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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

31st August, 2024

Dear friends of Dream Compassioneers,

Time flies, the term of the 4th Executive Committee is coming to an end. The committee members remain true to their original intention, diligently organizing various activities to promote the spirit of service and give back to society.

The quarterfinals and semifinals of the "Dream Compassioneers Debate Competition" were successfully held this month at the City University of Hong Kong. Wah Ying College and Hoi Ping Chamber of Commerce Secondary School stood out and advanced to the finals to compete for the championship. Let us all look forward to the debaters' performance in the Grand Final! We also invite everyone to read this issue of "Read to Inspire," which revisits the sharing session by Mr. Kent Lucas, a volunteer from PGRS, during the 28th online regular online talk.

The three finalist groups for the Hong Kong Student Service Leaders Awards have successfully completed their service projects this month, benefiting local communities in need, including underprivileged children, students with special learning needs, and persons with disabilities. These initiatives are highly meaningful. We hope that all service leaders will experience personal growth during their service and continue to support those in need in society, while also encouraging more young people to engage in service.

Finally, applications for the 5th Executive and Subsidiary Committee members are now open. We warmly welcome enthusiastic secondary school students to apply and join us in serving children in need, helping them achieve their dreams!

Sincerely,
Ms. Chan Wai Lam, Nicole
Vice President of 4th 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 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.

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5th Executive & Subsidiary Committee Recruitment

Dream Compassion is currently recruiting students from Form 3 to Form 6 for the 5th Executive and Subsidiary Committee members for the 2024-25 academic year (the position of Vice Chairperson of the Executive Committee can be held by high school students or university students). **Applicants should possess a passion for service and have communication skills in Cantonese and English.**

Interested applicants are invited to scan the QR code and complete the application form by September 11, 2024, at 11:59 PM.

We welcome everyone to join Dream Compassion and contribute to supporting local and global children in need. Together, we can accompany them on their journey. For any inquiries, please contact us at info@dreamcompassioners.com.



這一年在童夢同行見識到很多新事物，亦多次刷新我對社會有需要人士的認知，包括第一次接觸聽障兒童，了解到他們生活上的困難，如需購買昂貴的助聽器。童夢同行最奇妙之處是不但提供不同種類的服務，更向中學生倡義服務精神，讓中學生及不同階層能關注兒童及貧窮相關的社會議題。感謝童夢同行給我開拓眼界的機會，亦感恩遇上第四莊的所有人，一同互相扶持、合作完成大大小小的活動。

Cecilia

很高興今年有機會加入童夢同行，亦慶幸在這裡認識到志同道合的夥伴。經歷過去一年的活動，相比單純參加活動，我有更多機會籌備各項活動，令我可以從不同面向服務他人，更學會很多實用的技巧。同時亦感恩童夢同行令我跳出舒適圈，嘗試不同事物，如接受訪問、籌辦模擬聯合國等。籌辦活動的過程中，我們創造了很多美好回憶，令我的高中生涯更加豐富！更重要的是，我們能透過籌辦服務及倡議活動，希望能夠感染到更多人一同為世界出一分力。這份能拉近人與人之間距離的力量，絕對是我在童夢同行最深刻的感受！

Kristy

Being a part of DC this year has been immensely fulfilling. Meeting so many passionate people who are all dedicated to improving the community has been incredible. Taking those children with hearing impairments on a tour around Hong Kong after their lesson was one of the most unforgettable experiences. Their bright smile and enthusiasm were truly inspiring and it opened my eyes to the significant impact we have on others. In addition, this organisation leads me to give back to the community, also it helped me form friendships with people who hold similar beliefs to mine. I am really appreciative of the chance to be a member of DC.

Charlise

很高興可以在童夢同行認識到一班志同道合，熱愛服務的夥伴。在這裡，我有很多機會可以發揮自己的才能，就例如本來熱愛辯論的我就成為了童行盃全港校際辯論比賽的籌委，參與了邀請參賽學校，比賽評判等工作，為推廣服務精神出一分力！童夢同行亦提供機會給我嘗試了不同新的事物，例如籌辦「同·夢」慈善舞會，我在當中獲益良多。期待來年可以在童夢同行見到也同樣熱愛服務的你們，一起為社會出一分力！

Sophia



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Read To Inspire

Last month, we were very pleased to invite Mr. Kent Lucas, a volunteer from Paws Guardian Rescue Shelter, to be the speaker of the 28th regular online talk "Passion to Talk, Talk to Inspire". Mr. Lucas share with us the current problem of animal abandonment and straying in Hong Kong. Mr. Lucas said that the current statistics of stray animals in Hong Kong are insufficient, and the method of humane destruction has not been able to effectively address the problem of stray animals, resulting in many stray animals losing their lives because they could not wait for their owners to claim them. At the same time, Mr. Lucas also proposed the concept of TNR, that is, Trap, Neuter, and Return. In addition to TNR, the volunteers of Paws Guardian Rescue Shelter also hope to achieve the ultimate goal of Rehome, so that stray animals can find a new home.

Mr. Lucas believes that Hong Kong can learn more from other countries' methods for dealing with stray animals, such as promoting an adoption culture, setting up more pet shelters and introducing animal-friendly policies, etc., to reduce the number of stray animals. Mr. Lucas believes that the government should take the lead in taking actions, such as changing animal laws and promoting animal conservation, to draw public attention to stray animals. Moreover, Mr. Lucas pointed out that the recent holding of pet adoption days and the addition of pet-friendly measures can increase public tolerance and concern for stray animals.

Mr. Lucas shared that the main difficulty is the lack of housing space. During the rescue process, animals need time to recover and adjust their previous personalities, resulting in a relatively long waiting time for stray animals to be adopted. We hope that Paws Guardian Rescue Shelter can save the lives of more stray animals in the future, and we also hope that this sharing will make participants pay more attention to the problem of stray animals!





REPORT ON AUGUST ACTIVITIES

3rd Hong Kong Student Service Leader Award

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On August 25, Happify, the first group of HKSSLA, successfully held "Brain Playground for Young Learners" at St. Paul's College, a children's fun day with the aim of providing quality play time for those from underprivileged families.

The event featured a variety of team-based brain games, allowing participants to think critically, communicate effectively, and collaborate while enjoying themselves and fostering stronger interrelationships with their parents.

Group 1 kickstarted the day with a series of icebreaking games designed to enhance team cohesion. "Building Your Personality Island" sparked cooperation and creativity as the children worked together to construct the tallest tower using given materials.



After lunch, the excitement was in full swing during the "Battle for the Control Center". Children took on the role of strategic masterminds, analysing each other's tactics while directing pieces on a simulated battlefield.



The highlight of the day was "Reconstruction of Self-Awareness", where children engaged in various team games to capture stations and claim land. As the game progressed, they fostered open communication, collaborated on strategies, and cheered on one another, strengthening their teamwork skills.



As the day came to a close, student leaders reflected on the joyful moments we had created. Not only were the children encouraged to voice their thoughts, but the student leaders also inspired them to recognise the importance of positive communication and teamwork. This laid a solid foundation for the development of a healthy mentality, together with a fierce boost in self-confidence.

Special thanks must be given to St. Paul's College for providing the venue and to Scholar Education for sponsoring the event.



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3rd Hong Kong Student Service Leader Award

◆ ✨ ✨ ✨ ✨ // Group 2 Luminance \\ ✨ ✨ ✨ ✨ ◆

Luminance is dedicated to promoting community inclusion and helping children, which is why group 2's service programs cover various groups of children, including those with special educational needs, ethnic minority children, new immigrant children, and children from low-income families.

In August, group 2 students held the "Exploring Talents Together with You" event at the Hung Shui Kiu Youth S.P.O.T, targeting a group of children with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).



Group 2 students created diverse games for children with special educational needs, such as drawing guessing games, nursery rhyme ensembles, and sports activities, allowing them to learn collaboration and discover their talents. Group 2 students understand that children with special educational needs face numerous challenges in their growth journey, but they hope to lend them a helping hand, making them feel accepted and loved through companionship and communication.

Every child has their own unique strengths, and student leaders are committed to uncovering their talents. Subsequently, they will launch other services, such as enhancing ethnic minority children's understanding of Chinese culture, reducing the adjustment difficulties faced by new immigrant children, and providing workshops for children from low-income families.





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3rd Hong Kong Student Service Leader Award

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In mid to late August, Elpis organized the "童路有您" service. This service comprised two main components: a volunteer training workshop and a service activity. The training workshop took place at the Hong Kong Playground Association's Choi Tak Integrated Youth Service Centre, participants engaged in various activities such as wheelchair simulations, Q&A games, experiences of visual impairment, and Braille exercises. These activities focused on raising awareness about the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities and fostering a deeper understanding of their needs, encouraging participants to be more mindful and supportive in their daily lives.

Following the workshop, participants were divided into two service teams based on their preferences: interacting with wheelchair users and engaged in activities about the visually impaired. In the first service activity, participants played games and friendly matches with wheelchair users. Everyone was highly engaged and enjoyed the experience. During the time, wheelchair users shared their skills and provided guidance, helping participants to familiarise with wheelchair use. At the end of the activity, everyone expressed their feelings and reflections on the experience.

In the second service activity, children crafted handmade lanterns for the Mid-Autumn Festival, which student leaders later gifted to wheelchair users. After completing the lanterns, participants donned blindfolds and undertook various challenges to better understand the difficulties faced by visually impaired individuals. This exercise aimed to encourage empathy and inspire participants to offer assistance in real life. Overall, the activity sought to convey care and concern through meaningful interactions between participants and individuals with disabilities.





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The 4th Dream Compassioners Debate Competition

The 4th Dream Compassioners Debate Competition successfully held its quarterfinals and semifinals on July 14th. We are grateful to the City University of Hong Kong for providing the venue for the event. The competition results have been announced on the Instagram of Dream Compassioners. The topics for this round of the competition included whether the Hong Kong government should mandate students to participate in social service, such as “The direct subsidy school scheme in Hong Kong is more beneficial than detrimental to students' growth” and “To address the issue of school bullying, laws are more important than education.”. We hope to guide students to reflect on the impact of education on the growth of students.

We believe that after the competition, participating students will have a deeper understanding of issues related to children and service learning, thereby initiating social advocacy efforts. We extend our gratitude to Bishop Hall Jubilee School, Yan Chai Hospital Law Chan Chor Si College, HKMLC Queen Maud Secondary School and St. Paul Convent School for their support as co-organizing schools, providing staff and judges.

Additionally, we sincerely thank all the judges for taking the time out of their busy schedules to attend and judge the competition, and we believe that the students have benefited greatly. We also appreciate the active participation and support from various schools in the 4th Dream Compassioners Debate Competition.

The finals of the 4th Dream Compassioners will be held in October. Let us all look forward to the exciting performances of the two strong teams as they compete for the ultimate victory!





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