, which are charity sale, game booth and video advocacy. Each group met with their tutor and listened to the tutor's sharing; they also got some suggestions about their fundraising form tutor. We are grateful to the presence of mentors to share their valuable experiences. It is believed that all finalists gain a lot from tutors' sharing. Let's look forward to the finalists' fundraising project!



### The 3rd Dream Compassion Debate Competition

The 3rd Dream Compassion Debate Competition Briefing Session was held successfully on 25th February 2023.

Due to the keen support of our participants, the number of competitors is now expanded from 32 schools to 72 schools, all in hopes to raise awareness regarding topics such as children and volunteering services. The explanation of competition rules and format, and the drawing of sides were discussed and completed in the briefing. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to those who attended the briefing.

The qualifier march will begin on 12th March, 2023. Let's enjoy the upcoming exciting debate and spread the spirits of volunteerism.







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### Dream Compassioneers Model United Nations 2023

Dream Compassioneers Model United Nations (DCMUN) aims to increase students' awareness of children's rights and education through discussions, presentations and competitions. It is hoped that the DCMUN can achieve the following aims:

- Encourage discussion about children's rights.
- Gain a deeper understanding of social issues.
- Suggest innovative solutions, improve negotiation, analytical and leadership skills.

We are currently recruiting chairpersons for DC Model United Nations 2023. If you are an experienced delegate who is passionate about facilitating the promotion of children's rights and the MUN spirit, please fill out the application form. The deadline for chair recruitment is 1st April 2023 at 21:00 HKT.



### Servicing scheme for hearing-impaired student



Servicing scheme for hearing-impaired students has been organized with Hong Kong Society for the Deaf in the past few weeks. Our executive and subsidiary committee members have participated a few times. The scheme provides homework assistance and language classes that aim to help hearing-impaired students to gain confidence and assist them in learning. During the services, our members joined actively, and they had an unforgettable experience while acknowledging the learning difficulties of special education students. The service scheme is held on Saturdays regularly, and we hope volunteers can gain new experiences and arouse awareness regarding special education.

### The Free Tuition Service

Held by Dream Compassioneers, the "Free Tuition Service" aims to provide free and accessible tuition service for grassroots students, promoting educational equality. We have started meeting voluntary teachers this month and we will pair up teachers with students in near future. We would like to express our gratitude for our teachers' dedication to serving others and the trust of our students.





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### Read To Inspire

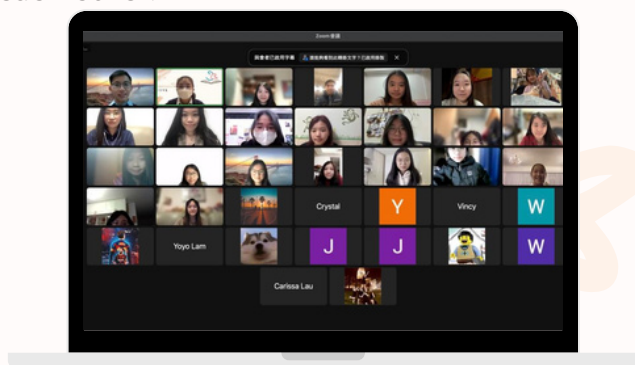
Last month, we were honored to have Ms Chan Choi Kiu, the co-founder of Dream Compassion and the Former President of the Social Service Team, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, as the guest speaker of the 19th regular webinar of "Passion to Talk, Talk to Inspire." She shared her service experience with us under the theme of "Sharing Local Services and Organising Services".

Ms Chan first introduced the history of the Chinese University Social Service Team and its service characteristics, which aims to provide long-term and local services to different service users in Hong Kong through its original service programmes.

Then, Ms Chan inspired us with the "relationship between service users and recipients", which led us to think about what kind of relationship exists between the two, thus leading us to the theme of "Togetherness". Ms Chan shared with us her local service experience, providing different services to different clients, such as the "Kids Fun" online service for local children, the "Wheelchair Users' Empowerment Project", etc. She pointed out that the service is not one-way, but both the volunteers and the recipients can benefit from it and grow together. For example, volunteers can change their roles and use wheelchairs to access different venues, so that we can learn from the wheelchair users how to use wheelchairs and stand in others' shoes.

Ms. Chan believes that services should be 'people-oriented'. When we are organizing service projects, we should think more about the actual needs of the service users and how we can help the service recipients to cope with the difficulties and help the needy effectively. The design of services should not remain unchanged, and innovation is needed in the future. Such innovation does not necessarily mean creating an unprecedented service, but every small change is already an innovation.

Finally, Ms Chan concluded by saying 'life affects life'. No matter what role we play today, as long as we are curious about others, we can always bring about changes and growth in the process of serving each other.





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