



OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

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FAST FACTS OF OSC 2016



Total funds raised:

HK\$16,002,530

23 beneficiary NGOs

30 major donors,
34 corporations,
19 schools,
13 clubs & associations, and
218 donation boxes

200+ media stories (print, online, and radio),
150+ social media posts, and
90 outdoor bus stop ads display

80 fundraising
events were held

As in previous years, OSC did everything
possible to keep admin costs to a minimum
of about **3%**



WHAT IS OPERATION SANTA CLAUS?



Its roots stretch back to the 1960s when Radio Television Hong Kong (“RTHK”) Radio 3 presenters performed public stunts to raise money for charity, such as jumping into Victoria Harbour, climbing flagpoles and giving rooftop poetry recitals. In the 1970s, the government gave Hongkongers the Community Chest – an official body for receiving charitable donations – which all but put an end to charity fundraising at Christmas.

By the 1980s, worries about Hong Kong’s future sparked a renewed interest in charity fundraising as a way of spreading optimism and positivity throughout society. And so, in 1988, Operation Santa Claus was born.

The first campaign set out to raise HK\$100,000. In 1989, the *South China Morning Post* (“SCMP”) began covering beneficiaries’ stories every day throughout December which helped smash the campaign’s total target of HK\$150,000 in the first week. Today, Operation Santa Claus has raised over HK\$260,000,000 for charitable causes since 1988, and has benefited over 250 worth projects. Now that is a tradition of gift-giving that the people Hong Kong can be proud of.

MISSION

To connect the local community to charities by leveraging the voices of two of the city’s most respected media organisations, and to share the gift of hope to those who lack the means to improve their lives.

CAMPAIGN ORGANISERS

South China Morning Post (SCMP)
Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK)

BENEFICIARY SELECTION COMMITTEE

comprising representatives of:

SCMP
RTHK Radio 3
OSC Secretariat
OSC major donors
WiseGiving of Hong Kong Council of Social Service

INDEPENDENT ADVISORY BODY

WiseGiving of Hong Kong Council of Social Service



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ABOUT OSC 2016



AFFECTIONATE SANTA



THE CAMPAIGN

Thanks to the generous support of people all over Hong Kong, Operation Santa Claus (OSC) raised a total of HK\$16,002,530 in 2016. While the territory's uncertain economic climate meant this total was slightly lower than in previous years, OSC remained a very effective rallying point in inspiring Hongkongers to remember the less fortunate. Especially heartening were the large number of major donors who gave over HK\$150,000, plus the hundreds of smaller companies and individuals who dug deep to either donate money, goods in kind, venues, services or simply their time. OSC would also like to thank the various legislators and celebrities who generously pitched in. Equally deserving of everyone's appreciation are the many schools, student helpers and others who worked so hard behind the scenes to ensure the success of this year's many sports events and company fun days.



CAMPAIGN PERIOD

9 Nov 2016 - 17 Jan 2017
(70 days)

THEME

"Make Our Wishes
Come True This
Christmas"

BENEFICIARIES

23 local charities
(see p.9 for details)

DONOR EVENTS

around 80 fundraising
events were held

The Grand Opening Ceremony for this year's 70-day long "Make Our Wishes Come True This Christmas" Operation Santa Claus campaign took place on Wednesday, 9 November 2016 at California Tower's Sky Garden in Central. Guest of honour at the event was Mr Gregory So Kam-leung, GBS, JP, then-Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development. Joining Mr So in officiating at the event were Mr. Leung Ka-wing, Director of Broadcasting, Radio Television Hong Kong, and Mr Robin Hu, then-Chief Executive Officer of the *South China Morning Post*.

The following day marked the start of a series of 80 fundraising events that lasted all through November and December and ultimately benefited 23 local charities across six key areas: Children & Youth, Community, Elderly, Environment, Medical, and Physical disabilities.

The campaign's Closing Ceremony was subsequently held at Crown Wine Cellar on Tuesday, 17 January 2017. Officiating guests at the finale included, Mrs Regina Leung, wife of then-HKSAR Chief Executive; Mr Leung Ka-wing, Director of Broadcasting, Radio Television Hong Kong and Mr Gary Liu, Chief Executive Officer of the *South China Morning Post*, plus representatives of various major donors and beneficiaries.

2016 MAJOR DONORS

Over 15 years

Bank of America
Merrill Lynch



Morgan Stanley

SWIRE PACIFIC



Over 10 years

CREDIT SUISSE

宏利
Manulife

信和集團
Sino Group

擇善
ZESHAN
FOUNDATION

Over 5 years

CLIFFORD
CHANCE

DEACONS
的近律師行



SEGANTII

SWIRE PROPERTIES

Over 2 years



大新銀行
DAH SING BANK

ETAK International Ltd



HANG SENG BANK



MELCO 新濠

PACIFIC PLACE



Newly joined



BEA 東亞銀行



Made possible
QBE



Animal Asia Foundation



The Bethune House Migrant Woman Refugee



Silence

Watch our beneficiary videos here
osc.scmp.com/public-upload/video



2016 BENEFICIARIES

OSC campaign kicked off with a call for beneficiary proposals in June 2016 with the placing of recruitment ads in both the SCMP and the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS). By the closing date in July 2016, OSC 2016 received 92 applications from potential beneficiaries. A shortlist of 23 funding proposals across six areas (Children & Youth, Community, Elderly, Environment, Medical, and Physical Disabilities) was then drawn up. This year's OSC Selection Committee comprised of eight members from: SCMP, RTHK, donor representatives, OSC secretariat and HKCSS.

Key selection criteria for OSC include:

- Project theme(s)
- Project sustainability
- Economic feasibility
- Number of beneficiaries
- Convincing material plan (with tangible goals)
- Small organisations with lesser fundraising ability
- Past history of being granted/applying for OSC funding
- Well-managed organisational structure
- Transparency

Organisation/Project name

Project Content

Beneficiaries



CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Silence Whole Person Development Fund for Children in Hearing Impaired Family	To improve the quality of life of the hearing-impaired and their families through different intervention mechanisms including medical support, family counselling, children counselling, parenting workshops and personal development programs.	35 hearing-impaired families
Rainbow Project Therapy Subsidy for Low-Income Families	To provide subsidies to CSSA and low-income families to allow their children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) to start receiving therapy without missing the golden years of early intervention.	31 low-income families affected by Autism
Yes We Do Foundation Yes We Do Summer Camp 2017	To select volunteers from top universities in Hong Kong and overseas to provide extracurricular activities for underprivileged children in underdeveloped areas in Mainland China.	450 underprivileged children aged 9-12; 54 university students from Hong Kong, Macau & Mainland

Organisation/Project name	Project Content	Beneficiaries
OneSky Early Learning in Rural China	To deliver early learning programs that provide nurturing responsive care to transform the lives of at-risk children. It mitigates the damage to young children left behind in rural villages by parents who have migrated away for work.	100 children aged 3-6 in a rural village; 100 caregivers of the children
Benji's Centre Speech Therapy Service for Children from low-income families	To provide professional one-on-one speech therapy services for speech-delayed children from low-income families so that their special educational needs can be addressed in time.	60 speech delayed children from low-income families
FHL Adventure Education Centre A Step Towards Your New Life	To enhance the confidence and self-discovery process of adolescents who have poor academic qualification through adventure training, life-long planning and English training. The trained adolescents will then utilise their skills to teach underprivileged children English.	100 double-less adolescents; 1,000 underprivileged children
Art in Hospital Art is my Buddy	To use art as a therapeutic process of emotional expression and self-awareness in order to help the young patients at Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Ward of Kwai Chung Hospital to build up their self-confidence, improve social skills and emotional regulation while having positive relationship with their emotions.	180 attendance of young psychiatric patients
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Underwater Robot for All	To inspire and nurture the creativity of P.4 to S.3 students from diverse background, including those with special educational needs (SEN) and ethnic minorities through hands-on experiences in robotics and a series of underwater missions. The Underwater Robot Challenge contains elements of STEM education (ie. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and social inclusion.	200 students

MEDICAL

Hong Kong Arthritis & Rheumatism Foundation Arthritis Buddy, Energetic Life	To introduce various exercises including floor curling, laughter yoga and hydrotherapy to raise the interest of patients with arthritis and rheumatic disorders, and encourage them to maintain health by regular practice.	1,418 chronic rheumatic disease patients and their family members
Maggie's Cancer Caring Centre Drop-in Service: Information & Practical Cancer Support	To provide free practical, emotional and psychosocial support to people touched by cancer and their families. Through this programme, people are able to receive immediate support from oncology nurses in a purpose-designed building, and become better equipped in coping with emotional and physical changes that cancer brings.	1,500 people affected by cancer
Families of SMA Charitable Trust (1) Home-based rehabilitation scheme for disabled SMA patients (2) Medical equipment and wheelchairs for severely disabled children	To provide home-based rehabilitative therapy service and to donate medical equipments to patients suffering from a ruthless degenerative disease – Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA)	At least 8 members who require professional therapy services and/or medical equipment
Aids Concern Foundation Love Love Ride	To support the operation of the organisation's first mobile service for AIDS with a new van. The van will offer HIV education and free HIV antibody tests in different areas. The van will also serve to transport people living with HIV to the treatment centre so that they can maintain regular check-ups.	100 people living with HIV; 500 people in the community at risk of HIV infection



Hong Kong Arthritis & Rheumatism Foundation



COMMUNITY

Enrich Economic Empowerment for Migrant Domestic Workers	To launch inter-agency outreach events, action groups and workshops on personal finance, which specifically target newly arrived migrant domestic workers and Indonesian domestic workers.	2,700 migrant domestic workers
The Bethune House Migrant Women's Refuge Shelter for Women Migrants in Crisis	To provide a safe shelter for foreign domestic helpers in vulnerable situations. To conduct paralegal counselling, rights-based education, skills-training and peer counselling for foreign domestic helpers.	600 migrant women
Project Space Project Space for Squatter Kids: Home Improvement Project 2016-2017	To provide support to and improve the living condition of 80 families who are living in subdivided flats, container flats or living environment with safety and hygienic concerns through home visits, home improvement service and volunteering work.	65 deprived families
PathFinders Community Education Programme	To provide weekly education workshops, quarterly Sunday outreach, monthly community education workshops and an annual awareness event "Migrant Health Matters" for foreign domestic helpers and their employers to promote the prevention of unplanned pregnancy, maternity rights and employee rights.	3,400 people
Health In Action Ethnic Minority Healthy Living Project	To promote social equity for ethnic minorities through empowering them to maintain good health. To provide culturally appropriate health services and education, create evidence through bottom-up social and health research, and advocate to the authorities and the public about ethnic minorities health equity.	500 people of ethnic minorities in Hong Kong

Organisation/Project name	Project Content	Beneficiaries
Animals Asia Foundation Dr Dog OSC Programme	To bring “Dr Dog” and their volunteer owners to visit hospitals, homes for the elderly, disabled centres, orphanages and schools, so as to improve the mental, physical and tactile function, social interaction and confidence of disadvantaged people.	3,000 disadvantaged people in elderly centres, hospitals and schools
The Women's Foundation (in partnership with Goods Co-Share) Save & Earn @ VM A champion project of the OSC UBS Leadership Programme 2016	To develop a vending machine for daily necessity retailing, in order to provide an innovative and feasible solution for poverty, bringing measurable and duplicable impact to the disadvantaged group and society by reducing the cost of living, income generation, and enhancing financial literacy.	2,000 families

❄️ PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

Rehabaid Society “Ready-for-Home” Rehabilitation Program for Stroke Victims	To customise a home-based self-help rehabilitation programme for stroke victims currently living at home, so they and their families can take an active role in overcoming the challenges they face in daily life.	100 families of 800 client attendance
The Outward Bound Trust of Hong Kong Adaptive Journeys	To provide valuable developmental opportunities for youngsters with physical disabilities through a 5-day wilderness sea kayak journey and pre-journey workshops covering a low ropes and a separate high ropes confidence course activity.	60 people with physical disabilities aged 16 to 30

❄️ ELDERLY

Hans Andersen Club Story Wonderland	To support a storytelling programme to equip 160 retired “young-old” as storytellers and serve children and families in lower-income districts through innovative storytelling events including paired reading programme and story gala with nostalgic themes.	160 young-old aged 50 or above; 906 children aged 4-8 from lower-income districts
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❄️ ENVIRONMENT

The Nature Conservancy Nature Works Hong Kong	To offer students aged 13-17 opportunities to transform their passion for the environment into real-world community projects with direct impact.	150 students from 30 schools; 80+ volunteering advisors and mentors
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Rainbow Project



Yes We Do Foundation

FUND- RAISING EVENTS



GRUMPY SANTA



Santa Hash Race



Kowloon Shangri-La Teddy Bear Outfit Design Competition



Sino Group



Laguna City OSC Fun Fair

This year, 30 major donors each donated HK\$150,000 or over, while 19 school donors raised a total of over HK\$460,000, and 11 community groups collectively raised roughly HK\$270,000. Joining them in helping disadvantaged Hongkongers were hundreds of individuals and other groups. As in previous years, OSC 2016 put together a series of activities to put the “fun” into fundraising, and spread love, joy and hope to the local community during the festive season.



BAML Golf Day



UBS Fancy Dress Party

- Over half of all 30 major donors have been enthusiastic OSC supporters for more than five years - six of them have been committed to OSC for 10 years or more. We and our beneficiaries treasure such enduring kindness.
- Thanks to the sterling efforts of its 20th anniversary Morgan Stanley Directors' Choir performance at ICC on 15 December, Morgan Stanley raised the highest amount (HK\$3,200,000) for this year's Operation Santa Claus.
- Long-term OSC supporters including BAML (a charity golf day and toy drive), UBS (a charity golf tournament) and Swire (a 5-day Christmas fair and Santathon) were other hugely generous donors.
- This year's many other standout events included the Wing Ding Squash Tournament, the Five-a-Side Football Tournament, a pub crawl, a city treasure hunt, a cookery competition, a charity run and etc.



Discovery Mind



Delia School of Canada

- In 2016, 19 schools raised a combined total of over HK\$460,000.
- Discovery Mind's charity walk raised approximately HK\$120,000, the highest sum generated by any of the 19 schools who supported OSC 2016.
- Other fun, school initiated activities in support of this year's worthy causes included a Christmas carol concert, a Dress Red and Green Day, a Crazy Hat and Hair Day, a mini funfair and singing contest and even an inter-class fundraising challenge.



- In 2016, OSC received the support of 11 community groups who collectively raised a total of around HK\$270,000.
- The Island Bar at Lamma Island once again raised funds by teaming native islanders and their expat neighbours over a host of entertaining events including a quiz, a mountain bike endurance test and a treasure hunt.
- Long-time OSC supporter, the Police Tactical Unit (PTU) persuaded four teams of 10 officers to compete in a contest to pull a 10-tonne armoured vehicle with a policeman on its roof for about 90 metres across their drill square.
- Other noteworthy fundraising drives included The Community of the HKUST's 2016 Winter Garage Sale & Market, a choir performance by Indian nationals in Laguna City, Kowloon Cricket Club's Danceathon and Children's Sports Day, and a charity quiz event by the Sai Kung Community.
- We would also like to extend our appreciation to the Hong Kong Football Club for sponsoring the venue for this year's Wing Ding Squash Tournament and Flat Out Sleigh Ride as well as entering a team for 2016's Five-a-Side Football Tournament.
- About 180 runners from 14 athletic groups raised over HK\$37,000 after donning their brightest Santa outfits for the ninth annual Santa Hash race.



Five-a-Side Football Tournament



Police Tactical Unit



Toy "R" us



Santa Parade in Lamma Island

- 123 public collection boxes where people could donate small change were placed at shopping malls, retail outlets, street stalls, rugby tournaments and Xmas parties all over Hong Kong.
- With their boxes stuffed with HK\$522,209.70 by the end of its Christmas gift wrapping campaign at 15 stores, Toys "R" us collected the largest amount of cash.
- The HK\$78,000 in small change collected in a single collection box at the retailer's Tsim Sha Tsui branch weighed over 20kg!
- Sino's Gold Coast Piazza Peppa Pig game booths raised in excess of HK\$200,000 in cash over the course of five weekends.
- Public gifts worth HK\$219,262 were also collected from the donation boxes at Swire's Five Days of Christmas Street Fair at Pacific Place and Cityplaza.



- In addition to making generous donations, the following companies and their staff worked hard to engage beneficiaries in their fundraising efforts:
 - Volunteers from Hang Seng Bank hosted a storytelling workshop attended by low-income children from one OSC 2016 beneficiary.
 - Manulife volunteers gave up their time to visit patients in a cancer recovery centre.
 - Chefs from Maxim's threw a Christmas party and generously taught special needs youngsters from disadvantaged homes how to make cupcakes.
- Other compassionate donors who warmed the hearts of beneficiaries and inspired their in-house staff to volunteer included L'hotel, KPMG, Melco, Sino, Dah Sing Bank, Deacons, and Credit Suisse.



Hang Seng Bank



Maxim's

AWARD WINNERS



Top Corporate Fundraiser – Morgan Stanley

- Having raised fully HK\$3,200,000 this year Morgan Stanley has emerged as OSC's largest donor. 2016 marked the 20th successive OSC campaign during which the bank organised its annual Morgan Stanley Directors' Choir competition. OSC beneficiary Silence, a non-governmental organisation serving the hearing-impaired, showed up to lend support and join the festive music in sign language. 2016 also saw the bank organising a fundraising bake auction on behalf of OSC.



Most Creative Fundraiser – KPMG

- Challenging teams of four to six armed with tablets to complete a citywide hunt full of GPS-triggered clues, questions and tasks, KPMG's cleverly entitled "Run for a Claus" was OSC's first ever fundraiser of this kind. As part of the 2 December hunt, participating team members were asked to dress in fun costumes and brighten the lives of OSC beneficiaries by visiting their centres en route.



Top School Fundraiser – Discovery Mind

- Having generated roughly HK\$120,000 via its 11th annual charity walk in support of OSC, Discovery Mind was 2016's Top School Fundraiser. In all, around 500 students, parents, teachers, families & friends of the school walked 4km from Discovery Mind's Peninsula Village pre-school building to Siena Park. Their shared efforts succeeded in securing the kindergarten's status as OSC's "Top School Fundraiser" for the eighth consecutive year.



Most Creative School – Delia School of Canada

- Students at Delia School of Canada demonstrated their support for the year's various deserving causes by donning casual clothes and kitting themselves out in a choice of hats, hair and wigs. Delia School of Canada eventually raised HK\$70,502.36 – one of the highest amounts of any participating school in OSC 2016.



2016 SPECIAL EVENTS



The 17 December event kicked off with a newly launched mini-sleigh race at the Hong Kong Football Club where close to 100 children excitedly jumped aboard specially designed one-of-a-kind Santa sleighs and raced to the finishing line. A dozen corporate teams (including QBE, Alibaba Group, Li & Fung, and HKIVE) also honed their team spirit during the event's second annual adult race.

Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Haking Wong) was crowned the Overall Champion, while QBE Insurance took home the Best Creative Sleigh award for their beautifully built and decorated sleigh. By the end of the two races, around HK\$230,000 had been raised for OSC 2016's 23 beneficiaries.



Check out more photos and videos





MBA Charity Challenge

MBA students were encouraged to utilise their skills and share with the society's neediest individuals through a series of creative fundraising activities over a two-month period in the run up to Christmas. The aim here was not only to enable teams to do good and promote awareness of worthy causes, but also put their professional expertise into practical use on behalf of the less fortunate.

In all, five teams from three leading local and overseas universities (Manchester Business School, HKUST MBA, CITYU MBA) took part in the challenge. All funds raised by the five participating teams, plus a top-up amount of HK\$230,000 from major OSC 2016 Sponsor, Haitong International Securities Group, helped swell the combined total donation to an impressive HK\$868,045. Other sponsors including Fringebacker (provided this year's online fundraising platform) and Metta (donated venues for the challenge's kick-off and final pitching stages) were also hugely instrumental in this year's success.



Money Talk Charity Breakfast Auction

Held on 8 December at Grappa's Cellar, this event succeeded in raising almost HK\$100,000 from a live auction and entrance tickets. Mr. Charles Li, CEO of the HKEx was the VIP guest and highlights of the show were broadcast live on RTHK Radio 3. The impressive result was a wonderful get-together where OSC 2016 supporters could meet up for a Christmas chat while raising funds for various deserving causes.



OSC Five-a-Side Football Tournament

Celebrating its 19th anniversary, Operation Santa Claus Five-a-Side Football Tournament kicked off on 4 December at Stanley Ho Sports Centre, Pokfulam.

The adrenaline-filled day began with 14 junior teams in the morning tournament and HKFC 3 took home the junior cup. Followed by the Crusaders (players with special needs) from Hong Kong Football Club playing an exhibition match as in previous years.

Nine corporate teams plus a team formed by current and former Legco members laced up their boots to blast the ball into the net.

After rounds of run, kick, dodge, sprint and jump, SG Securities was crowned the Champion!

All was for a good cause, as the teams and supporters inspired a spirit of charity with the day's event raising an encouraging excess of HK\$250,000 to support the less fortunate in the society.



Santa at Sea

This innovative 9 December fundraising quiz at Central Pier's Maritime Museum saw three top teams from the local shipping industry compete in a nautically themed contest. The evening was a great success, raising over HK\$27,000 for OSC 2016's beneficiaries.

PUBLICITY AND MARKETING



SURPRISED SANTA



As always, the SCMP and RTHK's unstinting efforts on behalf of OSC helped significantly increase publicity of each beneficiary organisation and its key projects. This year, OSC's campaign generated over 100 pieces of print media coverage and 30 radio interviews. Ad credit donation from Facebook and outdoor bus stop ads also helped us to reach out to more people in our community.

CHANNELS

1. OSC's official website was upgraded to offer bi-lingual capabilities so as to increase the 2016 campaign's reach
2. Fully 102 pieces of print media coverage including SCMP ads + donor and beneficiary stories were run in both the SCMP and *Young Post*
3. Thirty beneficiary interviews and live event broadcasts were featured in RTHK Radio 3
4. The 80 online news articles that appeared during OSC 2016 included 71 features on the SCMP website, seven stories in *Education Post* and two pieces in *Young Post*
5. Thanks to an additional ad credit donation by Facebook, OSC 2016 was able to grab the attention of an incredible 260,000 extra channel users





6. Outdoor bus stop ads were displayed on 90 outlets around Hong Kong
7. In addition to Hong Kong, OSC 2016's Facebook fans come from all over the world - from the US to the UK, from Egypt to Guatemala and even Santa's home in Finland!
8. 15 short videos telling the stories of OSC 2016's 23 beneficiaries and their donors were produced and broadcasted

MERCHANDISE

1. Five adorable seasonal hats were offered in irresistibly seasonal styles such as Intellectual Santa, Grumpy Santa, Thinking Santa, Surprised Santa and Affectionate Santa
2. T-shirts were specially tailored to ensure maximum awareness for the LKF pub crawl
3. Total moneys raised by these activities reached around HK\$100,000



2015 PROJECT ACHIEVE- MENTS



THINKING SANTA

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Crossroads Foundation



KELY Support Group



Sailability



Hong Chi Morninghill School, Tsui Lam

2015 FUNDING PROJECTS

OSC 2015 funded 22 funding proposals across five areas (Children & Youth, Community, Elderly, Medical, and Physical & Mental Disabilities). Gratifyingly, all 22 selected projects have created significant impact on our community.

Organisation

Project Achievements



CHILDREN AND YOUTH

KELY Support Group

ExCEL! (Express, Connect, Educate, Lead)



Currently working with 100 young people from ethnic minority backgrounds, the group offers weekly sessions on life skills, drug awareness and technical skills to develop campaigns in four secondary schools. 96 sessions and over 100 hours have been delivered so far. Students have created a song and music video to share messages of positive peer influence, sticker campaigns to share ideas of healthier ways of coping with stress, and an exhibition about harms and risks associated with alcohol.

Organisation

Youth Diabetes Action

Total-care Program for Children with Diabetes



The Women's Foundation

Girls Go Tech Programme



Sowers Action

Nanning Sowers Action Huahuang Girls' Senior Secondary School



Chi Heng Foundation

Discover Over Distance



InspiringHK Sports Foundation

InspiringHK x Les Escrimeurs (Hong Kong)
Fencing Inspires



Hong Chi Morninghill School, Tsui Lam

Happy X'mas Gathering 2015



Silence

The Speech Therapy and Parenting Programs
for Hearing-impaired Families



Project Achievements

More than 20 activities, such as seminars, conferences, education events and parents' gatherings, have been organised for over 3,700 beneficiaries, including 49 families and newly diagnosed members in the outreach programme. An information kit, which consists of useful materials and resources for diabetes care, has also been distributed to all members and medical professionals.

The Girls Go Tech Programme benefited 360 girls from 9 schools in 2016-17. Student and teacher workshops, hardware projects, female role models' sharing sessions and company visits were held. Participants showed significant improvement in their interest in and intention to study/work in ICT, self-efficacy in ICT, gender stereotyping in ICT and perceived problem solving skills.

271 minority girls attended Nanning Sowers Action Huahuang Girls' Senior Secondary School under the project. 145 Grade 11 and 12 students received a 4-month living cost support which covers their meal expenses in weekends and term break remedial classes.

Seven classes were held in six multi-media classrooms in 2016. 130 volunteer teachers from different parts of China including Beijing, Shanghai, Suzhou and Tianjin were engaged. 110 hours of distance learning classes were delivered to 246 rural students living in Henan, Anhui and Yunnan provinces in 2016.

Over 40 disadvantaged teenagers enjoyed free fencing classes in Wong Tai Sin and Tuen Mun from May 2016 to May 2017. They also participated in Inter-class and local fencing competitions. In addition, they participated swimming courses, sports days, botanical tours, survival camps, Battle-of-Victors Boxing Game Watching and elderly home visits.

10 senior form mentally disabled students were offered a chance to serve 215 junior mentally disabled students in a Christmas party. Teachers reported that 95 per cent of the students were able to learn appropriate dining etiquette and to express gratitude in the activity.

Over 400 beneficiaries, including the hearing-impaired families and children from these families, enjoyed a series of programmes which aim at boosting their self-esteem and providing them with support. The programme includes a 6-month speech therapy, academic tutorial and interest classes, parental workshops and family outing activities, child development assessments and some subsidies.



InspiringHK Sports Foundation



Organisation

Project Achievements



MEDICAL

Children's Thalassaemia Foundation
Medical Funds to Support Allogeneic
Unrelated Hematopoietic Stem Cell
Transplantation for Child Patients



Since 2016, seven patients have been benefited and have undergone Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT). The project aims to support 20 patients in total within four years.

Maggie's Cancer Caring Centre
"Mind-Body-Spirit" Programme



In the year 2016-17, Maggie's "Mind-Body-Spirit" Project offered close to 600 sessions of activities including Meditation, Mindful Yoga, Therapeutic Yoga, Laughter Yoga, Sound Healing, Aromatherapy and Massage, Tai Chi and Qigong, which allowed more than 1,000 people affected by cancer to regain both physical strength, calmness and inner peace. The total attendance is over 5,000 throughout the whole year.



COMMUNITY

Crossroads Foundation
Greening our Trucking



An advanced vehicle management system has been established to monitor mileage and fuel usage of all the trucks used by Crossroads. One fuel-efficient delivery truck has also been acquired.

Crossroads Foundation
(Champion Project of UBS OSC Leadership Program 2015)
GoodCity.HK



An app that allows citizens to donate items and have them collected was developed. Value of goods donated is fast approaching HK\$1 million with successful offers originating from 76 Hong Kong territories.

Justice Centre Hong Kong
Access to Justice: Essential Legal and
Psychological Support to Hong Kong's Most
Vulnerable Refugees



Over 734 vulnerable refugees have been offered necessary support between May 2016 – February 2017 (inclusive), including over 141 children. Following an initial screening, 125 individuals have been receiving intensive legal and psychological support. An extension to these essential services has also commenced, involving rehabilitation services for torture victims and training for Duty Lawyers.



Justice Centre Hong Kong

Organisation

Project Achievements



PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DISABILITIES

Families of SMA Charitable Trust
Make Life Easier for Disabled SMA Patients



Since April 2016, more than 10 SMA members have been provided with home-based physiotherapy (PT) services on a regular basis. This helped stabilise members' physical conditions, relieve pain and slow down their progress of deformities and muscle weakening.

RDA Academy
Preparing for the Paralympic: FEI Qualifying Competitions



Para-equestrian athletes were sent to competitions in the UK and Europe in order for them to qualify for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games. In the end, three athletes were trained and qualified for the Games.

The Intellectually Disabled Education and Advocacy League (IDEAL)
Six Arts Brain Health Project



803 attendances from patients with intellectual disability and their caregivers were recorded. The patients benefitted from a series of brain health events, which have improved the communication skills, attention ability, mental well-being, body coordination and self-esteem of the participants.

Sailability
Sailability Outreach



Sailability has established itself amongst the local schools through its Community Ambassador Scheme with many of the sailing programs full during August to December 2016. A new website has also been launched in June 2017.

Art in Hospital
Shine our Lives – Train the Trainers' Workshops in Hospital



50 mental health habitation patients have participated in 12 art workshops taught by artists and AIH staff. Participants who have learnt the skills become trainers and conducted 12 bedside art workshops with in-patients in the Kowloon Hospital.



RDA Academy



The Women's Foundation



The Intellectually Disabled Education and Advocacy League (IDEAL)

Organisation

Project Achievements



ELDERLY

Fu Hong Society

“Dialogue between Life and Death” Education Project



Preparation work including recruitment of a project coordinator and establishment of a professional working group, and design of training kits and menu, have been completed. Training workshops for service users, caregivers and professional staff have been implemented and will continue to be delivered in the coming six months. Cemetery counselling and tours will start in the next six months.

Int'l Church of the Foursquare Gospel - H.K. District Ltd.

Pain Control Program for the Elderly



This project has provided 163 elderly people who suffer from chronic pain with various kinds of services, including pain assessment, pain palliative care, home-based treatment programme and group cognitive behaviour therapy. Phase four of the project will serve an addition of 40 elderly people.

WWCWDHK, Chung Hok Elderly Centre

i.M.Smart



Over 800 elderly people took part in training workshops and photo-taking days to learn to use smart devices to connect with the society.

Senior Citizen Home Safety Association

On My Way Home



100 underprivileged elderly aged 60 or above who suffer from various health problems have been sponsored with Mobile Link, a mobile device which allows instance access of emergency assistance and personal caring services from the SCHSA's 24-hour Call and Care Centre.

Hong Kong Alzheimer's Disease Association

3 Es Program for People with Dementia



Two public talks about Alzheimer's Disease have been held, during which on-site screening was conducted. Since October 2015, nearly 300 elderly people with early symptoms of dementia have received comprehensive assessment conducted by occupational therapist, social worker or nurse.



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Youth Diabetes Action



OSC/UBS NGO LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

In 2015, The Department of Social Work of The Chinese University of Hong Kong began collaborating with OSC and leading investment bank UBS in the provision of an integrated NGO Leadership Programme. The initiative's ultimate objective is the attracting of executives and managers of small to mid-size Hong Kong-based NGOs plus companies who are passionately interested in contributing to the social sector.

The resultant nine-month programme is made up of multidisciplinary training and mentoring aimed at fostering an environment where participants can further develop their management skills. In doing so, it is hoped that participants are able to benefit from fresh perspectives on how best to advance and evolve community initiatives.

A total of 26 supporters took part in the March – October 2016 programme:

- Modules:
1. Service Model Development and Evaluation
 2. Resource and Planning Management
 3. Media and Communications
 4. Final Project Presentation

A project that customised a vending machine to sell basic necessities such as sugar and rice at an affordable price was selected as the best of all submitted proposals and was granted the HK\$1,000,000 OSC/UBS funding it needed to reach fruition.

BENEFICIARIES' STORIES



Providing children with cures for Thalassaemia Children's Thalassaemia Foundation



Poor little Kei Kei needed to undergo monthly blood transfusion, and at the same time, iron chelation with subcutaneous injection for 8 to 10 hours every day to sustain life.



With the funding from OSC, Children's Thalassaemia Foundation was able to financially support Kei Kei to undergo a stem cell transplantation and cure him from the disease.

Kei Kei is a four-year-old boy who has suffered from Thalassaemia Major since he was born. He had severe anemia in infancy and required monthly blood transfusion for survival and well-being. Unfortunately, repeated blood transfusion inevitably lead to excessive iron deposition in his body, which could cause organ failure especially of the liver, spleen and heart. As a result, poor little Kei Kei needed to undergo monthly blood transfusion, and at the same time, iron chelation with subcutaneous injection for 8 to 10 hours every day to sustain life.

In order to become free from life-long medical treatments, and more importantly, to cure the disease, haematopoietic stem cell transplantation is the only way out for Kei Kei. To the delight of Kei Kei and his family, a suitable donor with HLA-matched unrelated haematopoietic stem cells was found. However, the family was not able to afford the enormous medical fees of the transplantation, which is not eligible for government subsidy.

Feeling helpless for not being able to seize this

rare but expensive opportunity, Kei Kei's family approached the Children's Thalassaemia Foundation for help. The Foundation, with funding from Operation Santa Claus, was able to support Kei Kei for the medical fees.

In 2016, Kei Kei underwent the stem cell transplantation successfully. "My little boy is now recovering gradually. I am so grateful for the support given to us by Operation Santa Claus, which allows Kei Kei to live a healthy and joyful life like the other kids do. Thank you so much," said Kei Kei's father.

Inspiring young girls to pursue STEM The Women's Foundation



Alisa, 12, has always had a strong passion in art and design, especially in graphic design and visual arts. However, her relatively conservative mother convinced her not to pursue her interests, because her mother believes that girls are better suited for humanities subjects like languages or literature, and should choose care-taking jobs. She did not agree with her mother, though.

Recently, Alisa came across The Women's Foundation's Girls Go Tech programme sponsored by Operation Santa Claus at school. She was intrigued by how it encourages young girls to think independently and explore different career options. So she enrolled in the programme and was prepared to get inspired.

Alisa actively took part in various workshops, company visits and an inter-school IT Challenge. Not only did she learn basic coding skills and get updates on the latest technology trends, but she also had a chance to explore relevant career options throughout the programme.

"When an out-of-school art club I belong to needed to create a new website, I was very proud to be able to help with my newly found knowledge in coding, and share my experience with other people. This also makes me realise that coding is widely applicable in daily life. It is not something distant or abstract."

"More importantly, the programme has reinforced my belief and confidence in challenging gender stereotypes relating to career choices," said Alisa. "I am now more prepared than ever to pursue a career that I am truly passionate about."



Alisa and her classmates truly enjoyed the workshops that empower them with basic coding and computer skills.



The programme also include presentations and competitions to nurture students' non-cognitive skills such as problem solving skills and analytical skills, and increase their confidence around STEM subjects.



Company visits and industry sharings allow programme participants, including Alisa, to get a taste of the diverse array of career opportunities available in the technology industry.



Realising the fencing dreams of underprivileged students InspiringHK Sports Foundation

Wallace is one of the students in the Tuen Mun FENCING Inspires! class organised by InspiringHK Sports Foundation. From a humble background, eight-year-old Wallace has never imagined he would have the opportunity to wear a mask, wield a sword and fence on stage.

Every applicant of the fencing class is required to go through a series of screenings, which comprises an interview, an attitude test and a financial assistance eligibility test. Wallace prepared very seriously for his interview. He did his best to prepare for any possible questions and practiced with his father many times. He was so anxious that he couldn't sleep well the night before the interview. He has a real interest in fencing, but was held back as he couldn't afford the expensive equipment and classes; moreover, he couldn't join normal fencing classes due to asthma. So he wanted to seize this unique opportunity to realise his dream badly.

In the end, his hard work paid off – InspiringHK was impressed by Wallace's determination and passion,

and selected him as one of the students. Wallace promised to demonstrate perseverance and a positive attitude throughout the course.

Unfortunately, during the training period, Wallace was injured at home and suffered from hand fractures. He had to stop training for two months in order to fully recover. However, this didn't stop Wallace from pursuing his fencing dream. He insisted on attending the fencing class as an observer, treasuring every opportunity to improve his skills and become a good fencer.

Wallace is a passionate and determined student who once lacked a chance. With the support from Operation Santa Claus and InspiringHK, his fencing dream came true.

"I am deeply thankful for this invaluable opportunity," said Wallace. "I want to excel in fencing. I hope that one day I could make use of my skills to relieve the burden of my family."



Wallace has a real interest in fencing, but was held back as he couldn't afford the expensive equipment and classes. Thanks to Operation Santa Claus, he is now able to pursue his dream.



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Helping the elderly to integrate into modern society Chung Hok Elderly Centre

Simon, 78, is one of the first few participants of the Operation Santa Claus-sponsored i.M.Smart programme at Chung Hok Elderly Centre in 2015, and since then, he has become an active member of the elderly centre.

The i.M.Smart programme offers elderly people the opportunity to learn how to navigate smart tablets and use the tablets to take and edit photos, read news and play games. But it is not as simple as it may seem, it has a social mission to address – elderly people are faced with loneliness and low self-esteem after retirement; the programme aims to help the elderly re-integrate into the society and change people's attitudes towards them.

"I want to learn more and catch up with today's society," said Simon. "I may be old in age but I am certainly not weak. I don't want the younger generation label me as old-fashioned or useless."

Simon took part in various smart tablet workshops. He also participated in the elderly centre's Children Fun Day, showcasing his digital skills to and playing games with kids near his neighborhood. He had a great time enjoying himself not only because he was able to share what he has learnt, but also because he bonded very well with the kids when playing the "Fruit Ninja" game together. The kids were simply amazed by how Simon was able to master the smart tablet game so well.

Simon also volunteered as a photographer in the centre's events, making good use of the smart tablet and his photo-taking and editing skills. "I was able to make new friends while volunteering, and my friends love the photos I take. I feel proud," said Simon.

"Thank you Operation Santa Claus for making this happen," Simon continued. "I was able to learn, share, volunteer and make new friends. Moreover, the i.M.Smart programme encouraged me to take part in more upcoming activities at the elderly centre. I am now enjoying my retirement life."



Simon took part in Chung Hok Elderly Centre's i.M.Smart programme to learn how to navigate smart tablets and use the tablets to take and edit photos, read news and play games.



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HOW WE SELECT FUNDING PROJECTS

OSC's Selection Committee provides funding grants of up to HK\$1,000,000 for the specially selected deserving causes it deems as being capable of creating positive (i.e. physical, social, or environmental) change in the lives of disadvantaged people in Hong Kong and Mainland China. In selecting each year's beneficiaries, OSC tends to favour smaller charities whose initiatives generally operate without help from the government or other large patrons.

How does OSC select each year's beneficiary projects?

- We make grants to projects that we are convinced will either have an impact or make a meaningful difference in disadvantaged people's lives
- Project criteria:
 - (1) Either directly serve or impact needy people in Hong Kong or China in key areas such as: Children and Youth, Community, the Elderly, those suffering from Physical and Mental disabilities, plus various Medical and Environmental issues.
 - (2) Create a sustainable impact that extends well beyond the funding period.
 - (3) Demonstrate proven cost effectiveness.
 - (4) Promise extremely positive potential impacts on the community including social and/or environmental aspects, plus programme reach, duration, intensity and evaluation methods.
 - (5) Exhibit an innovative approach to resolving community issues.
 - (6) Incorporate measures to ensure accountability and transparency as well as demonstrate the commitment and determination needed to see through OSC-funded projects.
- Every time our Selection Committee designates a beneficiary, the WiseGiving team at the Hong Kong Council of Social Service ("HKCSS") will carry out a thorough due diligence test on OSC's behalf. During this process, HKCSS will ask individual beneficiaries about their organisation, board structure, financial accountability and transparency to the public. Potential beneficiaries must also be able to outline the steps they are taking to minimise the likelihood of any possible conflicts of interest.

- OSC's Steering Committee strongly believes that all projects involving the raising of either awareness or funds must not only be – but also be seen to be – 100% honest and above board. Ultimately, it is not only the reputations of OSC, the SCMP and RTHK that are at stake, but also those of each year's beneficiaries.

OSC Grant Cycle

1. Each June, potential beneficiary organisations are invited to submit a grant application.
2. OSC's Selection Committee then reviews shortlisted beneficiaries' proposals.
3. Every applicant is notified of the result of their application that September.
4. Each year's annual OSC fundraising campaign runs from November to January the following year.
5. Funds are disbursed to each year's designated beneficiaries in March.
6. OSC staff then monitor, evaluate and learn from each project until its completion.

How does OSC monitor beneficiary projects?

- Every OSC beneficiary must submit a mid-term and/or a final report detailing their funded project's desired objectives and progress outcomes.
- Each beneficiary must also make a presentation outlining their project's achievements to OSC's Steering Committee

Following the starting of individual projects, OSC staff will periodically visit each beneficiary to obtain updates and arrange progress monitoring meetings.

LOOKING AHEAD



2017 will mark the 30th anniversary of the first ever OSC. In moving forwards, OSC's Steering and Selection Committees will continue to do everything possible to minimise costs. We will also continue to do our utmost to leverage the unique status of both SCMP and RTHK as much-needed platforms for less well known charity organisations.

The coming years will see OSC continue to do its utmost to begin engaging still more corporate and community donors and members of the public. As always, our over-riding objective remains not only the raising of funds but also awareness of deserving causes.

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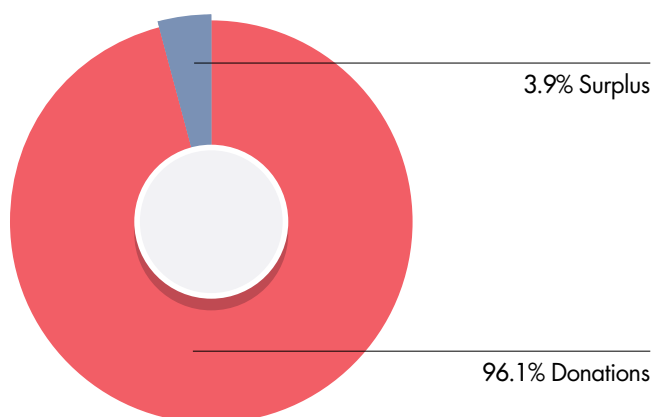
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ANOTHER **SUCCESSFUL** YEAR!

- Operation Santa Claus raised a total of HK\$16,196,000 despite increased uncertainty about the external financial and economic situation. 90 per cent of the donations came from businesses and individuals. 23 grants totaling HK\$15,073,000 were allocated in 2016 for our selected beneficiaries.
- As always, OSC's Steering Committee was scrupulous in keeping administration and fundraising expenses to a minimum of around 3.6 per cent. As a result, well over 94 per cent of contributors' donations will be used to directly benefit those who need it most.
- For further details, please see OSC's full audit report to be published online in October 2017.

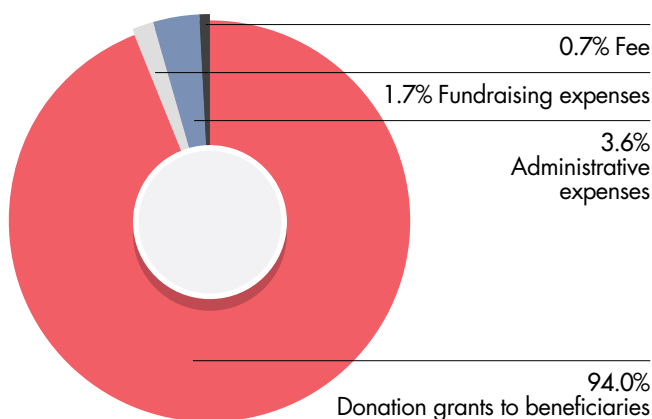


TOTAL INCOME:

HK\$ 16,196,000

INCOME:

ITEMS	HK\$ ('000)	%
Donations	15,562	96.1
Surplus	634	3.9
TOTAL	16,196	100



TOTAL EXPENDITURE:

HK\$ 16,012,000

EXPENDITURE:

ITEMS	HK\$ ('000)	%
Donation grants to beneficiaries	15,073	94.0
Fundraising expenses	266	1.7
Administrative expenses	575	3.6
Fee	98	0.7
TOTAL	16,012	100

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CRIME

EX-BOSS OF CARE HOME HELD OVER SEX ATTACK

Former director of residential care organisation has been in the centre of controversy concerning sexual abuse of patients with mental disabilities.

By Alan Chan in Hong Kong

The former executive director of a Hong Kong care organisation has been charged with sexual assault after a woman with a mental disability alleged she was raped by him.

Chung Kwok, 50, who has been in the industry for more than 20 years, was charged with sexual assault after a woman with a mental disability alleged she was raped by him. The woman, who is now 25, was at the time of the alleged assault a patient of a care home run by Chung's organisation.

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Paralympic equestrian athlete Natsuko Tori, training at Tsuen Wan Public Riding School, says she "will be riding for life, with or without a medal". Photo: Felix Wong

Courageous rider sits tall in the equestrian saddle

Paralympic performer determined to 'walk on' in a sport that she loves

By Felix Wong
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"Walk on" may be the words of encouragement Paralympic equestrian athlete Natsuko Tori has given to her horse, but they are also words she has followed for the past 15 years of her sporting journey.

The 38-year-old retired policy from government work, was soon back to her twice-weekly training routine after returning from the Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro in September.

Despite not bagging any medals from the two dressage events for which she qualified, the love for her sport of equestrian and ponydom is unchanged.

"I will be riding for life, with or without a medal," said Tori, who began at the age of 16.

Her condition impaired her limb movements and hand and eye coordination, but her body responded well after training in dressage, which requires the rider to cooperate with their horse to make it walk, trot, canter or



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perform complex movements such as going round in small circles or even skips, to give the impression they are dancing.

"Without riding, I would perhaps be less tough and be troubled by what my body could not do. Instead of being so optimistic," said Tori, who finished the paragon in dressage at the 2012 London Paralympics.

Once barely able to walk properly, Tori attended the Rio Paralympics opening parade "on foot", adding she now only pretends after riding for an hour.

Harrop to Rio was funded by the Riding for the Disabled Association through Operation Santa Claus—a fundraising organisation by the South China Morning Post and RTHK.

Having competed at the Paralympics for the second time, Tori said she was less nervous than

before but underperformed as her four-legged partner lost focus. "But it was also my responsibility to make [the horse] understand my instructions. Both of us tried our best," she said, adding she had no regrets at being the only equestrian representative in individual equestrian event at Rio.

"Horses are like human beings. They sometimes have dark temper, too... and at times they don't want to practice, just like when I have my bad days," she said. "But I will communicate with the horse, using my eyes and body language, showing it encouragement, and then it will walk on."

Tori, who is now in her fourth year at secondary school, began to become a trainer in horse riding as a sports psychologist.

"I received a lot of help from my trainer and psychologist. My horse riding dream would be impossible without their support. I want to make that same impact on other people."

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Regulation lagging for those who buy online

By Alan Chan in Hong Kong

The government is struggling to keep up with the rapid growth of online shopping, which has led to a number of problems for consumers.

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TENDER BAN FOR SECRET WANG CHAU DATA LEAK

Construction temporarily banned from bids after disclosing proprietary and employment figures

By Rachel Stanley

A government construction tendering ban has been imposed on the contractor and design consultant involved in disclosing confidential data to the media.

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Looking up them lefts are Mini Tung and Jacyin Leung from the Art in Hospital charity. Photo: Felix Wong

Art gives voice to suffering youngsters

By Rachel Stanley

"One child came to us and was very quiet, but then she created a collage with lots of positive words and said she wanted to revise her childhood."

Mini Tung, art therapist for the Art in Hospital charity, was explaining the experience of the Buddy project, which this year will receive about HK\$320,000 from Operation Santa Claus to support children with a range of mental health conditions.

Some are suffering from bipolar disorder or schizophrenia, but many are struggling with depression and anxiety, particularly around school exam time. At Hong Kong Baptist University, where they encourage them to express their feelings through music, painting, poetry and journal writing.

They report that many teenagers particularly enjoy using their smartphones to create art, which is no surprise given the city's obsession with them. Jacyin Leung, the charity's assistant manager, said doctors had reported a change in behaviour.



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specifically in how communicative they were both during and following a session. "The medical staff tell us the patients will talk more in the workshop than they normally do," she said.

Tung believed the workshops served as an important stress reliever and gave participants a chance to express themselves. "A lot of the time, they feel trapped in their lives," she said. "They make their own choices as art. We give them a sense of empowerment."

Art in Hospital, founded in April 1993 and based in Wan Chai, has been running the Art in My

Buddy workshops for three years with support from Operation Santa Claus. The annual fundraiser is organised by the Star and ILL.

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CITY BEAT TARMY TAM

Now put yourself in the shoes of Beijing for oath-taking saga

If politicians don't they may come across with more trouble on their heads with central government

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Do ahead, don't do this, say
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Democracy is a word that has been used in many different ways. It can mean a system of government where the people have a say in the running of the country. It can also mean a system of government where the people have a say in the running of their own lives. The word is often used to describe a system of government where the people have a say in the running of the country, but it can also be used to describe a system of government where the people have a say in the running of their own lives.



A person sitting at a desk with a computer monitor.

TRAFFIC

Minibus driver nabbed over fatal crash

By [Name]
[Email]

A minibus driver was arrested on Tuesday after a fatal crash on a road in the New Territories. The driver, who was 45 years old, was charged with driving recklessly and causing death by dangerous driving.

The crash occurred on Tuesday morning at about 7.30am. The minibus was travelling from the New Territories to the Kowloon Peninsula. It was involved in a head-on collision with a car. The car driver was killed.

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Outward Bound Hong Kong community projects officer (from left) Karin Chan, Tommy Fain and Mic Chea. Photo: Edmund So

DISABLED EMBARK ON A LIFE-CHANGING JOURNEY

Many young people suffering disabilities are too afraid to leave home, so Outward Bound Hong Kong is offering them an kayaking expeditions.

By [Name]
[Email]

An outdoor adventure company is offering young disabled people the chance to enjoy a life-changing kayaking expedition.

Outward Bound Hong Kong has launched its Adaptive Journeys programme as part of Operation Santa Claus, the Pw's annual fundraising campaign in collaboration with RBC.

The not-for-profit organisation, founded in 1941 and based in Sai Kung, has started a small, co-educational, one-day programme for 12 people twice annually over three years. Participants will be taken on a five-day kayaking journey through the wilderness. Pw's

in this, they attend four days of confidence building workshops.

Outward Bound's instructors have so far trained two courses with a visually impaired group.

Tuesday, 19th, community project officer, said some participants told him they previously felt their disability was a burden on society so they stopped looking for any more.

"Some of them are scared to get out of the house without a helper," he said. "It is now coming to a point where they are not afraid to leave home."

Blind participant Yim Pui Fai said he was apprehensive at first but then enjoyed the trip. "I never thought those few days could be so wonderful," he said. "I felt fortunate that I chose to step out of my door on the first day. I can honestly say this was an experience money cannot buy."

Outward Bound hopes it can eventually expand the course to many other groups a year, depending on resources, with one course costing about HK\$300,000.

to run. The organisation is not only marginally more than a course for able-bodied people, as the additional cost in providing extra staff and ensuring they are given established training.

Kevin Fung, head of operations, said they had worked hard to adapt its adventure programme for disabled participants, including buying modified boats.

"We are very excited that it is stepping into new territory," he said. "We are hoping to give people with disabilities the opportunity that other people have."

Outward Bound's programme is aimed at those aged 16 to 25. It is a full-day trip, with the main requirement being that they can swim over independently in the water while wearing a life jacket.

Each participant's trip cost is covered by the course, which gives participants improved self-esteem.

"It is not really about the activity itself, it is about what you learn from it," he said. "There is a huge amount of their own potential to realise, which they do not have the opportunity to test in real life."



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Joseph Lau tells of kidney transplant, hours of mahjong

In the wake of Sunday announcements, tycoon returns as grateful of being 'graciously treated'

Joseph Lau

By Alan Chan

Highly successful tycoon Joseph Lau, who has been in Hong Kong since 1982, is a successful businessman. He has been involved in many businesses, including real estate, and has been a member of the Legislative Council. He is also a philanthropist and has donated to many charities.



Even you give her HK\$100 billion, she will still betray me for HK\$1

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HEALTH

Mosquito control in place at Yuen Long village after man treated for Zika virus

By Alan Chan

Yuen Long Village

Yuen Long Village, a small village in the New Territories, has been the focus of mosquito control efforts after a man was treated for Zika virus. The village is located in a rural area and has a population of about 1,000 people.

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Mosquito control is in place at the Yuen Long village. Photo: Alan Chan

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From left, Mida from Indonesia; Thaisana from Thailand; and Annalen from the Philippines, at the Sheng Wan refuge, where guests have a chance to learn new skills. Photo: Felix Hong

MIGRANT CHARITY OFFERS CRISIS LIFELINE FOR DOMESTIC HELPERS

Bethune House Migrant Women's Refuge not only provides emergency food and shelter for those in legal limbo, but also strives to pass on life skills

Rachel Murphy
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Domestic helper Annalen Dico, a 36-year-old Filipino, has been sacked by her employer, a local Chinese family, after taking a trip home in September to visit her sick mother in hospital.

Friends advised her to seek help from Bethune House Migrant Women's Refuge. The charity, a subsidiary of Operation Santa Claus, supports domestic helpers in times of crisis, providing them with emergency food and accommodation.

In Shau Kei Wan, at one of the charity's two branches, she shares a room with several other women facing similar troubles, including domestic abuse by their employers. They have been waiting to have their cases heard at a tribunal or criminal court.

"It is a mess," Dico said tearfully. "Some of my previous employers were not like this."

She said that while she was employed by the family, the mother was "always looking at me" with her work and appeared jealous of her close relationship



Annalen Dico says the charity never turns away those in need of help.

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charity, which employs just a few full-time workers and is supported by volunteers, never turned people away even if they referred them to other charities or NGOs.

She said they took a "holistic approach" to their clients' well-being, offering them life skills classes such as cooking and sewing during their stay.

"We encourage them to get into all these activities, because we want them to learn something," she said. "We want our service to be empowering, not just doled out."

Founded in 1981, Bethune House is the longest existing independent service provider for migrants in Hong Kong and Asia. It has formerly housed Indonesian domestic helpers, Filipino helpers, and even a few Chinese helpers.

Shenpinghui has become a leading campaigner for domestic helper rights and was featured in *Time* magazine's 100 Most Influential People in 2014.

Meanwhile, Lunnie has gone on to chair the International Migrants Alliance and even gave a speech about the plight of the world's migrants to the United Nations General Assembly this year.

Antonio hopes the charity, which offers a maximum of 10 spaces in Indian and 14 spaces in Shau Kei Wan if the women share beds, will eventually be able to rent a bigger shelter.

But she stressed that money was always tight.

"We rely on donations and grants," she said. "They're not easy to come by."



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US Congress urged to speak up for city autonomy

By Alan Chan

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ACCENT ON FUN AND ADVENTURE FOR YOUNG ENGLISH LEARNERS

Youth charity uses games and activities to help underprivileged children get to grips with the language and improve their prospects in life

Michael Murphy
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Little Lai Kwok-sing wants to make English lessons fun again.

The director of charity organisation FHL Adventure Education Centre, based in Cheung Sha Wan, believes many Hong Kong schools are failing to get their students speaking English fluently, and it is holding them back in almost all areas of their lives.

His organisation, inspired by the 19th century philanthropic Catholic priest Don Bosco, has launched a programme that combines English learning with games and activities to give underprivileged children a better chance of mastering the language.

A Step Towards Your New Life aims to train 180 young adults and 2,000 primary school children. It will receive almost HK\$559,000 from Operation Santa Claus - the annual charity fundraising organised by the South China Morning Post and EBC - to run activities between November and August next year. The adults, aged 18 to 25, will then be expected to develop a high enough proficiency of English to allow them to teach younger children on future courses.

Each participant will be charged a nominal fee of about HK\$100, which Lai said he hoped low-income families, particularly those from ethnic minorities, would be able to afford.

The former camp site programme officer said he wished there was a demand of English as good as his son's, a teacher, so that he could feel more confident in his professional life.

"I am really devoted to my mission," he said. "I am Chinese so I really want to learn, because my English is not good. I thought it was important to do this. Sometimes I have to try to use my body language to communicate."

"Sometimes children don't understand what I'm saying. I would've liked to have had a program like this when I was younger."

Last year Hong Kong fell two places on the EF Education First's English Proficiency Index, ranking 32nd out of 70 countries. In 2011 the city ranked No 12.

The trend has prompted some parents to pay for their children to have private English tutoring, as local schools tend to concentrate mostly on Chinese.

Alex Mui, director of online tutoring service Smoosh English, is collaborating with FHL Adventure Education Centre.

The former primary school teacher said he was shocked to discover Hong Kongers who described their education system as a "lower-making factory", because those who did not pass exams were often blocked from pursuing good careers.

"The level of English has deteriorated in Hong Kong," he said. "We want to give children a way of learning English that is not just through exams."

Mui's colleague Mandy Lau said her experience of failing the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education exam, before passing it at the 10th attempt, meant she felt compelled to help those struggling with their English.

"I hope that they can improve their level of English and improve their quality of life," she said.



Alex Mui, Carly Lai and Mandy Lau are joining hands to help the underprivileged. Photo: News Lens



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ON SECOND THOUGHT
ELIZABETH WONG

We must have hope for the sake of our next generation

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TRIBUTE

His Pan Au died after a violent fight against cancer in Bangkok on October 20th, 2016. He leaves a beloved husband of 32 years, Theresa, and four children: Margaret, David, Nick, Nicholas, Richard, Thomas and David, and grandchildren: Sandra, as well as grandchildren: Ellen and Sarah, Peter and Alex, Catherine and Helen, and four great-grandchildren: Douglas, Cecilia and Andrew. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and also to his wife's kids and their two sons but as well as his own sons, nephews, grandsons and great-grandsons. He was a gentle and devoted wife, loving mother and more and more loved Theresa and his work was in the administration of the "new world", his business. The family followed a period of following Theresa's cancer some more time. Throughout, he was the husband who took Theresa and the children could rely on the greatest gentleman, honest and advice, honest and honest making that many things have achieved over the decades. He will be forever missed by his extraordinary working, great father, son, son, son, son, son and grandson. He is missing in peace and love for parents, Nick, Peter and Alex, and his four grandchildren, to be sure.

A memorial service will be held on:

Thursday, December 15th, 2016, 11:00am
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Funeral service will be held at St. John's Church, 118 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong, on 18 November 2016 at 2 pm.

Reception in the hall of St. John's Church, 118 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong, on 18 November 2016 at 2 pm.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Hong Kong.

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CITY

DEVELOPMENT



Demolition of the Wu Nan Temple has triggered a series of protests by villagers in the village of Wu Nan, near the border of Hong Kong and China.

VILLAGERS WANT TO BE MOVED AHEAD OF 'DISRUPTIVE' WORK

Residents of Wu Nan Temple say they will leave the site to make way for a new temple, but want to be moved ahead of 'disruptive' work.

By [Name]

Residents of a Hong Kong village are protesting against the government's plan to demolish the Wu Nan Temple, a 100-year-old building, to make way for a new temple. The villagers say they want to be moved ahead of the 'disruptive' work.

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CITY BEAT
TANNY TAN

Handshakes offer no firm grip on Beijing's chief executive choice

Beijing's chief executive choice, Li Keqiang, has been seen shaking hands with several potential successors, but it is unclear if this is a sign of a firm grip on the position. The article discusses the political maneuvering and the uncertainty surrounding the choice of the next leader.

ENVIRONMENT

New leader in battle against illegal wildlife trade

China's new leader, Xi Jinping, has vowed to crack down on the illegal wildlife trade, which has been a major focus of his administration.

By [Name]

China's new leader, Xi Jinping, has vowed to crack down on the illegal wildlife trade, which has been a major focus of his administration. He has appointed a new leader to head the effort.

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OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

Students turn green after learning facts of waste

Kwong Ka
Ling, 10 years old

Being environmentally friendly is now part of the daily lives of two Sha Tin students who spent months on green activities.

Rachel Lai Ka-ching, 16, from the International Christian School, and Fok Jing-chen, 15, from Sha Tin College, spent 10 weeks learning about aspects of conservation in their community.

"Then we were able to make a real difference in our lives and we hope our peers will be inspired in the way we were," Jing-chen said.

They were among 100 secondary students to take part in this year's Nature Works Hong Kong Environmental Education and Leadership Programme. The programme aims to inspire students to take action on environmental issues.



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Rachel Lai and Fok Jing-chen
Think green, Help Others' Christmas

Rachel now also recycles used bottles and Jing-chen recently used the second-hand clothes. The programme aims to inspire students to take action on environmental issues.

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Dr Ian Fung, co-founder of Health in Action, wants more community-based health projects so ethnic minorities do not even have to go to doctors. Photo: James Chen

HEALTH CHARITY IS JUST THE TONIC FOR ETHNIC MINORITIES

Group helps South Asians overcome barriers as diabetes, obesity and heart conditions take their toll

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Rachel Blaney
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Ethnic minorities are increasingly developing preventable chronic health problems but face significant barriers to accessing health care, a charity has warned.

South Asians in particular are living with levels of diabetes, obesity and heart conditions, partly because of their high fat diets, Health in Action said.

The humanitarian organisation is in its line to receive about HK\$250,000 from Operation Santa Claus, the annual fundraising campaign by the South China Morning Post and SCMP Charitable Ltd.

The group's health programmes targeted at ethnic minorities.

It aims to provide support for 500 patients in two years, but hopes those who benefit will be significantly larger if beneficiaries go on to educate family members about their health.

Funding will also enable the charity to carry out related advocacy and research in collaboration with health professionals and academics.

Charity co-founder Dr Ian Fung works as a surgeon in Hong Kong but has also served with organisations including the Hong Kong Red Cross and Medicines Sans Frontières.

He said that while he considered Hong Kong to have one of the best health care systems in the world, he thought from generally only non-ethnic Chinese.

"The medical system is in English, but accessibility is a concern," he said. "I think (ethnic minorities) need more in their own language. And their health problems often come at a cost, so I want to do more to help them."

Recent statistics show the charity faces a huge challenge: 22 per cent of the city's 6.1 million South Asians continue to live in poverty

even after policy intervention, according to a 2015 report.

Fung said there was a necessity among the South Asian community to consider themselves healthy if they were physically still able to work.

"I want more community-based health projects so those people do not even have to come

to doctors," he said. "It is about taking a preventative approach."

The programme has been off since 2010, but Fung said it was

aimed for being to support ethnic minorities seeking health care.

Writing in her 2015 research paper *Southern Ethnic Minorities in Hong Kong 1997-2014*, Patsy Kwan, director of the Centre for Comparative and Public Law at the University of Hong Kong, said the "language barrier" was the main hurdle for ethnic minorities.

"Whilst the population of ethnic minorities continues to grow in Hong Kong, the government has paid insufficient attention to the problems faced by ethnic minorities in terms of equal accessibility to health care services," she wrote.

Kwan said Health in Action's project co-ordinator, said the government had historically considered extra language support for ethnic minorities as "culturally insensitive".

"But for us, we believe everyone should be able to access a good standard of health care," she said.



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ECONOMY

Whampoa retail woes after MTR high

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Speech therapist Winnie Leung-Sor-wing encourages James Cheung to use his communication skills at the Rainbow Project. Photo: David Wong

THERAPY BRINGS WORDS OF JOY FROM CHILDREN

Young autism sufferers may now receive affordable timely treatment thanks to the Rainbow Project and your kind donations

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Like every parent, Mrs. Cheung wants her son to "live a happy life". But for nine-year-old James, the learning curve is steeper than most. He was diagnosed with medium-functioning autism with a particular weakness in speech when he was five.

"He was not able to walk until two, and he could not hold his head up when sitting," Cheung, who prefers not to reveal her full name, said of her son. He was first assessed to have developmental delays with autistic tendencies also at the age of two.

"He could not articulate clearly and could not speak in sentences. When I could not understand him, both of us got very frustrated with each other," Cheung recalled.

Autism had to wait two years after initial test results for another round of government-subsidised child assessment, which eventually diagnosed him as autistic.

Keith Lee, director of the Rainbow Project, a non-profit organisation offering special education and therapeutic services to autistic children, said James' case of nearly three years' treatment was delayed due to limited public resources for those with special educational needs.

"The golden years for autistic kids to receive training are from

2 to 4 years old. Once a child is diagnosed, training should start because the earlier they receive training, the higher chance they have of integrating into mainstream schools," he said.

Cheung, who quit her job to take care of James, said the family could not afford to enrol him at private centres for speech therapy after subsidised treatment ended when he turned six.

He currently attends primary school like 4,420 other autistic children in the city. However, thanks to Operation Santa Claus, the annual fund-raiser organised by the South China Morning Post and RTHK, James is now able to attend weekly 45-minute speech therapy sessions at the Rainbow Project centre in Sai Yag Poon for HK\$170 per class - a fifth of the full fee.

In the coming year, Operation Santa Claus will subsidise 35 low-income families to receive autistic children receive regular therapy sessions at the centre.

"Our mission is to close the gap in government services, so that low-income families get an equal opportunity to provide timely treatment for their children," Lee said.

As for James, he is now learning how to tell a story and express himself through one-on-one sessions with a speech therapist using picture cards and toys.

"He has become much happier. Now I can understand simple sentences from him telling me what he did at school and what he would like to eat," Cheung said with a smile.

"I am looking forward to him writing the story and poem in the future."



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Beloved wife of HENRY T. K. TSANG, brother of ERIC and PATRICK, mother-in-law of CATHERINE and MELINA, grandmother of TREVY, PRESTON and ETHAN, passed away peacefully on November 14, 2016.

The family thanks to the staff at the Intensive Care Unit at Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

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Ben-Hua is a stack of wrapped toys and gifts for Operation Santa Claus. The toys are wrapped in clear plastic and are stacked in a large pile. Photo: Victor Wong

TUTORING CENTRES RAIDED IN CUSTOMS COPYRIGHT STING

Parents made after teaching centre caught using illegally copied books in its 11-day foray

By Victor Wong

A Hong Kong customs raid on teaching centres in the city has resulted in the seizure of thousands of books and the arrest of two people. The raid, which took place over an 11-day period, was part of a larger operation to combat copyright infringement in the education sector.

Customs officers raided several teaching centres in the city, finding thousands of books that had been copied without permission. The books were found in storage rooms and classrooms. The officers also seized several computers and other electronic equipment.

The raid was part of a larger operation to combat copyright infringement in the education sector. Customs officers are working to protect the rights of authors and publishers by stopping the sale and use of illegal copies.

The officers also found several books that had been copied from foreign publishers. The books were found in storage rooms and classrooms. The officers also seized several computers and other electronic equipment.

FINANCES

Decision on appeal by pair in oaths saga within days

By Victor Wong

The Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal has agreed to hear an appeal by a pair of men who were fined for swearing oaths in English. The men, who are of Chinese descent, were fined for using English words that are not commonly used in the local context.

The court is expected to make a decision on the appeal within a few days. The men are hoping to have their fines overturned, as they believe the court should not be too strict in its interpretation of the law.

COURTS

Flat sale fraudster raked in HK\$2.7m

By Victor Wong

A Hong Kong court has sentenced a man to prison for his role in a large-scale flat sale fraud. The man, who was 40 years old at the time of the trial, was found guilty of conspiring to defraud several buyers of flats.

The man was sentenced to a term of imprisonment. The court found that he had used a variety of tactics to lure buyers into the fraud, including offering them unusually low prices for the flats.

The fraudster had managed to raise a total of HK\$2.7 million from the sale of the flats. The court is now considering whether to order the man to repay the money to the victims.

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

Storytelling group brings kids and the elderly together

The Hans Andersen Club looks to recruit senior citizens after receiving HK\$1 million donation

By Victor Wong

When Kay Lai-yan, 70, picked up a parcel and started telling a story, her audience quickly grew from a few children to more than 100.

Kay has been telling stories and entertaining youngsters at the Hans Andersen Club in Wong Tai Sin for more than 10 years. The non-profit, which is dedicated to the development of children through storytelling, is now looking to implement a programme where senior citizens can volunteer to tell stories at local kindergartens.

With a HK\$1 million donation from Operation Santa Claus this year, the club plans on recruiting more than 100 senior citizens volunteers in Tuen Mun and Wong Tai Sin to tell stories to more than 1,100 children at 18 locations, including various elderly centres and schools.

The charity is a beneficiary of Operation Santa Claus, an annual charity campaign jointly organised by the South China Morning Post and RTHK.

Through its programme, the organisation hopes to better connect the two generations. "Many of my friends complain that their grandchildren never talk to them. Old people can be quite unhappy when they are neglected or ignored," Kay said.

The club stories were great because through which people of different ages could learn to empathise with one another. Besides her time at the club, Kay has abundant experience in telling bedtime stories to her two grandchildren. She said children also benefit from stories told by the elderly as they learn to appreciate adult's optimism.

Kenn Lai Kai-yan, a project officer at Hans Andersen Club, said the programme aims to close the generation gap in many local families, where children, who are left at home by their working parents, struggle to form emotional connections with their grandparents.

"For many old people, this is also a learning experience," she said. "In order to be able to tell stories to children, they have to learn to control their emotions and be able to tell their own life stories."

Lai said the club would provide training for their senior volunteers before assigning them to various kindergartens.



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"Many old people feel very nervous before they start telling stories, so we put some of them in our team so that they can encourage one another."

Lai added that the elderly take tremendous pleasure in sharing their experience with the younger generation.

"They delight in introducing vintage toys and classic words such as antique candles to children," she said.

Kay, a 14-year-old grand-daughter of Kay Lai-yan, said she cherishes the storytelling sessions she had with her grandmothers as they helped make their close relationship possible.

"Stories meant a lot to me in my childhood," she said.

"That's why I am also volunteering at the Hans Andersen Club whenever I have time."



Kids enjoy hearing stories at the book club. Photo: Edward Chen

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Economic orphans reap rewards of education drive

OneSky helps children left behind in Henan villages as parents leave to work in the cities

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They may live with their kin and have living parents, but in many ways, the mainland's "left-behind" children face many of the same problems as orphans.

"When their parents leave their homes to work, the children are left behind at home for no reason," said Carmen Lau, director of development in Asia for OneSky, a non-profit group that helps vulnerable children around the world.

She explained that the parents had no choice but to leave the children - known as economic orphans - as they did not have access to education and medical insurance in the cities where their parents work.

The result was children lacked care, faced developmental problems and became introverted, Lau said.

Noticing their plight, OneSky launched an education programme in 46 villages in Henan (11th) province. One project is being supported for two years by Operation Santa Claus, which is organised by the South China Morning Post and RTHK.

Lau explained that Henan was chosen because 18.7 per cent of economic orphans in China were found in the province - one of the highest rates in the country.

With some of these villages lacking preschool facilities, while those that do tend to be more traditional and less innovative, OneSky has been building or renovating an early learning centre in each of the villages and training local teachers to work in these.

A curriculum developed by teacher Jang Jangna, a team of child development experts and

pedagogues is used in these centres, which encourages exploration and discovery for the children aged three to six.

"The teachers use things close to the children's life to teach. For example, they teach the children to count using corn kernels."

A family centre is also built in each village for caregivers to "learn how to play" with their grandchildren.

"Very often, grandparents are illiterate and have no good idea of how to do their work," Lau said. "They might not be aware of the needs of young children in their most critical years, so they just let them play alone."

At these centres, teachers teach grandparents parenting skills and how to play with toys and sing along with their grandchildren.

Lau noted that children had become more cheerful and confident, while caregivers had a greater sense of satisfaction and confidence.

Parents also benefit from the programme. "Teachers set up WeChat groups with parents, sharing what the children are learning in schools. Parents can then have a conversation with their child," she said.

The programme has also provided employment opportunities for parents so they can stay in the village.

So far, the programme has helped more than 2,400 children, their grandparents and 174 teachers involved in the programme.

Lau said she was particularly touched by how the programme brought the community together. "During a visit, I noticed grandparents using old clothes to make a basket for both the young and old to use."

"This sense of unity really touched me."

Seoul sisters



Seoul sisters, who made Hong Kong's first Christmas parade, are seen here in a group photo. They are members of the Seoul Sisters group, which was founded in 2014. Photo: SCMP

MOST CATHAY STAFF TO RECEIVE 2pc WAGE RISE

Flight attendants' union accepts increase given tough financial prospects of carrier and best amongst staff will have pay freeze

By [Name]

Flight attendants at Cathay Pacific have accepted a 2 per cent wage increase for 2017, the union said, but the best performers will have their pay frozen.

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Youngsters not minding web privacy, survey finds

Not only are they poor, but also help spread falsehoods and share data without consent

By [Name]

A survey of Hong Kong teenagers found that they were not minding web privacy, and were willing to share their data without consent.

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Carmen Lau has been promoting child development. Photo: Michael Chan

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PATH LEADS TO JOY FOR CHILDREN

Credit Suisse staff hand out presents to delighted youngsters and raise valuable funds for charity that helps migrant mothers in troubled times.

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Christmas came early this year for the needy children of some of the city's migrant mothers.

Myo Scholium, a managing director at Credit Suisse, stood up at Santa Claus at charity Pathfinders in February to hand out presents to delighted youngsters.

Scholium, visibly moved by the happiness of the children around him, said the event was about making a difference.

"We could all have grown up having the same difficulties," he said.

Every year Credit Suisse selects a charity to benefit from money raised at its annual party, and this year it expects to raise HK\$300,000 for Pathfinders.

Since 2006, the financial services company has raised funds for Operation Santa Claus, the charity campaign jointly organised by the South China Morning Post and ETHC, through migrant mothers.

We are committed to dedicating money, time and skills

LEA SARKIS, CREDIT SUISSE

It is the eighth year the Credit Suisse has partnered the campaign.

The company's General Chair, chief executive, Lea Sarkis, said the bank's giving drive has become part of Christmas tradition and, although it is not required of them, more than half of employees volunteered.

Harvey said he believed people in Hong Kong were often unaware of what others in the city had gone through.

"People don't see it, so they don't want to," he said. "So events like this give them the chance to get in touch with the community and give back."

Pathfinders was established in 2007, when co-founder Melissa Mooney of Artworks and Eylee DeLongue moved from between bars to migrant women.

Chief executive officer Kay McArdle explained that from their first four cases, the charity

had grown to help about 900 children and single mothers.

She said the women were usually career or former domestic workers, who were often badly treated by their employers.

"When they get pregnant, they get fired," McArdle said. "Then they have five weeks to find a new job, or they must leave. So they become 'illegals'; they lose their health care treatment, they lose their homes. Often they end up with no food."

She said the ultimate focus of Pathfinders is to educate both the women and the employers.

"We conduct health care, sex education, parenting and legal rights classes for the mothers," she said. "And we try to raise the awareness and kindness in the employers."

Credit Suisse vice-president Lisa Gervasi said one of the company's social philosophy objectives is education.

"We are committed to dedicating money, time and skills to the community," she said. "It's also important for the employees to see the employees involved."

Gervasi revealed that events such as the one at Pathfinders were the ones she most enjoyed attending.

Meeting the beneficiaries, seeing people's lives transformed – for one, this is the highlight of a charity campaign," she said.

McArdle said in addition to starting up the children, events like this serve as an occasion for the mothers to get together.

"Many live in isolation," she said. "Having someone asking something as simple as 'How are you?' makes a great difference."

Pathfinders provides voluntary medical, legal and psychological support to these families, McArdle said. "Their living conditions are difficult, but the children we love."

One of the charity's most recent success stories was an Indonesian Chinese boy who had not gone to school before the age of 12, had no access to medical care and no legal identity.

Pathfinders sent him to school and now he sits first in Chinese in his class," McArdle said.

This showed the resilience of children, she said, but the charity aimed to intervene earlier to give them a head start.

"We have achieved a lot thanks to Operation Santa Claus in the past," McArdle said. "I'm sure we'll do even more in the future."



Staff from Credit Suisse spread some cheer on their visit to Pathfinders, which helps migrant mothers and their children. Photo: SCMP Picture



The Woo, with a likely entry to the Underwater Robot Challenge, says pupils from Etonmore School showed great playing skills. Photo: Simon Day

Students make splash in robot challenge

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An underwater robot assembled and piloted by visually impaired students left spectators in awe as it splashed through obstacles in a pool, as a sign of a water robot.

Guided by a team of five students from the Etonmore School and the Visually Impaired Students Association, the Underwater Robot Challenge was set up to help students with special educational needs.

The competition, held in April, was organised by the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, which is gearing up for the 2017 event, with a HK\$75,000 donation from Operation Santa Claus, the annual charity campaign organised by the South China Morning Post and ETHC.

The challenge aims to bring students together through a shared love of engineering.

It is looking to recruit 40 teams for next year's competition.

Participants spend three days assembling their robots from loose components, and later transferring them to a competition series of tasks in a swimming pool.

The underwater challenges range from going through obstacles to picking up objects.

Engineering professor Tim Woo Kien-fan, an organizer of the event, said he had not found a

teamwork and piloting skills shown by the team from Etonmore at this year's event.

He said the team had employed "an effective division of labour", which empowered them to be successful in controlling the robot. One student with better vision became the "eye" of the team, handling most verbal commands by the poolside, while another with a better sense of direction was given the control that directs the robot.

One team even used sign language to issue commands to one another on how to manoeuvre the device. "It was very loud at the competition and lots of people were having a hard time hearing some noises," Woo said.

"The teamwork and communication was very successful," Woo said.

Winnifred So, a manager at the university, said a quarter of the participants were students with disabilities or special educational needs. "The message is physical disabilities do not limit them from accomplishing what they want to do," she said.

The competition also aimed to encourage students with special educational needs to pursue engineering and science.

"Many students we have come into contact with have shown interest in science and engineering," she said. "We are just giving them a little nudge to make them feel more confident."

Registration for next year's event has begun and the contest will be held on April 1-3, 2017.



Estate clash after men in black 'pick on vendors'

Court orders they clear their stalls, blocking vendors from taking their property

By [Name] [Email]

After a long legal battle, a court has ordered a group of men in black to clear their stalls, blocking vendors from taking their property.

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Struggling to find the words

Speech therapy is expensive, so without charities like Benji's Centre, children like Raymond, a six-year-old boy with autism, wouldn't be able to get help to overcome their difficulties, writes **Ben Pang**

Children with speech problems can struggle to talk to or interact with others. They have great difficulty expressing themselves. If they come from working-class families, they are unlikely to afford speech therapy in the private sector, which typically costs HK\$1,000 per session.

The current Operation Santa Claus (OSC), co-organised by South China Morning Post and RTHK, will donate money to pay for 60 children to receive one-on-one speech therapy sessions from Benji's Centre.

Set up in 2004, Benji's Centre is the first charity specialising in speech therapy. They now run two centres, in Sha Tin and Nam Cheong. These have served 2,800 children and their families, although some 150 children are still on the waiting list. There are now 11 qualified speech therapists who help children up to 16 years old.

The centre's founder Wong Ka-ning insisted that timely therapy can make a positive difference to children's lives. He explained that therapy during the golden period - before the age of six - can have a huge impact on a child's communication abilities.

The speech therapy centre was also an OSC beneficiary in 2014. With the funds raised that year, some 30 children with speech disorders were able to receive therapy. Raymond Chen, a six-year-old boy with autism, was one of them.

In 2012, when Raymond was two, his parents noticed that he hardly ever talked

to or played with other children his age. He struggled to maintain eye contact while speaking to his parents and couldn't even make simple everyday requests such as asking for food and drinks. He was later diagnosed with autism. He found it especially difficult to explain what he was feeling and interact with others.

"I was frightened and helpless because my son didn't show any emotion when talking to us," said Raymond's mother. "It was hard to see Raymond isolate himself in the classroom while his classmates were playing games like hide and seek. He easily lost his temper because we couldn't understand what he was trying to tell us."

When I saw him performing and talking on the stage, I burst into tears

Speech therapy would have helped, but Raymond's family were a typical working-class family from Sham Shui Po. They couldn't afford the expensive sessions. It looked like they would be leading a life filled with communication difficulties and frustration. But their fate changed when Raymond's kindergarten teacher introduced them to Benji's Centre. With OSC's help, he received free speech therapy there.

After finding the root of Raymond's speech disorder, the therapists then used a range of methods and treatments to improve his communication skills and relax the muscles in his mouth.

"Raymond was making good progress after one year of treatment. He could at least make eye contact with us when he spoke to us. He was also able to tell me some words that are often used in everyday life, such as cups and plates," said Raymond's mother.

But Raymond was still a little shy and struggled to express himself. The therapists encouraged him to take up the role of host in a graduation ceremony at his kindergarten last year. "He hesitated, but the therapists gave him a lot of confidence and trained him, too. When I saw him performing and talking on the stage, I burst into tears. He had become so brave and expressive. You wouldn't believe that the person on stage was someone who had always hid himself from others," said Raymond's mother.

"Who knows what would have happened if we hadn't received the funding from the OSC and the centre's treatment. Our family would have really struggled."

Wong said the government services only serves children with special needs up to age six, but some children can stay with the centre for up to nine years. "We won't let them go till they can express themselves clearly," he insisted.

Meanwhile, OSC 2016 got a big boost from activities organised by schools. These events raised HK\$350,000 for the charity drive.

The biggest donation came from Discovery Mind Kindergarten, which raised more than HK\$120,000 with its 11th annual sponsored hike.



Operation Santa Claus raised money to pay for Raymond Chen (left), a six-year-old boy with autism, to receive speech therapy from Benji's Centre. Photo: SCMP



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Lending a hand in the annual fundraising campaign for good causes, staff from Bank of East Asia (left) and staff from Bank of East Asia (right) look on. Photo: David Wong

DESERVING CAUSES TO HAPPILY BENEFIT FROM BANK INTEREST

Week packed with fun and games at BEA raises HK\$450,000 for charities in popular charity push



Carmen Lam and Rebecca Pu aid domestic helpers. Photo: Kacine Chan

Path leads to compassion for pregnant city helpers

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Unaware of their maternity rights and facing deportation, many migrant domestic workers are forced to take their pregnancies from employees and secretly give birth in their firms.

Such women are the clients of Carmen Lam, who runs PathFinders, a local charity that protects the well-being of migrant mothers and their children born in Hong Kong. The senior community development manager said these situations were avoidable if they knew their rights.

"Domestic workers enjoy the same rights as locals," she said. "They are entitled to 10 weeks of maternity leave... They only need to pay HK\$500 per day to stay in a public hospital to give birth."

With a HK\$70,000 donation from Operation Santa Claus, the annual charity campaign organized by the South China Morning Post and ITHE, PathFinders will continue to program them, including migrant workers about their maternity rights and access other health issues.

"For this project, we are aiming to target the 340,000 domestic workers in Hong Kong," Lam said. "We'll be going to NGO partners at different churches and parks to educate them."

PathFinders has gathered more than 15 local NGOs to help the programme. Lam said such workshops would provide women with two hours of free education on their maternity rights, pregnancy care, birth control, HIV, breast cancer and general health issues.

She said awareness of migrant workers' rights was weak across the city, with many people believing they were not allowed to give birth in Hong Kong.

"We don't have the statistics, but I'd say up to 80 or 90 per cent of people in this city don't know that domestic workers are entitled to maternity rights," she said.

Programme officer Rebecca Pu said such a lot of work still has to be done.

"In 2015, we received over 200 cases, which involved over 750 mothers and children," she said. "This year we anticipate an increase of more than 20 per cent in terms of our overall workload."

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Staff from the Bank of East Asia swapped their suits and ties for more colorful garments to kick off a series of charity fundraising activities over the festive period.

For the first time, the bank partnered with Operation Santa Claus (OSC), the annual charity campaign organized by the South China Morning Post and ITHE, raising about HK\$150,000 for 23 charities in the city.

Events over the course of a week included games, balloon twisting, sausage drawing and sales of sweets and tea snacks.

Executive director Adrian Li Man-kuo said supporting the campaign was also part of the bank's corporate social responsibility programs. "The programme focuses on education, social welfare, and the environment," he said.

Although the bank already worked with numerous NGOs, OSC enabled it "to reach out to a wider range of causes it could not otherwise have come into contact with."

General manager and head of human resources Maria Kato said at first employees were nervous when they entered the staff canteen, which had been rearranged to host the games.

"However, as the week progressed, the atmosphere



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because increasingly boisterous, especially on the last day, which featured team games," she said.

She added the event was a highlight of the programme for the final day, when departments competed against each other.

Li said OSC enabled staff to support valuable and interesting members of the community.

"By holding a series of activities, we helped foster the spirit of giving."

ADRIAN LI, OSC DIRECTOR

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COURTS

Fear of mistaken identity sees riot accused walk free

Thoroughbred man, who claimed he was fleeing, had to be acquitted over charges in Hong Kong

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A man charged with rioting after a series of protests in Hong Kong was acquitted on Tuesday after a judge found he was fleeing the police and was not involved in the violence.

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VIEW POINT

Washington: The new administration will have a tough time navigating its way through the complex terrain of international relations, especially in the Asia-Pacific region.

Why Beijing wants Carrie Lam for top job

MY TAKE



Beijing's interest in Carrie Lam is not just about her personal qualities, but also about her political stance. As a pro-democracy figure, she is seen as a potential bridge between the West and China.

However, the Chinese government's interest in Lam is also driven by its desire to maintain stability in Hong Kong. They see her as a potential threat to their interests.

Ultimately, the outcome of the election will depend on the balance of power between the different factions in Hong Kong and the mainland.

WHO SAID IT



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Thank You For Your Support!

Celebrating its 10th anniversary, Operation Santa Claus Five-A-Side Football Tournament kicked off on 4 December, 2016 at Stanley Ho Sports Centre, Kowloon.

The all-venue-filled day began with six junior teams to the morning tournament and H&C 3 took home the junior title. Followed by The Croucher's Club's with special needs team Hong Kong Football Club (HKFC) playing an exhibition match as in previous years.

But the fun didn't stop here, senior open side teams also a team formed by current and former Legco members faced as their books to kick the ball into the net.

After rounds of run, kick, dodge, sprint and jump, H&C 3 was crowned the Champion.

All was for a good cause, as the teams and supporters raised a sum of charity with the day's event raising an encouraging excess of HK\$250,000 to support the less fortunate in the society.

We'd like to offer our sincere gratitude to all the participating teams as well as our sponsors, referees, and organisers. We look forward to seeing you in our next fundraising event!

Operation Santa Claus HK

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AMNESTY SOUNDS ALARM ON RIGHTS

Disappearing more at its worst in nearly 20 years, groups claim, with 'enormous unexplained missing' factor

John Tsang

Human Rights Watch (HRW) has issued a report warning that Hong Kong's rights situation is at its worst in nearly 20 years, with "enormous unexplained missing" factor.

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John Tsang in dark 30 days after quitting

Despite criticism for 'badly timed' move, it is taking to decide on move by financial chief

By [Name] in [Location]

John Tsang, the former leader of the pro-democracy camp in Hong Kong, has been in a dark 30 days after quitting his post as chairman of the Financial Services Development Council (FSDC).

POLITICS

Forum radicals accused of trying to 'split country'

Beijing attack on pro-independence event causes an official protest to be held over assembly on location

By [Name] in [Location]

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CORRUPTION



ICAC Commissioner Andrew Tang (center) with Deputy Commissioner (left) and another official (right).

ICAC reshuffle 'nothing to do with probe into Leung'

By [Name] in [Location]

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It affects the opportunity for Hongkongers to understand his manifesto

By [Name] in [Location]

John Tsang's resignation as chairman of the Financial Services Development Council (FSDC) has affected the opportunity for Hongkongers to understand his manifesto.

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From left: Ellen Tsang of the SCMP, designer Walter Ma, RTWC's Hugh Cheverton, Kowloon Shangri-La manager Julian Wipperfurth, actress Skye Chan and designer's Henry Young and Allan Che. Photo: Hui Yee.

Ready, teddy, go – 2,000 join bear wear contest

Rachel Blundy

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Staff and supporters of a nonprofit charity came together to celebrate the end of a festive charity competition in which more than 2,000 participants showcased unique teddy bear outfits.

The winning designs will be made into teddy bear outfits and the winners will each receive a HK\$2,000 food and beverage voucher.

Domestic helpers praised after foiling phone scams

By [Name] in [Location]

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CRIME

Hunt for robbers stepped up along Eagle's Nest trail

More than 400 officers across the New Territories for weapons after robbers held up at trailhead

By Ho Yee-ming in HK/US

New Territories police stepped up their hunt for robbers along the Eagle's Nest trail after a series of armed robberies in the area.

The police said that the trail, which is a popular spot for hikers, has been the scene of several robberies in recent months. The police are now conducting a large-scale search for the robbers.



Police were set to launching a search for the robbers. Photo by Ho Yee-ming

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Getting in the charity swing at Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club are (from left) Simon Beer, Frank Yu, Sandeep Ghelani and Christopher Cammons. Photo: Edward Wang

GOLFERS CHIP IN WITH LOTS OF CASH FOR DESERVING CAUSES

Special sporting day co-sponsored by Bank of America Merrill Lynch and Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club raises HK\$640,000 for local charities

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The eighth Bank of America Merrill Lynch Charity Golf Day was held in the clubhouse of Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club for its noble cause.

Chris Gamell, head of Asia Pacific, global capital markets for the bank, addressed more than 70 golfers, competing employees and clients, before the start.

"We're honoured to be once again part of the Operation Santa Claus charity campaign," he said.

"We've been supporting OSC for the past 10 years, and for the eighth year now we've partnered with Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club for this noble cause."

Since 1986, OSC, the annual fundraiser jointly held by the South China Morning Post and ETHK, has raised more than HK\$350 million to support various local non-governmental organisations that help some of the neediest members of society.

This year, the December golf day raised HK\$640,000 for OSC beneficiaries, the bank said.

Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club co-sponsored the event by providing the venue.

Gamell said Christmas was the perfect time of year to be doing something that was of benefit to many others.

"In Hong Kong, as a society, we tend to forget it, but we're also part of the community," he said. "More than 40 per cent of our employees are from Hong Kong, so we feel an obligation to give back."

Furthermore, employees of the bank enjoyed such types of community-based events.

"We have 40 to 50 per cent participation for our many events throughout the year. It's a nice occasion to get together and catch up with people you wouldn't meet otherwise," Gamell said.

He said his favourite part of OSC was meeting the beneficiaries. "I like going there, meeting the organisation and the people. It's better than simply writing a cheque."

Shawn Wong, vice chairman of the golf club, also expressed his appreciation for the event and said it was one of many such occasions in the calendar.

"It is part of a 12-year-old policy to support the community," he said. "But this is certainly one of our most important charity events."

OSC puts people together from all parts of life, he added. "It's a chance to see people who donate on their behalf."

The golf day followed a successful OSC toy collection drive by bank employees.

The toys will be donated to various organisations, including Jung's Centre, which supports children with special needs, and the Hatzidakis Project that helps children with autism.



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Youngsters check in for festive fun

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Dozens of children who seldom leave their neighbourhoods enjoyed a rare hotel visit to celebrate Christmas, courtesy of the SeaWorld Group.

The bus was loaded with kids and Christmas trees in the lobby of the Royal Pacific Hotel. Tina Shiu, who was top photo spots for the youngsters, said there is a night from Jung's Centre, who provided the bus to enjoy the treat.

It was the first time for many of them to set foot in Tsim Sha Tsui, but the reason going into a hotel, the centre's social worker, Gloria Sham Kam-wai, said.

Jung's Centre is a beneficiary of this year's Operation Santa Claus, the annual charity appeal organised by the South China Morning Post and ETHK. It provides free or discounted speech therapy for children from low-income families.

Sham said the apart from improving their speaking ability in a classroom, the centre also had a mission to enrich the children's lives by exposing them to a wider range of learning opportunities.

"Many of the parents who come to our centre find bringing their children outdoors very challenging," she said. "The reason is that many of the children also suffer from autism, and they

could grow out of control in a public area. Sometimes people say very harsh things that are harmful to both the parent and the child."

Traveling expenses are also a concern for parents. By bringing them to the Christmas event, it was most welcome from the group and local contractors.

Sham hoped more people could understand the children. Before taking into a festive lunch, there was an "upcycle workshop" at which the youngsters were taught how to make ornaments from plastic bottles, ginger jars, dibbons and beads - perfect for the tree in the lobby.

"We really want to keep them work as they are so beautifully made, but we let the children take the ornaments home at the end because we could feel that they really treasure these handmade products," a hotel volunteer said.

As children surrounded the group's general manager, Yvonne Sze, for a gift to hang their decorations, the time would be up for Agnes Nong Cheuk-ling explained how she found their engagement with the project difficult for others to find taught.

"I had the experience of teaching children from more well-off backgrounds, and some of them would dislike touching materials like water bottles. But Jung's Centre's children are so appreciative and grateful, they are really satisfied with the material that is given," Nong said.

Sham believed this was because their families would not have money to spend for decorations, which made this celebration "even special and happy."

Sino Hotels Group also subsidised money by selling roasted chestnuts and Christmas ham.



Happy youngsters enjoy the arrival of Santa Claus. Photo: Jonathan Wong

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First phone scam in English reported

Gillian Au-Yang

A 40-year-old female resident of Kowloon was the victim of an English-speaking phone scammer who offered her a job in London. The scammer told her that she had won a lottery and that she needed to pay a fee to claim the prize. She was asked to provide her bank details and to transfer money to a London-based account. She was told that the money would be sent to her in instalments.

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COURTS

MINISTER WINS DEFAMATION APPEAL

Paul Chan and wife are spared HK\$200,000-250,000 compensation after losing an appeal against conviction

Gillian Au-Yang

Justice of the Peace, in a decision handed down on Tuesday, has ruled that Paul Chan and his wife are spared HK\$200,000-250,000 compensation after losing an appeal against conviction.

The court found that the couple had acted negligently in not taking steps to prevent the publication of a defamatory article. The court also found that the couple had acted recklessly in not taking steps to prevent the publication of a defamatory article.

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COMMUNITY



Members of the Hong Kong Chinese American Business Association (HCABA) are seen at a meeting, where they discussed the impact of the new visa policy on the Hong Kong economy. Photo: Michael Wong

Airport chiefs admit vehicle hit boar during chase

Call for investigation after witness claims truck collided head-on with animal that was later put down, raising its injuries

Gillian Au-Yang

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Tolls to rise at Tai Lam, Western tunnels

Operating costs cited for increases by as much as 50 per cent effective from January

Gillian Au-Yang

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Pub crawl brings seasonal charity cheer

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Scores of revelers joined a festive charity pub crawl through Lan Kwai Fong for Operation Santa Claus on Tuesday.

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TREASURE HUNT SPARKLES FOR THOSE NEEDING HELPING HAND

Staff in fancy dress from auditor KPMG drop in at local charities to find out just who benefits from city's ever popular annual fundraiser

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Five auditors in gingerbread costumes paid non-governmental organisation (NGO) a surprise visit to learn about the needs of local migrant women.

The visit was part of a Christmas mission here across Hong Kong Island organised by accounting giant KPMG, a sponsor of this year's Operation Santa Claus (OSC) campaign.

The annual charity drive is organised by the South China Morning Post and OSC.

This year, KPMG has donated more than HK\$500,000 to OSC. The team, called "Run for a Cause", aimed to bring together both employees and beneficiaries of OSC.

It involved paid the more than 200 participants to visit charities, including numerous OSC beneficiaries, to gain as many points as possible.

Audit manager Jackson Lee, captain of the winning team "Gingerbread", said they visited six different charities and this month. "This year's event really helped us to get to know the OSC that OSC is helping," he added.

Lee said when his team visited Enrich, which promotes the economic empowerment of migrant domestic workers, they had to complete tasks such as searching and answering questions about migrant workers on a designated iPad.

"I learned that there were lots of children who work illegally here... So with our resources, we have to come to the city with kids of labor," he said.

"The event helped spread awareness about local NGOs among participants. 'These are not just international NGOs that OSC is helping,' Lee said. 'Previously, it could be a lot more informed about the causes these smaller NGOs are dedicated to.'"

Fai-Nie Wong, partner at corporate social responsibility at KPMG, agreed.

"Everybody just knows the name Operation Santa Claus but people don't know what it's about. So this is actually helping colleagues to understand what is behind it," he said.

Although it was the first time for KPMG to organize the event, the level of participation was encouraging, he said.

This was the second year for the team to support OSC.

"The most exciting part is that over 200 colleagues, and some of our clients as well, became single drop donors with the company are all participating in this," he added.

It was also about having fun during the festive season and therefore it encouraged those involved to get on the most seasonal or holiday mood.

All the events, participants were dressed in all sorts of costumes, ranging from Christmas symbols to superheroes.

"We need a team. I met to its people in a team," he said. "And our team was called 'A Very Bad Christmas Card'."



KPMG teams find their hearts of gold on the Hong Kong Island treasure hunt. Photo: Andrew Wong



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ON SECOND EMBROIDERY
ELIZABETH WONG

Leadership election puts our city's core values on parade

These are when the next chief executive needs to guide each candidate's tactics and strategies

The 2017 Hong Kong election is a landmark event for the city. It is the first time since 1997 that the chief executive will be elected by universal suffrage. The election is also a test of the city's core values and the ability of its leaders to guide the city through a period of transition.

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* EVENT REPORT - ALIPAY'S 12/12 *

THE POWER TO SPEND

Global shopping festival aims to make purchases cheaper for shoppers who pay with Alipay's mobile wallet app

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CITY

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

CANCER CARERS SPREAD BELIEF IN THE JOY OF LIVING

Staff from Manulife, a supporter for 13 years, drop in at a Tuen Mun centre to provide seasonal warmth and gain an insight into the struggles of patients.

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At Magpie's Cancer Caring Centre, patients can eventually take on the role of a carer.

That was the case for one patient, 65-year-old Grace, who said she had "rediscovered many reasons to be grateful and to celebrate the 'regardless of circumstances' over the past 10 years of the centre.

"When I was first diagnosed with cancer, I was able to turn to Magpie's and receive timely support from its professional team," she said.

The centre made her feel like she was not alone while on the road to recovery.

Built around the belief that people should live "the joy of living in the face of dying", Magpie's Cancer Caring Centre has been providing free practical, medical and psychosocial support for those with cancer and their families around the world for two decades.

This Christmas for the 10th time, Canadian Insurance company Manulife partnered with Operation Santa Claus, the annual charity campaign organized by the South China Morning Post and RTHK, to support the centre.

A group of Manulife employees paid a visit to patients at the centre in Tuen Mun earlier this month.

Chief executive officer Guy Mills said the company's long-standing participation in the charity campaign was motivated by its interest in causes related to the health and wellbeing of people.

"In the past 13 years, the programme has shown a strong community spirit," Mills said. "It provided concrete support to the underprivileged and enabled us to continue to bring seasonal warmth to those in need."

He said that by supporting and getting involved with Magpie's Centre, Manulife hoped to raise public awareness and lend a hand to those affected by cancer so "they can live with, through and beyond cancer".

Manulife encourages staff members to take part and understand patients' struggles. "We want our employees to make a meaningful difference to the lives of people affected by cancer," Mills said.

Over the past year alone, Magpie's Centre organized more than 20,000 visits for cancer patients and their families and friends, and more than 3,000 sessions were conducted by the centre's multidisciplinary team.

Manulife volunteer Agnes Cheng said the best part of her visit was seeing the smiling faces of the patients. "It was a pleasure to do what I could to make these people feel happy and warm in the festive season," she added.



Manulife CEO Guy Mills helps to make dumplings. Photo: Edward So



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"Cancer is a top killer in Hong Kong. Emotional and social support are important and can help patients and their families learn to cope with the challenges of the disease's onset."

After her recovery, Grace joined Magpie's Volunteer Program to learn some effective communication skills and share her experience with patients.

She said that when her father was recently diagnosed with cancer, he missed surgery. "The medical staff open up to me."

Grace said people should be more aware of the fact that cancer caregivers often experience a great stress and anxiety as patients.

"But caregivers might not seek help. In fact, they might not even be aware that they should seek outside support."

For this reason, she said, Magpie's Centre created a warm space where people could seek advice, meet people who share similar experiences, take part in a programme that strengthens their body and mind, or "simply sit quietly with a cup of tea".

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AIA employees participating in the company's annual charity run at Happy Valley racetrack on December 9. Photo: Paul Yeung

Annual run raises money and health awareness in city

More than 100 runners from insurance company finish 500 laps at event targeting local charities

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More than 100 runners from a life insurance company have worked up a sweat to raise money for local charities.

Staff members from the AIA Group joined their annual sponsored run at Happy Valley racetrack in aid of Operation Santa Claus (OSC), the festive charity campaign held by the South China Morning Post and B11HK.

The would-be athletes completed a total of about 500 laps of the 1,270m track situated next to the racetrack, with individual runners finishing a maximum of 10 laps each.



It's very sad that there is a wealth gap, particularly in a place like Hong Kong

GERRY SCHAPIRO, AIA GROUP

Gerry Schapiro, group head of internal audit, said the event helped to promote fitness at the company as well as raise money for good causes.

"There is a strong focus on health at AIA," he said. "We are trying to help people lead healthier lives."

Last year the AIA run raised more than HK\$250,000 for OSC, with the company matching every dollar donated up to HK\$250,000.

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BUSINESS

JUDGES MAY BE ALLOWED TO SERVE FOR FIVE MORE YEARS

Judiciary considers increasing the retirement age to 70 would worsen recruitment difficulties

By Anna Lee, Senior Reporter

The Hong Kong Judiciary is considering whether to allow judges to serve for up to five more years after their current retirement age of 65, but the move is being opposed by some legal professionals.

The proposal to extend the retirement age of judges to 70 was first put forward by the Chief Justice, Mr. Andrew Li, in 2014. At the time, he said the move was necessary to address the shortage of judges and to ensure the continuity of the judiciary.



Portrait of a man, likely a judge or legal professional.

The move is being opposed by some legal professionals, who argue that it would worsen recruitment difficulties.

The proposal to extend the retirement age of judges to 70 was first put forward by the Chief Justice, Mr. Andrew Li, in 2014. At the time, he said the move was necessary to address the shortage of judges and to ensure the continuity of the judiciary.

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OPERATION SANTA CLAUS



Facebook employees get in the Christmas spirit as the company donates ad credits worth US\$5,000 to Operation Santa Claus. Photo: Laura Tan

Facebook signs up for charitable cause with ad credit gift

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Technology giant Facebook has shipped in for the Operation Santa Claus cause by providing the charity campaign's marketing team with advertising credits worth \$5,000, which have been used to boost posts and generate page likes.

The annual charity drive organized by the South China Morning Post and ITTIC received avertising credits worth \$5,000, which have been used to boost posts and generate page likes.

Facebook, the world's largest online social network, currently has 1.8 billion monthly active users worldwide and five million monthly active users in Hong Kong, according to George Chan, head of public policy for Facebook in Hong Kong and Taiwan.

"Mostly active users" refers to the number logging on to Facebook at least once a month.

Chan said Facebook decided to be a sponsor for Operation Santa Claus for the first time this year as it saw its value in connecting numerous charities across the city whose aims align with those of the technology company.

"We believe Operation Santa Claus is a very unique charity programme in Hong Kong. It's credible and it's been in Hong Kong for 25 years," he said.

"By supporting our programme, we will support the cause of the needy," he said. "This is an efficient way for us to help live in the local communities."

In addition to free advertising credits, Facebook also provided the marketing team with technical support and traffic analytics.

"We also provide technical support to help Operation Santa Claus use Facebook Live to promote this good cause," he said.

The internet company gave the Operation Santa Claus team insights into areas such as the kinds of videos that tend to do well on social media and how long a video should be.

He said Facebook had started working with more local charity programmes in recent years to help them get their messages across.

In today's digital age, local NGOs can benefit from using social media platforms like Facebook to reach out to the public and potential donors.

"Our platform is the best platform given the high penetration rate, which is five million monthly active users across the seven million population," Chan said.

"It's the best platform for charities and NGOs to connect with the people."

But he said that "there is still a learning curve for the local NGOs" to fully take advantage of the power of Facebook in connecting with other international non-profit organizations.

In one successful online campaign by a local NGO, he said Facebook had been a boost for the cause of a documentary commission by the Women's Foundation which gathered more than 100,000 views in one weekend.

Next on the horizon as a technology mecca is helping charity campaigns to reach wider, Chan said.

"I am pretty sure there will be opportunities for us to introduce more virtual reality technology to the local non-profit organization community," he said.

RETIREMENT

MEANS-TESTED PENSION PLAN LIKELY TO BE PUT FORWARD

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By [Name] [Email]

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Gentlemen don't riot, Arthur Li tells court

2011 riot court chairman says he looks down on former student leader with 'banned character'

By [Name] [Email]

Former student leader Arthur Li, who was convicted in the 2011 riot case, told the court that he looks down on his former student leader with a "banned character".

The 2011 riot court chairman, Judge Andrew Tang, said that he looks down on Li with a "banned character".

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Danger homes to go in HK\$1.7b facelift

URA will provide 200 flats and a commercial area of 2,000 square metres

By [Name] [Email]

The Urban Redevelopment Council (URC) has announced a major redevelopment project in the Kowloon district, involving the demolition of 200 flats and the construction of a new residential and commercial complex.

The project, which is part of the URC's "New Urban Communities" programme, will provide 200 flats and a commercial area of 2,000 square metres.

The project is located in the Kowloon district, near the border with New Territories.

The project is expected to be completed by 2020.

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POLITICS

MOCK POLL TO BE HELD OVER NEXT CITY CHIEF

George Yau Kwok-choi's election race will mean more to citizens than the election of a new city chief.

By [Name], [Address]

The election of the next city chief will be a landmark event for Hong Kong, but it will also be a test of the city's political maturity. The election will be held in 2017, and it will be the first time that the city's residents will have a say in the election of their city chief.

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Children are only too happy to lend a hand as they have fun at an event organised by Hang Seng Bank at the Nam Anderson Club in Hong Tai Sin. Photo: [Name]



Club stories have a happy ending for youngsters

Action speaks louder than words as Hang Seng Bank backs charity drive

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A group of energetic children, mostly from the Nam Anderson Club, are having a great time at a Christmas event organised by Hang Seng Bank.

We often meet parents who are not confident in reading books to their children

AMIN LUI, CLUB PROJECT OFFICER

"The children are familiar with the contents of the Christmas story because they have heard it many times before. They are also very happy to see the Santa Claus and the reindeer. They are all very excited and happy to be here."

"We often meet parents who are not confident in reading books to their children because they think they are not well educated enough to do so. We therefore provide training for them here, and we also welcome volunteers who would like to share the joy of reading to our children," she said.

As a regular visitor at Storyland, 60-year-old Winnie Yip Wang says she goes to listen to stories only when she visits the corner at Wing Tai Wai, Kwai Lok.

"I don't remember because I got pregnant, and I can listen to Christmas stories," Winnie said.

Jeffrey Chan Ying Kit, Hang Seng's vice president of corporate banking, said he was not tired even after having to sign and get down on the children's list to be a Christmas man for 15 minutes of storytelling. The book is one of the donors to the fundraising campaign this year.

"I enjoyed it a lot, and I could feel that the more I engaged in it, the more the children would naturally engage in the story," Chan said.

After the performance, the volunteers made Christmas cards with the children and encouraged them to spread the joy and love of the festive season to those all around them.

Bank management trustee Elaine Lau Wai-tsun said helping the children make the cards reminded her of when she was their age.

"I've grown up, but we do during Christmas events to about 100 kids and parents in lighting. It has been a long time since I last made handcrafts as gifts for my friends and family," she said.

"It is important that we give back to society, especially at times like Christmas. We can remind each other about the important message of sharing and love," Alison Ho Cheuk-nga, board head of corporate responsibility, said.

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CHORISTERS REWARDED WELL AS THEY PREPARE FOR DEBUT

The vocal group for Southern entrepreneur Philip Che is his 12-member mixed-gender troupe.

By Alan Chan
and **Christine Chan**

The 2016 Santa Claus group of 12 choristers (seven boys and five girls) are rehearsing for their debut performance on Christmas Eve. The group, which includes children from the Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong, is led by Philip Che, a Southern entrepreneur who has been instrumental in the development of the group.

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OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

Children, lawyers join to welcome in Christmas season

Day of festive activities and confidence building for group of youngsters and Deacons employees

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Laughter filled a primary school in Tai Wai Shan earlier this month as students and a group of lawyers shared in a Christmas play day.



Santa visits pupils at St. Rosemary Catholic Primary School. Photo: Edward Si

On December 5, more than 20 employees from Deacons, the city's oldest and largest independent legal firm, joined 34 underprivileged children at Tai Wai Shan St. Rosemary Catholic Primary School to celebrate the incoming Christmas season.

They played a series of games teaching the children how to spell Christmas-related words, and composed to collect letters from a giant alphabet wall.

The children were clients of FHL, Adventure Education Centre, which provides local underprivileged young people with adventure-based learning.

"It's a good opportunity for them to speak in front of a group, improves their confidence," Zhang said.

FHL, Adventure Education Centre director Chan Lok Sun said the young people who never attended college and struggled to find employment, becoming trainers in adventure-based learning could help them make a living.

"We provide them with 40 hours of classes in adventure-based activities... so that they qualify for certain positions with some non-profit organisations or NGOs," she said.

Clara said the programme helped to boost the youngsters' confidence levels by encouraging them to lead various activities at the play day.

"Many of the participants of our programme struggle in school and in communicating with others," she said.

"But through different adventure-based activities, they are becoming more confident."

St. Rosemary, a partner of the centre, also helped organise the play day, providing the English education components of the spelling-related activities.

HEALTH

Virologist receives HK\$2 million grant for flu research

By Alan Chan
and **Christine Chan**

A virologist at the University of Hong Kong has received a HK\$2 million grant from the Hong Kong Research Grants Council to fund his research on the development of a new flu vaccine.

The virologist, who is also a senior research fellow at the University of Hong Kong, has been working on the development of a new flu vaccine for several years. The grant will allow him to continue his research and develop a more effective vaccine.

LAW

Sergeant claims force breached privacy

By Alan Chan
and **Christine Chan**

A police sergeant has claimed that the Hong Kong Police Force breached his privacy by installing a camera in his home. The sergeant, who is currently on sick leave, has filed a lawsuit against the force.

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Children and adults participating in the Christmas play day at St. Rosemary Catholic Primary School. Photo: Edward Si

PUBLIC EYE
MICHAEL CHONG

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CITY

Grilling on non-local university admissions

Higher education checks deny numerous members of non-local effort teaching quality

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OPERATION SANTA CLAUS



Some 20 employees of Haitong International hiked 10km through the natural beauty of Ma On Shan Country Park. Photo: Xuehui Chen

CHARITY HIKE GIVES LIFE LESSONS WITH A VIEW

Employees of financial company savour fresh air, gorgeous sights and team camaraderie on 10km journey raising HK\$50,000 for 23 local charities

Nicole Gervasi

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The calm quiet of a misty forest, the spectacular view from a plateau and a sense of purpose for a charitable cause – these were the elements that convinced 20 employees from Haitong International to spend a 10km fundraising hike earlier this month.

Teaming up for a second year with Operation Santa Claus (OSC), a charity campaign organized by the South China Morning Post and RTHK, the Haitong staff members challenged themselves to complete a 10km hike through the natural beauty of Ma On Shan Country Park before reaching Sai Kung more than three hours later.

On December 3, employees kicked off their journey at 7am from Tai Shui Tung, enjoying the natural beauty of Ma On Shan Country Park before reaching Sai Kung more than three hours later. One of each employee's Mark Bergen Watson and standing on top of Pyramid Hill was the most picturesque moment of the hike for him.

"For a small place, Hong Kong has an unbelievable number of hiking trails and such a variety of landscapes," he said. "I've lived here for nearly seven years, but I have never been up there."

Bergen Watson said the hike not only served to raise funds for the city's charities, it was also a reminder that "the best thing in life is still free".

He said he strongly believed in the need to protect places of natural beauty for Hong Kong's future generations.

"Some people praise at the idea of doing things outside of

work with colleagues," he said. "But on a walk, no one is a senior VP or an executive director. They are just the person next to you, enjoying the same view."

A Haitong International spokeswoman said the commitment to support small charities was the focus of the event, adding that was their first hike and they had received positive feedback.

"It brought our colleagues together in the name of charity and team building," she said. The hike raised HK\$50,000 for OSC's 23 local beneficiaries through donations raised by participants and matched by the Haitong International Charitable Foundation. The foundation was established in 2011.

The spokeswoman said Haitong highly valued the long hiking and ended 2016 OSC.

"Small charities often have difficult fundraising, and we believe that OSC can raise awareness among the public," she said.

"We want to give new hope to those in need," she added. "Haitong has been striving to identify humanitarian organizations that share our values. For this reason, OSC represents a good match."

The hike also encouraged a healthy work-life balance, the spokeswoman added.

"We care for the mental and physical well-being of our staff," she said. "We offer everyone opportunities to enjoy nature and escape the pressures of the office environment."

After the success of this year's hike, Haitong International is considering making the event part of their future corporate social responsibility routine.



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LETTER OF THE LAW
BRYAN MICHAEL

Cast off the shackles to make the Qianbai zone truly innovative

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CITY

ON SECOND THOUGHT
PERRY LAM

There is no mercy for those politicians who offend public decency

Localists give contempt to the north – and as US history shows, the full force of law can be applied

A localist politician who has been elected to the Hong Kong Legislative Council has been accused of being a "puppet" of the Chinese government. The accusation was made by a localist politician who has been elected to the Hong Kong Legislative Council. The accusation was made by a localist politician who has been elected to the Hong Kong Legislative Council.

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As Hall said the trend reflects a desire among parents to interact more with their children. Photo: Nara Tani

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Christmas shoppers often electronic gadgets in favour of traditional games as parents eye 'quality time' with their children, retailer Toys 'R' Us says

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Hall said she had always been keen to support the toys played with at home by her two sons, who are now adults, despite her working in the toy industry.

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Bank of America Merrill Lynch has collected toys worth more than HK\$400,000. Photo: Chris Sumner

Bank lends a cheerful hand with seasonal toy collection

Children from poor families will wake up to gift surprises thanks to traditional charity campaign

Nicole Gervais
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Christmas is about more than receiving presents, but in an ideal world no child would wake up on December 25 without at least one gift-wrapped toy waiting under the tree.

For the 10th consecutive year, Bank of America Merrill Lynch is seeking to help underprivileged children in Hong Kong enjoy some Christmas cheer with its toy collection event.

Between November 14 and 25, the bank's employees gathered more than 5,000 toys for some of the beneficiaries of Operation Santa Claus, the annual festive charity campaign organised by the South China Morning Post and RTHK.

Although recently established, the toy drive is gradually becoming a household company tradition, its organisers said.

"Operation Santa Claus" is

one of the charities I'm most passionate about," Richard Yacenda, chief of operations in Hong Kong, said.

Employees across all departments - including investment banking, legal affairs and technology - took part in the campaign, collecting almost twice as many toys as last year, such as dolls, footballs and teddy bears.

The toys will be donated to various local organisations, including Ben's Centre, which

supports children with speech problems, and the Rainbow Project, which helps those with autism.

Tan Yee-ping, a foreign exchange trading team director from the bank, said employees were also organising Christmas parties for some beneficiaries.

"Some volunteers contribute and directly distribute the toys," she said. "This helps in relation to the charities we're involved with." There were 182,300 children living in poverty in Hong Kong after recent cash interventions, mostly social welfare payments, according to the government's Poverty Situation Report 2015.

Yacenda said that as a parent, he felt personally compelled to help. "Young children do not understand the disparities of the world and to be able to put a smile on their face is very important."

Bank of America Merrill Lynch has helped significant numbers of families over the past two decades, raising about HK\$1.5 million for Operation Santa Claus. On Friday, the bank will host its annual charity golf day, with all proceeds to be donated to Operation Santa Claus.

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Richard Yacenda, operations chief



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U.S. CALL TO LET HELPERS IN ABUSE CASES WORK

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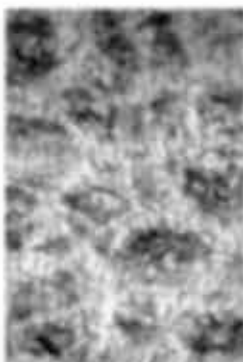
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OBITUARY

The loving husband of **Benjamin Ho Yau Hing** (何耀興), 78 years old, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, 17 November 2016. His family will always remember him as a caring, loving husband, father and grandfather.

Benjamin worked at **Thomson Ho** (何志強), serving under the British Army for 10 years. He was a member of the **British Army** and the **British Army**.

Survived by his mother of **Benjamin Ho** (何志強), three young sons, **Benjamin Ho** (何志強), **Benjamin Ho** (何志強), and **Benjamin Ho** (何志強). He was a member of the **British Army** and the **British Army**.

Benjamin will be missed by his family, friends, and colleagues. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was a member of the **British Army** and the **British Army**.

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HONG KONG

SPORTS

Premier starts expected by end of December

The Hong Kong Football Federation (HKFF) has announced that the 2016-17 season will start on September 1, 2016. The league will consist of 16 teams, with the top six competing in the Hong Kong Football League (HKFL) and the bottom six in the Hong Kong Football Division (HKFD). The HKFF has also announced that the 2016-17 season will be the last for the Hong Kong Football League (HKFL) and the Hong Kong Football Division (HKFD).

Ferry operator gets more a bit of privacy

The Hong Kong Ferry Corporation (HKFC) has announced that it will be introducing a new privacy policy for its passengers. The policy will require passengers to provide their personal information to the HKFC when they board a ferry. The HKFC has also announced that it will be introducing a new privacy policy for its employees.

Public hospital of the review due this month

The Hong Kong Hospital Authority (HA) has announced that it will be conducting a public review of its services. The review will be conducted by a panel of independent experts. The HA has also announced that it will be introducing a new privacy policy for its patients.

Germany as example for refugee processing

The Hong Kong Government has announced that it will be studying the German model for refugee processing. The German model involves a system of "refugee camps" where refugees are housed and provided with basic services. The Hong Kong Government has also announced that it will be introducing a new privacy policy for its refugees.

Fest arrested after Wing Ding drug raid

The Hong Kong Police Force has announced that it has arrested a man in connection with a drug raid. The man was arrested after a search of his home revealed a large quantity of drugs. The Hong Kong Police Force has also announced that it will be introducing a new privacy policy for its officers.

Wing Ding

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OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

Making a racket in fancy dress at charity event

Wing Ding

Wing Ding, a member of the Hong Kong Football Club, said he was excited to participate in the charity event. The event was held at the Hong Kong Football Club and raised money for the Hong Kong Football Federation (HKFF).

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COURTS

FINDING MAY CURB LEGCO CHALLENGES

At least three judicial reviews against lawmakers could be hit by administrative courts during Legco and Ecm appeal

Legco

By [Name]

The Hong Kong Legislative Council (Legco) has announced that it will be conducting a public review of its services. The review will be conducted by a panel of independent experts. The Legco has also announced that it will be introducing a new privacy policy for its members.

Ecm

By [Name]

The Hong Kong Executive Council (Ecm) has announced that it will be conducting a public review of its services. The review will be conducted by a panel of independent experts. The Ecm has also announced that it will be introducing a new privacy policy for its members.

Judicial reviews

By [Name]

The Hong Kong courts have announced that they will be conducting a public review of their services. The review will be conducted by a panel of independent experts. The courts have also announced that they will be introducing a new privacy policy for their judges.

COMMUNITY



Local lawyer goes the distance for trafficking victims

Lawyer

By [Name]

A local lawyer has announced that he will be going the distance for trafficking victims. He has announced that he will be providing legal assistance to victims of trafficking. The lawyer has also announced that he will be introducing a new privacy policy for his clients.

Trafficking

By [Name]

The Hong Kong courts have announced that they will be conducting a public review of their services. The review will be conducted by a panel of independent experts. The courts have also announced that they will be introducing a new privacy policy for their judges.

Victims

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COURT

Dog attack victim left seeking justice in a flawed system

Government criticised for failing to notify couple of court ruling, narrowing review prospects

Dog attack

By [Name]

A couple who were victims of a dog attack have announced that they will be seeking justice in a flawed system. They have announced that they will be providing legal assistance to victims of dog attacks. The couple has also announced that they will be introducing a new privacy policy for their clients.

Justice

By [Name]

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MUSIC

Major choral work gets premiere after 24 years

Choral work

By [Name]

A major choral work has announced that it will be getting a premiere after 24 years. The work has been composed by a famous composer. The choral work has also announced that it will be introducing a new privacy policy for its members.

Premiere

By [Name]

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Choral work performance



Choral work performance



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Thanks, Santa!

Local schools have raised an amazing HK\$450,000 for the annual charity drive Operation Santa Claus

Operation Santa Claus 2016 (OSC), an annual charity campaign co-organised by SCMP and RTHK, raised a total of HK\$16 million, and of that total, schools raised HK\$450,000.

This year, Discovery Mind Kindergarten has earned the title of top school donor, raising almost HK\$120,000. The second highest donation came from Delta School of Canada, who raised more than HK\$70,000. At Shung Tak Catholic English College, students helped to raise some HK\$30,000 for the cause. The events held at Hong Kong International School raised a total of HK\$30,000.

OSC supports non-governmental organisations that are working to help children, young people, the elderly, people with mental and physical disabilities, and community and medical services.

Ben Pang

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Eyes on Indian drug case

India

The Washington Post

NEW DELHI—A woman's court battle to get a new, government-controlled, substandard drug has caused public health workers to unite in India.

The new drug, berapiprone, came to India last year. It is now the only other antibiotic drug haven't worked. She suffers from "terminal drug resistance" tuberculosis. But the government

is trying not to give berapiprone to too many people, to stop people becoming resistant to it, too.

The woman's father, Ashwin Tripathi, asked the Delhi High Court in December to make the government give the drug to his daughter. The court case, now being watched by public health experts around the world, is setting an example for many countries that are finding and solving the drug.

The court is scheduled to meet again tomorrow.



Here today, gone 'tammarrow'

United States

The Washington Post

WORTH, ILL.—On January 5, a 10-year-old girl, a Frederick County Public Schools student in Maryland, received a message asking the district to "close school tomorrow (1/6/17)."

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Scrapbook Overlap—To celebrate her birthday, something to a friend's parent.

see it—The friend was called to school there was enough for everyone in the refugee camp.

delegation (over)—a group of people who act as representatives, usually of a country or organization.

see it—The student delegation went to Japan to learn more about its education system.

In response, the school district's social media team tweeted, "Katie Nash, 10 years old, just said there would be no school tomorrow!"

Clearly, the district officials didn't find it funny as the girl, as she was fired over it on January 11, even though the original poster said that he didn't take it seriously.

Xi takes spotlight at Davos as US steps back

Switzerland
Associated Press

DAVOS—Beijing is taking the world's most elite annual gathering by storm. President Xi Jinping's first visit to a Chinese foreign city of more than 100 officials and dozens of business executives attending the World Economic Forum (WEF). This is a big change, because the event used to feature just Europeans and Americans. But this year, one-third of the participants are from developing economies—including the largest ever delegations from China and India.

It is the first Chinese head of state to visit Davos, his opening speech to political and business leaders at the event is going to be the highlight both of the WEF and Xi's visit to Switzerland.

While the US is a divided nation as Donald Trump becomes president this week, it is showing Beijing's political stability at Davos, which is helping to create business for China.

It wants to show that China supports world's safe, especially after Trump said he would pull the United States out of the 12-nation Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal promoted by US President Barack Obama. But

analysts say Xi isn't likely to talk directly about Trump.

"I think right now the world must be very busy watching and wondering what will come next," said one expert. "But I have no doubt that Xi will try to position China as open, stable, predictable, reliable on a number of global issues. Even if he doesn't immediately like the Trump administration, he'll try to project a calm act."



Xi Jinping addresses the World Economic Forum at Davos yesterday. Photos: AP

It's raining good wishes

South Korea
Agence France Press

SEOUL—A pop star and his fiancée announced his engagement to actress Kim Tae-yeon in a letter to fans yesterday—but said their wedding would be a low-key one given the country's economic and political problems.

"I am going to be a good husband and man as a head of a family," the 34-year-old said in the letter on his Instagram feed.



The couple first met while shooting a television advert in 2010 and began dating a year later.

Kim (pictured with Kim), whose real name is Jung Ji-hyun, is one of the biggest names in the world of K-pop. He has also starred in some of South Korea's biggest, box office hits, and Hollywood films, including *High Action* and *Speed Racer*.

The couple are rumored to be getting married at a Catholic church in Seoul in February as the bride-to-be, who is two years older than Kim, is a Catholic.

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HONG KONG

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

Runners dash for cash to help most vulnerable in city

Members of Santa Hash hit charity target as they take to trail past old Lei Yue Mun gun batteries

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About 180 runners from 11 athletic groups donned their brightest outfits for the annual Santa Hash race.

They gathered at Sun Ka Tuen recreation ground in Yau Tong ahead of the run that took them past the old gun batteries at Lei Yue Mun.

The event raised about HK\$73,000 for Operation Santa

Hash's Hash and Santa Hash T-shirts were auctioned off, along with a menu of fusion Chinese champagne, for which bidding reached HK\$2,000.

Participants cheered a hard as a nearby restaurant after completing the course, with some continuing their celebrations in Wai Chi.

The tradition of "hashing" was established in Kuala Lumpur in 1938 by English chartered accountant Albert Gaspet. He took inspiration from the 19th century British school game "Ranunculus" in which two groups of runners chased each other through the countryside, following a trail of paper scraps.

Gaspet set up an informal running group to promote physical fitness and introduce weekend hangers. The model has since been adopted by more than 1,200 groups in about 100 countries worldwide.

Nick Hope, chief organizer of Santa Hash over the past eight years, said the event enabled different local hash groups to socialise and share ideas.

He said hashing focused on the social element of running rather than competition.

"We do have some elite runners who join us, but it is generally more about socialising," he said.

Hope, a Chinese-born, 50-year-old and IT director for a Japanese computer company, said it was gratifying being able to donate to local causes.

"At this time of year, you look at yourself and how others might be less fortunate," he said. "Operation Santa Claus gives you perspective on that and we see how we can make a difference."

Founded in 1988, Operation Santa Claus has raised more than HK\$250 million for over 120 charitable projects.

This year it will support 23 charities including newsworthy the YFL, Adventure Education Centre, Yes We Do Foundation, The Nature Conservancy, Forward Bound Hong Kong and the University of Science and Technology.



Santa Hash runners show their spirit. Photo: Jonathan Wong



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NICK HOPE, SANTI HASH ORGANISER

Glen, the annual charity appeal organised by the South China Morning Post and RTHK.

Runners were given three route options around Fort St. George, with trail lengths of about 5.5km, 3.5km and 2.5km.

Most runners made a second the course within an hour, organisers said.

The December 11 event included a coffee in which sought.

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DIPLOMACY



BRITAIN URGED U.S. HELP OVER VIETNAMESE INFLUX

National Archives papers reveal Margaret Thatcher appealed for assistance to George H. W. Bush over boat people in wake of Tiananmen crackdown

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Police officers flex muscles to raise funds for charity

Teams compete to pull armoured vehicle, among other games, in show of strength and generosity

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At the Police Tactical Unit hand-to-hand quarter-finals, four teams of 10 body officers compete to pull a 10-tonne armoured vehicle with a poleman on the roof for about 30 metres across the drill square.

Also known as the Uniting Pull, the event is a PTU tradition that dates back to the '70s, pitting two groups of officers against their trainers and officers from the Special Duties Unit.

The SDU team were often the members pulled the Uniting Pull, a sign of a signaller's prowess, out from one side of the square to the other in the quickest time.

Besides being a showcase of physical prowess, the game is also a display of generosity. On its annual Team Building Day, the PTU raised more than HK\$100,000 for this year's Operation Santa Claus, the annual charity campaign organised by the South China Morning Post and IT10K.

About 100 officers took part in the Team Building Day, said Inspector of Police James Tang Chee-Ha. The unit raised funds by bringing officers to money to push their teammates to go the extra mile in each of the six games of the day.

He said this year was the first time the Uniting Pull featured a poleman sitting on the roof.

"Whoever bid the most would be able to sit there and be pulled by others," he said.



Officers compete during a Police Tactical Unit event. Photo: Y. Ye

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REDEFINING HONG KONG



CITY FACES TRIPLE CHALLENGE, SAYS FORMER EXCO MEMBER

Donald Tsang says HK must re-examine its economic system, tackle ageing population issue and boost competition

BY DONALD TSANG

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It is time to re-examine Hong Kong's economic system, tackle the ageing population issue and boost competition, says Donald Tsang, former chief executive of the territory.

Speaking at a panel discussion titled "Is Hong Kong losing its appeal as Asia's financial centre?" at the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Development Council (Economic Council) last night, Tsang said the territory's economic system, which has been successful in the past, is now facing a triple challenge.

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CRIME

Father of seven stabbed to death by masked attacker

BY WING YING

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A 47-year-old father of seven was stabbed to death by a masked attacker in a street in Hong Kong last night.

The victim, who was identified as Mr. [Name], was stabbed in the chest and abdomen. He was taken to a nearby hospital, but died of his injuries.

The attacker, who was wearing a mask, fled the scene after the attack. Police are currently searching for the suspect.

CRIME

Care worker spared jail term after plea by victim's mother

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A care worker who was charged with the sexual assault of a 16-year-old girl has been spared a jail term after the victim's mother pleaded for leniency.

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DISASTERS

Hongkongers injured in South Korean bus crash

Two Hongkongers were injured in a bus crash in South Korea last night.

The bus, which was carrying 25 passengers, lost control and crashed into a tree. The two Hongkongers, who were travelling to Seoul, were taken to a nearby hospital.

Monthly public housing tenants get the best

The Housing Authority approved a new scheme for public housing tenants last night.

The scheme, which is aimed at helping tenants to improve their living conditions, will allow tenants to apply for a grant to cover the cost of home improvements.

Activists to meet Taiwan pro-independence party

A group of Hong Kong activists will meet with a pro-independence party in Taiwan next month.

The group, which is led by a Hong Kong activist, will be visiting Taiwan to promote the cause of Hong Kong's independence.

City's biggest solar farm online at sewage facility

The world's largest solar farm has been put online at a sewage treatment facility in Hong Kong.

The solar farm, which is owned by the Hong Kong government, will generate enough electricity to power 10,000 homes.

MTR chairman to head up university council

The chairman of the MTR Corporation will head up the University Council of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

The chairman, who is a former MTR chairman, will be responsible for overseeing the university's financial and administrative affairs.

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The Morgan Stanley Choir performing at the RCE in Kowloon (left) were this year's biggest donors, raising more than HK\$1.2 million. It was the 20th consecutive year that the global financial services firm had supported Operation Santa Claus. The second largest donation came from UBS (centre) pictured at an office party in Central. Doctors and nurses participate in a charity culinary event (right) at the third highest donors, the Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital. Photos: Dickson Lee, Jonathan Wong, Edward Wong

Thanks, Santa



Clockwise, from bottom: left Valerie Wai, Penny Wong, Ben Law, Felice Lai, Wei-ling and Joanne Leung (centre) at Hong Kong Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation helped patients laugh pain away with yoga. Photo: Felix Wong



Justice Wong Kong's project, Access to Justice, provided legal and psychological support to the city's most vulnerable. Photo: X.Y. Cheng



Kwok Luen-chi during the Sino-Children's Mentorship Programme's monthly visit to Ho Sing Home for the Elderly. Photo: Nathan Chan

Here are just some of the happy faces of people who have contributed or will benefit from Operation Santa Claus 2016.

The charity campaign, organised annually by the *South China Morning Post* and RTHK since 1988, has raised HK\$16,002,530.91 this year for 23 local organisations.

There were five new beneficiaries in the latest campaign, including FHL Adventure Education Centre, which has launched a programme that combines English tutoring with games and activities for underprivileged children.

Another new beneficiary was The Outward Bound Trust of Hong Kong, which will offer young disabled Hongkongers the opportunity to enjoy a life-changing sea kayaking expedition.

Members of the general public gave HK\$1,390,000 to Operation Santa Claus through the charity's donation boxes, which were placed across Hong Kong.



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Officers from the Police Tactical Unit show off their physical prowess while participating in a Redman Run for a team building day. Photo: X.Y. Cheng



Wini Tung (left) and Jaclyn Leung, of the charity Art in Hospital, helped troubled children to talk again. Photo: Felix Wong



At a South America Merrill Lynch golf day are (left to right) Simon Wai, Frank Yu, Sandeep Uberoi and Christopher Gammons. Photo: Edward Wong

