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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 everyone! This month, our various service and advocacy activities have been progressing smoothly. We would like to express our gratitude for your participation and support!

On the service front, the "Dream Compassioners Free Tuition Service" has partnered with the school for the first time and successfully matched nearly thirty students with volunteer tutors. Classes are now underway, and we look forward to the students' growth! We are also continuously recruiting volunteer tutors, hoping to assist students with financial needs. Besides, this month we have launched the Servicing Scheme for the hearing-impaired students, continuing to assist students in need!

In terms of advocacy, the 3rd Dream Compassioners Debate Competition successfully concluded this month with the grand finals and award ceremony. Pui Ching Middle School and Sacred Heart Canossian College delved into the issue of child trafficking during the finals, encouraging students to debate and inspiring public awareness and understanding of child-related issues. Congratulations to Pui Ching Middle School for winning the championship and congratulations to Sacred Heart Canossian College for achieving second place. We would like to thank all the participating schools for their support and look forward to meeting again in the debate arena next year. Besides, the final interviews for the Hong Kong Student Service Leaders Awards have also been successfully completed. We appreciate the presence of the three judges amidst their busy schedules and commend the outstanding performances of all the service leaders. We also invite you to read the latest issue of "Read to Inspire" to learn about the content of last month's online talk.

The recruitment for the fourth Executive Committee and Subsidiary Committees is nearing completion, and we thank all the schools for their support! Next month, we will introduce our new committee members to you. Please stay tuned! Additionally, the first service club of Dream Compassioners had the honour of being invited by Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) for an interview to share our organisation's vision! Finally, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all sectors for their support of Dream Compassioners and wish everyone success in all endeavors!

Sincerely,
Ms. Wong Sze-kiu, Chloe
President of the 4th 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 This association hopes to enrich the organizational and overseas-service-related experience of Hong Kong students. By widening their horizons, this association hopes to foster the all-round growth of students and to nurture future servant leaders.
- 4 This association embraces individuals of various religious backgrounds and political viewpoints, yet does not participate in any religious or political activities.



REPORT ON OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

Radio Interview

Yan Chai Hospital Law Chan Chor Si College has established the Child Dreamers Service Team. This month, Dream Compassioners Service Club had the honor of being invited by Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) for an interview to share our service philosophy under the theme of "Holistic Education with Service at the Core". Mr. Chan Yik Yeung, co-founder of Dream Compassioners, and Charlie, shared the mission and founding story of our organisation during the interview. He also introduced the reasons for establishment and activities about the first service club of Dream Compassioners. Our two deputy team leaders, Anna So and Kelly Wang, also shared their service experience. We sincerely invite everyone to visit our website and listen to the interview!



Hong Kong Student Service Leader Award Final Interview

The final interviews for the Hong Kong Student Service Leaders Awards were successfully conducted on 7 October 2023. We were fortunate to have Mr. Fong Yick Jin, Eugene, Past District Governor of Rotary International District 3450, Prof. Karen Cheung, President of UNESCO Hong Kong Association and Prof. Ngai Sek Yum, Professor, Department of Social Work, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, serve as judges for the interviews. We sincerely thank them for their presence! It was a pleasure to witness the student service leaders sharing their knowledge gained from the election and their passion for service during the interviews. We hope that the students will uphold their enthusiasm for service and continue to serve the public, contributing to society!





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Dream Compassioners Free Tuition Service

Dream Compassioners is launching the Free Tuition Service, an online free tutorial service for Form 4-6 DSE students. We aim to reduce the unequal opportunities students from different family backgrounds receive. We have collaborated with a school for the first time and conducted recruitment for students in need within the premises. We have successfully matched nearly thirty pairs of students with volunteer tutors. The classes have commenced, and we are looking forward to the students' growth! Additionally, we are continuously recruiting volunteer tutors with the aim of assisting more students with financial needs. If you are interested in joining as a volunteer tutor, please fill out the application form. Your support is greatly appreciated!



Servicing Scheme for the hearing-impaired students

This academic year, we are fortunate to collaborate with the Hong Kong Society for the Deaf to continue providing voluntary teaching services for hearing-impaired students. The activity format for this year will be related career planning. Volunteers will be assigned to assist in the classroom on a weekly basis. The theme for this month is "Becoming a YouTuber," and representatives from the Dream Compassioners Service Club will be attending. We look forward to continuing our support for students in need and brightening their childhood in the coming year!





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* The 3rd Dream Compassion Debate Competition *

The grand finals and award ceremony of the 3rd Dream Compassion Debate Competition were successfully held on 28 October 2023. We believe that after participating in multiple rounds of competition, the students will have a deeper understanding of child-related issues, poverty, and service learning, thereby making a positive impact on societal initiatives. Pui Ching Middle School and Sacred Heart Canossian College expressed their views on strengthening law enforcement or enhancing education as more effective means to address the issue of child trafficking, advocating for the protection of children's rights and attracting widespread attention from the academic community. We extend our gratitude to Bishop Hall Jubilee School, Maryknoll Convent School (Secondary Section), Sacred Heart Canossian College and Good Hope School, for sending out staff members. Last, We would like to express our gratitude to all the schools for their active support of the 3rd Dream Compassion Debate Competition and enthusiastic participation in the competition. Thank you once again for your support, and we look forward to seeing you again next year!





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Read to Inspire

Last month, we were honored to have Mr. Chan Kam Tong, a social worker of Inclusive Education Resource Centre, The Hong Kong Society for the deaf, as the guest speaker for the 23rd regular webinar of Dream Compassioners. He shared his experience with us under the theme of “The needs of hearing-impaired”.

Mr. Chan introduced his organization, Inclusive Education Resource Centre, The Hong Kong Society for the Deaf, which was established in 2014. The centre aims to assist hearing-impaired students in adapting to mainstream schools and their academic and campus life. They provide services to students, parents, and schools. The center offers various activities, such as supporting after-school learning and providing opportunities for hearing-impaired students to explore different professions and interests, helping them recognize their abilities and passions. Additionally, the centre organizes lectures and workshops in schools to promote the message of inclusive campuses and deepen society's understanding of different groups.

Mr. Chan and his colleague, Sue, shared their personal experiences as individuals with hearing impairment, discussing the challenges they faced in their daily lives due to not having normal hearing. They also shared their experiences attending mainstream and special schools. After joining the society, they became members of the Inclusive Education Resource Centre, allowing them to have deeper engagement with the needs of hearing-impaired students and their families. They understand the experiences of hearing-impaired students of varying degrees and their feelings regarding education and society. Therefore, they are committed to promoting the development of inclusive education and raising social awareness. However, they pointed out the uneven distribution of hearing-impaired students across Hong Kong, making it difficult to have a comprehensive understanding and provide adequate support. Additionally, the support provided by schools also varies, such as the availability of space for electronic devices that assist hearing-impaired students.

In conclusion, Mr. Chan urged the public to pay more attention to the issues and situations faced by the deaf community, in order to help them lead better lives in Hong Kong!





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