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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

3rd January 2023

Dear Friends of Dream Compassioners,

Happy New Year! Thank all for supporting Dream Compassioners in the last year. In 2023, we will uphold our aim of "Passion to Dream, Dream to Inspire" and continue our services and advocacy works.

In this month, we successfully held the Hong Kong Student Service Leaders Award 1st Award Ceremony cum 2nd Opening Ceremony. We are delighted to have Mr. Lam Yat Yan, the founder of Defining Education, Prof. Chan Fung Cheung, the adjunct professor and MBA associate director of outreach of The City University of Hong Kong, and Prof. Ngai Shek Yum from the Department of Social Work of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. We hope all awardees can keep their passion and continue serving our society.

In addition, we held the 2nd HKSSLA Service Leader Workshop. Thirty finalists learnt how to promote their fundraising campaign by equipping themselves with fantastic video-editing techniques taught by a professional director. Up next, they will launch their fundraising campaign after our presentation day. The fund they raised will be used to support Amity Foundation's project for building facilities for Cambodia's village school, such as libraries as well as water and electricity supplies.

Furthermore, it was exciting to see many subsidiary committee members joining our Subsidiary Committee Orientation Day held this month. They learnt more about Dream Compassioners and our services through a series of meaningful games. We welcome all youths who are interested in helping others to join us next year!

Mr. LIN Kai-chun Charlie
President
3rd Executive Committee

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 DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

Outstanding Youth Volunteer Group Award

Dream Compassion was awarded the "Outstanding Youth Volunteer Group Award" in the Hong Kong Volunteer Award 2022. Organised by Agency for Volunteer Service and Home and Youth Affairs Bureau, the Hong Kong Volunteer Award 2022 is the largest volunteer recognition programme in the territory with over 10000 volunteers competing for different awards. We were honoured to receive "Outstanding Youth Volunteer Group Award" and we were interviewed by several newspapers, media and television station. We must express our gratitude to all who supported and recognized Dream Compassion all along the way. Being awarded "Outstanding Youth Volunteer Group Award" was definitely because of everyone's dedicated service for society and children in Dream Compassion and we also thank the support from society. We believe everyone can share the pride and happiness with us. We promise we will continue serving children and society in the future. Thank you!





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Hong Kong Student Service Leaders Award 1st Award Ceremony cum 2nd Opening Ceremony

Hong Kong Student Service Leaders Award 1st Award Ceremony cum 2nd Opening Ceremony was successfully held in the Grand Hall of Shaw College, CUHK on 3 December.

We are delighted to have Mr. Lam Yat Yan, the founder of Defining Education, Prof. Chan Fung Cheung, the adjunct professor and MBA associate director of outreach of The City University of Hong Kong, and Prof. Ngai Shek Yum from the Department of Social Work of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. It was our pleasure to listen to their sharing in serving society.

We presented the awards of "Hong Kong Top 10 Outstanding Student Service Leader", "Hong Kong Outstanding Student Service Leader" to 1st HKSSLA's finalists. Shortlisted certificates were also presented to 2nd HKSSLA's shortlisted students. Also, the finalists of the 1st HKSSLA also shared their service experience throughout the whole selection process. It is believed that not only the new shortlisted students can learn from them, but all guests, principals, teachers and parents who attended the ceremony can feel their passion in serving others.

On that day, the shortlisted students all played some ice-breaking games in order to get to know more about each other. We hope all awardees can keep their passion and continue serving our society.





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Subsidiary Committee Orientation Day



It was exciting to see many subsidiary committee members joining our Subsidiary Committee Orientation Day held on 4 December. Our executive committee members mingled with our new subsidiary committee members through different ice-breaking games. They also learnt more about Dream Compassion and our services through a series of meaningful games and sharing. We look forward to seeing our subsidiary committee members continue to join our services actively. We also welcome all youths who are interested in helping others to join us next year!

The Group Photo of Executive Committee

The Group Photo of 3rd Dream Compassioners' Executive Committee was taken on 4 December. We must express our sincerest gratitude to all who supported us to serve. We pledge to serve our society in the future and we also invite all youth who love helping others to join us or participate in our services, spreading warmth and love to society!



2nd HKSSLA Service Leader Workshop

We held the 2nd HKSSLA Fundraising Project Workshop on 17 December. We were honoured to have Mr. Tong Kai Hong BBS, the Executive Director of Amity Foundation (Hong Kong) and Ex Vice Director of Education to share his experience in fundraising and reminders. Thirty finalists also learnt how to promote their fundraising campaign by equipping themselves with fantastic video-editing techniques taught by a professional director. Up next, they will launch their fundraising campaign after our presentation day. The fund they raised will be used to support Amity Foundation's project for building facilities for Cambodia's village school, such as libraries. Let us wait for their brilliant fundraising projects!





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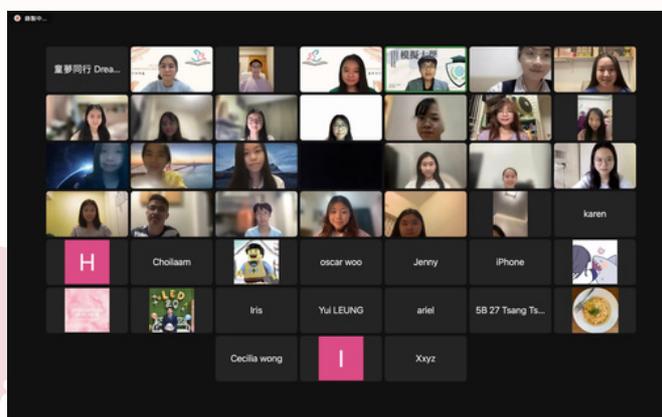
Read to Inspire

Last month, we were honored to have Mr. Shek Kam Ming, the Founder of skm.dsesharing Voluntary Teaching Platform and Vice-Chancellor of University Simulations (USIMS) as our guest for the 18th regular online webinar "Passion to Talk, Talk to Inspire". With the theme of "Current Situation of Hong Kong Education and Sharing on Local Voluntary Teaching", Mr. Shek shared with us his volunteer teaching experience and his views on education.

Mr. Shek began by asking us a few questions, guiding everyone to think about the current education situation of Hong Kong, and the real purposes of education. He stated that Hong Kong's current education system is not as fair as we think.

Hong Kong's secondary schools are divided into three categories, also known as banding. Students from band one school, or elite school are commonly recognized as smarter and more diligent students. In contrast, band three students are usually being misunderstood. People tend to think they are weak in studying, or without motivation to learn, some are even being considered as triad members. Mr. Shek pointed out that band three students get less education resources because of many factors, including their families' socio-economic background. However, the public exam, which is commonly used to assess one's academic results, fails to accurately reflect their true ability.

Mr. Shek instructed us to think about the meaning of education by using ancient Greece philosopher Plato's Allegory of the Cave. "Can education tackle the issue?" He questioned. Mr. Shek further elaborated from the perspective of a student studying education, pointing out that education should not be used for dividing the society into classes, but it should work for the benefit of the whole society and individual welfare. In addition, education should not only focus on examinations' results but to emphasize the importance of fairness and equality. Teachers should also take up the role to enlighten and guide students but not just push them to excel in exams.





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