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# NEWSLETTER

#### **The Official Newsletter of 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

#### Dear Friends of DC,

2 July 2023

Hello everyone! As the exam season enters June, our members are not only focusing on studying but also continuing their service and advocacy efforts. Regarding the service activities, the Cambodia Online Teaching Project has been launched for several weeks. We thank the volunteer teachers and advisory teachers who have participated in this project, allowing Cambodian children to have more learning resources. We hope this project can improve their English proficiency, and change their destiny in the long run! In addition, the Servicing scheme for hearing-impaired students of this academic year has ended successfully this month. We thank the Hong Kong Society for the Deaf for inviting Dream Compassioneers to participate in the graduation ceremony of the students to witness their growth. We also thank the volunteer teachers who have participated in the service, providing more opportunities for hearing-impaired students to build their confidence. Meanwhile, some articipating schools of "Grant a wish" supplies donation project have completed the collection of materials. After sorting by our student members, we have sent part of the appropriate materials to the orphanages in Cambodia. We thank the participating schools and committee members who have helped sort the materials. We believe that with the collective efforts of everyone, we can achieve the dreams of the students!

Regarding the advocacy activities, the deadline of DCMUN 2023 is 9:00p.m. on July 8th. We are longing to see you in the conference and dive deeper into issues related to children's rights and education! In addition, the this month's "Read to Inspire" highkights the wonderful content shared by Mrs. Lydia Yeung, the founder of the Silver Lining Foundation Limited, during the 21st regular online talk, with the theme "From Silicon Valley to the VALLEY". We hope that more students can be inspired and get involved in serving and giving back to society!

We would like to express our gratitude to all your support again and keep devoting ourself to serve the children in need and compassion with them!

#### 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 overseasservice-related experience of Hong Kong secondary students. By widening their horizons, this association hopes to foster the allround 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.

#### Sincerely,

Ms. Chan Wai-lam, Nicole Vice-President of the 3rd Executive Committee of Dream Compassioneers



#### **REPORT ON JUNE ACTIVITIES**

### **Cambodia Online Teaching Project**

Cambodia Online Teaching Project is dedicated to serving needy students and providing educational opportunities. In order to provide targeted English oral communication courses to Cambodian students, Dream Compassioneers and a Cambodian orphanage co-organized a three-month online teaching program from mid-May to July, aiming to lay a solid foundation for Cambodian children, improve their English proficiency, and change their destiny in the long run.

In the past few weeks, local undergraduates served as volunteer teachers and held several online classes with around 20 Cambodian students from the orphanage New Future in Cambodia. The volunteer teachers encouraged local students to speak English by some funny and interactive games. This month, they also taught them some vocabulary and phrase regarding traditional festivals and workplace English. We hope that through this program, the children can improve their English proficiency and change their destiny in the long run!





#### DCMUN 2023 •

Last month, we successfully conducted the Chair interviews for the upcoming DCMUN 2023. We want to express our gratitude for all the outstanding performances during the interview. After careful consideration, we have selected a chair for each of the councils, and continue to prepare for the DCUN 2023.

Meanwhile, we are pleased to inform you that the deadline for delegate applications for DCMUN 2023 is now 8th July 2023 at 9 pm HKT to accommodate students who require additional time to prepare their applications. We encourage all interested students to apply and demonstrate their knowledge and passion for global issues. This is an excellent opportunity to develop leadership skills, engage in constructive debate and most importantly, enhance your understanding of children's rights. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to see you there!





### **REPORT ON MAY ACTIVITIES**

# Grant A Wish•••••••••••

"Grant A Wish" Supplies Donation Project aims to equip under-resourced students with necessities such as clothes, stationeries and masks. This year, participating schools include Bishop Hall Jubilee School and SKH Bishop Mok Sau Tseng Secondary School and more.

Currently, some participating schools have completed their collection of supplies, and we thank them for their support! After our committee members sorted out the supplies, we sent the appropriate materials to our partner organizations in Cambodia, including the New Future for Children orphanage and the Cambodia Care Centre.

Dream Compassionneers will soon present certificates of appreciation to the participating schools. We hope that everyone's efforts can help achieve the dreams of these students!







# Service for hearing-impaired students



Dreams Compassioneers has organized a servicing scheme for hearingimpaired students with the Hong Kong Society for the Deaf throughout the year. In the past academic year, every Saturday, our committee members have participated in the above scheme which provides homework assistance and language classes that aim to help hearing-impaired students to gain confidence and assist them in learning. At end of the project, Dream Compassioneers was invited to attend the graduation ceremony of the students and was awarded a certificate of appreciation . We sincerely thank all of our friends who have joined the scheme as volunteer teachers. We believe that this service plan has brought us unforgettable experiences and positive influence to children too. We also hope that the various knowledge and experiences gained in this scheme can be further used in future services.



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Last month, we were honored to have Mrs. Lydia Yeung, the founder of Silver Lining Foundation Limited, as the guest speaker of the 21th regular webinar of Kids' Dreams. She shared her service experience with us under the theme of "From Silicon Valley to VALLEY".

Mrs. Yeung first played a video introducing her organization, the Silver Lining Foundation, which explained the organization's aspiration , its service experiences and the thoughts on their involvement in the foundation.

Originally, Mrs. Yeung and her family lived in Hong Kong and moved to the United States. Later kn, they were inspired by the plight of children in mountainous areas and decided to give up their comfortable life in the US in order to provide education and assistance to impoverished and disabled children in remote mountainous areas of Nanning, Guangxi. Despite the difficulties and harsh living conditions, the Yeung family spared much effort in assisting local students. They not only provided assistance in children's education, but also cared for their emotional needs, accompanying them throughout their childhood, becoming their partners, and bringing laughter and joy to their childhood.

During the talk, Mrs. Yeung's son, Josh, also shared his experience of struggling to adapt to life in Guangxi when he first arrived as a child, but gradually learning to enjoy playing with the local kids and becoming more involved with the foundation. After completing high school and university in the US, he returned to the Silver Lining Foundation to help with its work. His childhood experiences made him understand the value of service and he hopes to help more people. Over the past two decades, the Silver Lining Foundation has tirelessly provided assistance not only in Guangxi, but also in other places such as Myanmar and Vietnam. The foundation has opened schools, orphanages, rehabilitation centers, and more in mainland China and Southeast Asia, hoping to help more people in need receive appropriate assistance. The spirit of service demonstrated by the Silver Lining Foundation, Mrs. Yeung, and her family, has helped endless disabled individuals and impoverished students. Their dedication over the past decade has lit up the lives of countless people, and is worthy of learning from and appreciating.





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