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Operation Santa Claus takes great pride in making a difference to the lives of the people in Hong Kong. Since its debut in 1988, Operation Santa Claus has proven its commitment and determination to the betterment of our community with its platform for countless organisations and corporates to deliver a flame of hope to every corner of society during the Christmas season. We remain grateful for the generosity of our donors who have made thousands of dreams come true among our beneficiaries.

Last year, Operation Santa Claus raised funds for 13 selected local charities. The funded projects have a particular focus on the area of children and youth, community, and physical and mental disabilities. 2019 marked a milestone for Operation Santa Claus with many new initiatives. We are delighted to look back at our journey to spread the spirit of "From Hong Kong, With Love".

「愛心聖誕大行動」致力為社區帶來改變，積極推動社區慈善工作。

「大行動」自1988年一直不忘初心，

每年聖誕為企業及組織提供平台分享愛心，燃點希望。

受益人的夢想得以實現，實在有賴捐助者慷慨解囊。

去年，「愛心聖誕大行動」挑選了13間本地慈善團體，

為他們的慈善項目籌集資金。項目主要支援兒童、

社區以及有生理或心理疾病人士，改善他們的生活。

大行動透過注入創新元素，傳揚「點點愛心成就香江」的精神。

現在讓我們一起回顧這趟旅程！



What is Operation Santa Claus?

Operation Santa Claus (OSC) is an annual charity campaign jointly run by the South China Morning Post (SCMP) and Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK). Its aim is to make a difference to the community and beyond by combining the fundraising power of two of the most respected news organisations in the city.

OSC strives to provide a platform by connecting charity organisations and donors in the city. It marshals donors' philanthropic efforts to open up a world of possibilities for its beneficiaries and a strong community spirit has long been an OSC hallmark. Throughout December every year, corporations, clubs, schools and individual donors demonstrate their compassion by organising creative fundraising initiatives for specially selected deserving causes.

The first campaign set out to raise HK\$100,000 in 1988. The following year, SCMP began covering beneficiaries' stories every day throughout December. The stories helped smash through the year's initial target of HK\$150,000 in just seven days. Having raised more than HK\$16.2 million in 2019 alone, OSC is now one of the city's most recognised and beloved charity initiatives.

CAMPAIGN ORGANISERS

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

INDEPENDENT ADVISORY BODY

- Hong Kong Council of Social Service

BENEFICIARY SELECTION COMMITTEE

Comprising representatives of:

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





Operation Santa Claus 2019 Opening Ceremony

關於愛心聖誕大行動

「愛心聖誕大行動」由南華早報及香港電台合辦，旨在結合本港兩大傳媒力量，扶助香港弱勢社群，為有需要人士締造更好的生活。

「大行動」致力集結捐助者的力量，為本地慈善組織提供協助，促進社會凝聚力，實現受益者的夢想。社區互助精神一直為「大行動」的標誌。故此，「大行動」每年均會在聖誕期間集結商界、學校、善長的力量，為成千上萬有需要的人士燃點希望，改善其生活。

「愛心聖誕大行動」首年活動的籌款目標為十萬港元。1989年，南華早報開始在12月的每一天都刊登受惠者的報導，令活動首周的籌款總額衝破15萬港元。時至今天，「愛心聖誕大行動」已成為香港最受歡迎的慈善活動之一，單是2019年已籌得逾1620萬港元。

理念願景

借助本港兩大傳媒的力量，推動社會各界共襄善舉，傳揚聖誕真義，扶助貧困及弱勢人士。

活動主辦機構

- 南華早報 (SCMP)
- 香港電台 (RTHK)

獨立慈善顧問

- 香港社會服務聯會

受惠機構甄選委員會

由以下機構的代表組成：

- 南華早報
- 香港電台第三台
- 愛心聖誕大行動秘書處
- 愛心聖誕大行動主要捐款者
- 香港社會服務聯會



OSC 2019 AT A GLANCE

2019 回顧

TOTAL FUNDS RAISED IN 32 YEARS:
三十二年來共籌得善款:

HK\$316,000,000

Use of Fund
善款用途

Supported 267 charitable projects



38%

Children & Youth
兒童及青少年服務



17%

Community
社區關懷



8%

The Elderly
長者服務



2%

Environmental
環境保護



25%

Medical
醫療服務



10%

**Physical & Mental
Disabilities**
殘障人士服務

TOTAL DONATION IN 2019:
2019年籌得善款:



55

Stories in SCMP print
and online
55 篇受惠與贊助機構的報告，
刊載於《南華早報》



11

RTHK Radio 3 interviews and
outside broadcast
11 個香港電台訪問報導及
戶外採訪



13

RTHK featured stories
13 篇香港電台精選故事



155

Social media posts
155 個社交媒體貼文



5

Videos on beneficiary stories
5 段受惠者感動短片



120

Corporate volunteers
120 位來自商界的義工



31

Fundraising events*
31 個籌款活動



OSC did everything possible to
keep admin cost to a minimum
「愛心聖誕大行動」
盡量將行政費降至最低

*multiple events are cancelled due to societal circumstances and the COVID19 pandemic

HK\$16,183,858

Supported 13 charitable projects





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About Osc 2019



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Operation Santa Claus 2019 Opening Ceremony

2019 marked two OSC groundbreaking initiatives with the introduction of Ambassadors to spread the word and sport events to engage people of all ages and from all walks of life. When a first-ever sport-themed edition of OSC was introduced at the Launch Ceremony, few would have guessed the challenges Hong Kong and the campaign would go on to face. Multiple events, including the Closing Ceremony, had to be postponed or cancelled. That said, OSC has stayed committed to spreading the spirit of “From Hong Kong, With Love” throughout the extended campaign period.

With painstaking efforts from all parties, OSC 2019 outperformed the fundraising efforts in 2018 despite the steep economic downturn, with **HK\$16,183,858** raised for 13 selected beneficiary NGOs.

去年「大行動」加入創新元素，包括邀請愛心大使協助宣傳，又以「運動」作為主題，鼓勵大眾一同參與慈善活動。去年開幕典禮時，未有預期香港與「大行動」所面對的困難，部分活動最終難逃延遲或取消的命運。即時面對困境，我們仍堅守崗位，重新編排「大行動」的活動時間表，堅持傳揚「點點愛心 成就香江」的精神。

在各方的不懈努力下，儘管經濟變差，善款數字仍超過2018年。截至2020年5月「大行動」正式結束，「大行動」為13個慈善項目一共籌得**\$16,183,858港元**。



OSC 2019 OPENING CEREMONY

Held on 7 Nov 2019 at the Hong Kong stock exchange's Connect Hall, the ceremony kicked off the 32nd OSC. Executive Council Convenor Bernard Chan and Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing CEO Charles Li were Guests of Honour at the event which was held on a Thursday night. They were joined by Leung Ka-Wing, Director of Broadcasting at RTHK, Tammy Tam, Editor-in-Chief of SCMP, and Pakho Chau and Stephanie Au, OSC Ambassadors. Donors and beneficiaries got together to indulge in a 360-degree light show on what turned out to be a very heartwarming night.



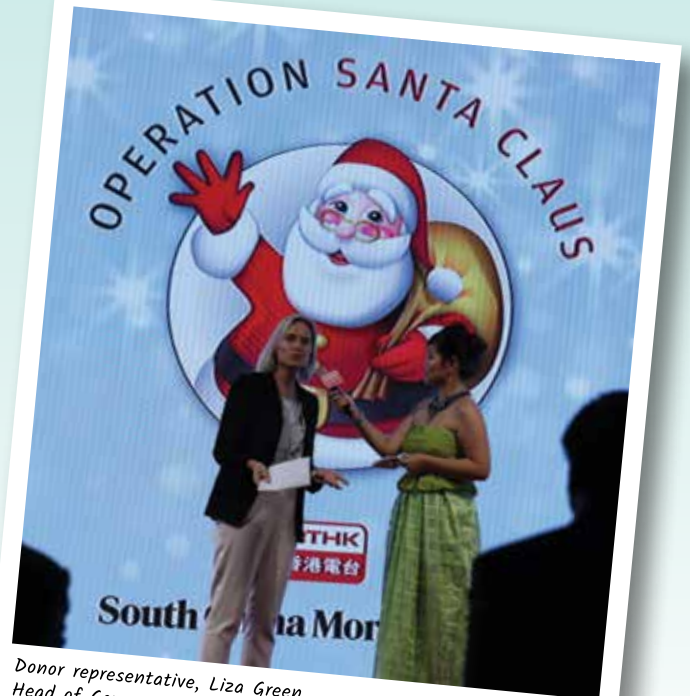
Guest of Honour, Executive Council Convenor Bernard Chan



Operation Santa Claus 2019 Award Presentation Ceremony

OSC 2019 FINALE

The Closing Ceremony was first postponed in accordance with the social distancing advice from the government because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The ceremony which was designed to be a celebration of OSC's achievements and recognition of our philanthropic efforts, was eventually cancelled and replaced by a Prize Presentation Ceremony in May, during which four awards, Top Corporate Fundraiser, Most Creative Corporate Fundraiser, Top School Fundraiser, and Most Creative School Fundraiser, were presented to awardees.



*Donor representative, Liza Green,
Head of Corporate Citizenship APAC, Credit Suisse*





Performance, Metro Vocal Group



Performance, RTHK Radio 4 Young Music Makers duo "25"

OSC AIA HK 5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2019

2019 also saw OSC's first-ever theme-based events. With the vision of "Sport is for everyone", OSC ran a series of sport events to go the extra mile in our fundraising goals. The annual dose of football fever OSC 5-a-side Football Tournament has put a big smile on the face of both donors and beneficiaries for years. OSC takes pride in AIA's continuous support and generous sponsorship for the event given these uncertain times.

However, it was with deep regret that AIA OSC's 5-a-side Football Tournament 2019, originally scheduled in November, was cancelled due to the social unrest in the city. It wasn't an easy decision to make as OSC had been working closely with different parties to ensure it could happen. Corporate and school teams were provided with the option for refund/re-entry.

We hope that OSC 2020's 5-a-side Football Tournament scheduled for November this year remains unaffected. It is hoped that the community can return to grass pitches and bring everyone a fantastic day of football fun before the festive season.



OSC Committee



The OSC Selection Committee ("Committee") is formed by inviting a group of credible and accountable professionals, who come from diverse backgrounds across different sectors in Hong Kong, with extensive experience and expertise in various disciplines. The Committee serves an advisory role to establish, assign and monitor the annual objectives for the OSC operating team through the annual general meeting in the 3rd quarter of every year.

This year, 11 distinguished members were on board for our selection committee. From a governance perspective, the Hong Kong Council of Social Services was appointed as OSC's Independent Charity Advisor in 2011 to conduct due diligence checking of the short-listed charities. In addition, the diverse backgrounds of the committee members helped reinforce the credibility and neutrality of the selection process.



MESSAGE FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ELSIE CHEUNG

Chief Operating Officer, SCMP



As a Committee member from SCMP, I am proud of our team's ability to raise awareness of worthy causes and generate public support. Last year, we saw probably one of the most remarkable Operational Santa Claus campaigns in a year plagued with both the Covid-19 pandemic and social unrest in the city. Despite facing unforeseen and unprecedented challenges, the OSC community still collaborated to host 30 events, gathered over 120 volunteers and published 55 articles that promoted the spirit of giving during the festive season. I am deeply heartened and encouraged by everyone's commitment to take the OSC to new heights.

OSC's success over the last three decades comes down to important shared values that we, as a news organization, hold dear - authenticity, transparency and the importance of collaboration. Giving back is an integral part of SCMP's DNA, and we will continue to invest in the community and be focused on those we serve. This would not have been possible without the generosity of corporates, organisations, associations and schools who dedicated their valuable time and effort.

Looking ahead, we will face uncertainties stemming from the global pandemic and its impact on the economy. This year will offer even greater challenges and OSC will need greater support more than ever. I know the team is determined to work closely with our partners to find creative ways to drive fundraising and volunteerism to the difficulties in our local community. I sincerely hope that everyone can continue to respond with generosity to serve our community through Operation Santa Claus. Together with your support, we will elevate this city and make a lasting difference.





SYLVIA WANG

Group Director, Finance & Integration, SCMP

The total fund raised of HK\$16.18M is recorded last year- we take pride in achieving such outstanding success despite the challenges we've faced in our economy especially in the Q4 of 2019.

In my view, I admired the team for upholding the principle of "use the least to get the most" in running the OSC campaign. All expenditures were kept to its minimum and every dollar is used for a good cause.

The upcoming OSC fundraising campaigns in the next few years will be even more challenging to everyone. I believe that the team will put their best efforts to solicit the donations. I am confident that our generous donors and partners will continue to allocate more resources to our meaningful work. Our accomplishments would not be possible without all of your support.



CLIFF BUDDLE

Editor, Special Projects, SCMP

Operation Santa Claus has held a special place in the hearts of South China Morning Post staff and readers since its inception more than 30 years ago. I am proud, as an editor with the SCMP, to have served on the OSC Selection Committee many times.

The campaign is a team effort, involving working closely with our partners RTHK as well as deeply committed donors and deserving beneficiaries. One of the highlights of the year is learning how the money raised through the generosity of Hong Kong people has been put to good use. It changes lives for the better. Operation Santa Claus brings the Hong Kong community together.

As a journalist, I appreciate the wonderful stories we are able to tell during the campaign. They are often inspirational and have led so many people to make donations, even in difficult economic times, to help raise millions of dollars for our beneficiaries. It has been so rewarding to see Operation Santa Claus grow over the years. I thank all who have contributed. Christmas would not be the same without Operation Santa Claus!



LAWRENCE WONG

Project Director, Operation Santa Claus of SCMP

I am honoured to serve as the project director of this meaningful initiative. This role gives me an opportunity to gather generous efforts from donors, partners from different sectors. OSC is now a collaborative platform gathering resources to support the underprivileged of the society, and I would like to extend my gratitude to all our donors and partners, which the campaign could not have been successful without their unfailing support.

I look forward to continuing the impact of OSC with you all in the coming year.



MESSAGE FROM REPRESENTATIVES FROM RTHK



JAMES GOULD

Head, Radio 3, RTHK

I've had the privilege and satisfaction of being directly involved in Operation Santa Claus for the past six years, since moving to RTHK Radio 3. It's our most important annual project in terms of charity fund-raising and public engagement, and our great partnership with the South China Morning Post enables both of our organisations to keep our many thousands of listeners and readers up to date with the fantastic efforts of corporate donors, community groups, schools and individuals in support of OSC.

Being on the beneficiary selection committee gives me an insight into the dedication and foresight of the many NGOs who are keen to work with us, some of them less well known but providing services in important areas and very worthy of our support.



HUGH CHIVERTON

Head, English Programme Services, RTHK

One of the things I like most about selecting beneficiaries is the opportunity to fund some worthwhile, but less spectacular charities. There are so many people working out of the limelight, in great, but unspectacular ways for the community, and Operation Santa Claus is the best way I know to support them. Over many years, it has really opened my eyes to a side of Hong Kong that is profoundly generous and caring.



PHIL WHELAN

Senior Producer, RTHK

Tough times can really reflect people's true nature. There has been so much uncertainty and conflict in Hong Kong this last year, so it was absolutely amazing, despite this, to see that those in real need in the community have not been left wanting, due in no small part to Operation Santa Claus. Nor will they be in the future. I'm confident of that. I'm extremely proud to be able to help in a small way each year with the running of this Hong Kong "gem".

MESSAGE FROM DONOR REPRESENTATIVES



ALEX JENKINS

Director of PR and Communications, Hong Kong Golf Club

The Club has long recognised the wonderful effort that the Operation Santa Claus campaign puts in each and every year, supporting extremely worthy causes and making a real difference to the lives of families across Hong Kong. Through our annual Cup of Kindness charity event and the Hong Kong Open golf tournament, we were very pleased to have been able to raise a record amount for OSC in 2019/20, knowing that the funds contributed will go to those in real need. From a personal perspective, it has been a genuine privilege to be part of the OSC Selection Committee and gain a greater understanding of the amazing work that the many charity organisations in our city do week in, week out.



NIRAL MARU

Head of Legal and Compliance,
Segantii Capital Management Limited

This was Segantii's ninth year supporting Operation Santa Claus and we were honoured to have been invited to join the OSC Selection Committee.

OSC performs a very vital role in the Hong Kong community, providing not only financial support but also publicity for less established charities and Segantii is proud to be one of its partners.

All of us at Segantii would like to commend the OSC team for their excellent work in 2019/20 and wish them all the very best for OSC 2020/21.



PAT WOO

Partner, Business Reporting and Sustainability,
Hong Kong, KPMG

It has been a pleasure participating in the Operation Santa Claus (OSC) Selection Committee this year. KPMG has been part of OSC for the past several years and our fundraiser, the city treasure hunt event, has always been one of our colleagues' favourite events every year. OSC has every year introduced us to different NGOs that we did not know before, and some of them have now become long term community partners of KPMG in Hong Kong.

I think this year, even more than other years, the fundraising efforts of OSC is even more important to the beneficiaries. The ongoing challenges faced by our city have caused donations to drop significantly and many NGOs are in survival mode. As such, it really has been a privilege to be a blessing to them in their time of need. May OSC continue to go from strength to strength and keep the city's generosity going.



MESSAGE FROM OSC INDEPENDENT CHARITY ADVISOR



CHRISTINE KWAN

Senior Manager, Wisegiving Council of Social Service

In the 10+ years that the Hong Kong Council of Social Service has been associated with Operation Santa Claus, I have always been impressed by its passion to reach out to the heart of the community, spreading hope and joy to those who are less fortunate. Charities supported by OSC not only benefit from the funds raised but they also become better connected with the wider community through stories well told by SCMP and RTHK. This creates an even bigger impact that goes beyond monetary terms. With increasing social needs arising from COVID-19 pandemic, OSC and its charity beneficiaries will have an even more significant role to play, spreading positivity and making a real difference in the Hong Kong community. I feel truly blessed to be a part of this meaningful initiative.

Osc Ambassador

MESSAGE FROM OSC AMBASSADORS



STEPHANIE AU

Olympic Swimmer

I'm both honoured and excited to be one of the Ambassadors for this year's OSC. While a lot of the events were cancelled because of the pandemic, I'm delighted that OSC 2019 managed to come to a successful end. As I vividly remember the Opening Ceremony last November at Connect Hall, HKEX, I was impressed by its sense of occasion as many beneficiaries and donors came together to celebrate this memorable occasion. Now that we've seen the final episode of this year's campaign, everyone has done a really great job in pulling this off, especially during such a difficult time.

As an athlete, I'm really enthusiastic about the theme of sport throughout the campaign, particularly as this is the first time OSC has its own theme. Sport is an integral part of our everyday lives and is for all ages and individuals from all walks of life. It brings people closer as a group and develops a sense of belonging and solidarity among them. I particularly like the idea how the synergy of sport and charity engages the community to step up philanthropic efforts. The sport-related events this year have gathered both youngsters and grown-ups to contribute collectively while having fun.

My role as an OSC Ambassador was as much meaningful as a magical journey. It came to my realisation that every little thing that you do to people around you can make a difference to the community. Towards the end of my stint, I'd like to send my blessings to everyone in society and my successor for next year's campaign. If I have the chance, I'll definitely take part in OSC again.





OSC Ambassadors sent their blessings to beneficiaries



PAKHO CHAU

Singer and Actor

It's my honour and pleasure to be part of this annual fundraiser. What makes this year's campaign special is that we have to manage the many uncertainties under the impact of the pandemic. I really appreciate how we turn the tables and bring the campaign to a successful close. It wouldn't have been such a success without the collective efforts of different parties. I hereby would like to express my heartfelt thanks to them for their unfailing dedication as my contribution is so little compared to theirs.

The theme of sport has spiced the campaign up. Both charity and sport share some similar characteristics. They're not outcome-oriented. Sport is not just about winning competitions just like charity is not just about donation figures. We earn more pursuing rather than accomplishing a goal. If we share the same vision, we can achieve a lot working towards it. Charity and sport are also about perseverance. We fight till the end in a basketball game just as we stay dedicated to charity efforts throughout.

There shouldn't be any reason holding us back from helping each other in society. I sincerely hope that lending a hand to people around us, like sport, will become an integral part of our lives. Driven by my belief that charity will put a smile on everybody's face, I value my participation in every charity opportunity. If I've got the chance, I'll definitely participate in OSC again. When there is a way, there is a will. The visit to hospitals has made me more aware of the significance of a positive attitude. Positivity can get us through any challenges. Finally, I wish everyone good health and happiness.



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2019

Beneficiaries





Coolminds project hopes to give a platform to young people for them to talk about their experiences.

CINDY NG TSZ-MAN

Programme Manager | KELY

OSC 2019 BENEFICIARIES

- Call for proposals period: 1 June 2018 - 19 July 2018
- Promotion channels used: RTHK, SCMP, OSC 2019 and the Hong Kong Council of Social Services
- A total of 89 proposals were received
- 13 worthy projects were selected to be supported by OSC 2019, with specialist areas focusing on: Children & Youth | Community | Mental & Physical Disabilities

ORGANISATION	PROJECT SUMMARY	TARGET NO. OF BENEFICIARIES
CHILDREN AND YOUTH		
Hong Kong Paediatric Rheumatism Association	Fledgling for Rheumatic Children' project A Medical Assistance Programme will be offered to sustain members' medications and treatment needs and maintain quality of life. Under the Patient Enrichment Programme, it offers workshops to improve patients' self-esteem. By organising physiotherapy and hydrotherapy courses, patients can also improve their resilience by learning ways to help heal their pain, and maintain a positive attitude despite their illness. The programme also offers overseas exchange opportunities for members to broaden their horizons.	• 168 children with rheumatic diseases
InspiringHK Sports Foundation	ZoomIN Sports! Photo Empowerment Contest targets marginalised youths, and strives to provide channels for them to express themselves and build their characters with photography and sports. By getting involved in sports, the young achieve personal and community goals such as team skills, leadership skills, social inclusion and gender equality.	• 320 youths
Junior Achievement Hong Kong	JA Be My Own Boss Family Program is designed for Primary 4 to 6 students and their parents, upholding the spirit of enterprise as the theme. Through a series of hands-on learning activities, including board games, company visits and the launch of social innovation, participants can equip themselves with financial and enterprise skills, strengthen their self-confidence, and capitalise on opportunities for income generation and social change.	• 600 beneficiaries (500 Primary 4 to 6 students and 100 of their parents)
PathFinders	A Child's Journey with PathFinders is a 1-year project which aims to extend their service provision to children aged 1-3 years, creating life-long differences to their health and education. PathFinders is the only NGO in Hong Kong that offers help to children and migrant mothers, who are often neglected in the local social welfare safety net. The organisation provides healthcare, education, humanitarian and legal services to this unique group of beneficiaries with complex needs. Their existing projects have helped children overcome challenges stemmed from systemic failings.	• Direct Beneficiaries (Children): 700 children each year. • Indirect Beneficiaries: 10,500 (500 mothers/family members of children and 10,000 FDWs/ community members reached through outreach)
The HUB Hong Kong	Project T, supported by OSC funding, is an all-round development rewarding project. By providing career exposure, arts, tutorial classes and voluntary services, it aims to help teenagers build self-confidence, develop empathy, identify potential and talents and encourage creativity.	• 60 disadvantaged children





Our project opens up an alternative path for our clients to receive early intervention, while waiting for long-term government services.

VINCENT CHAN WING-HONG

General Manager | The Charles K Kao Foundation for Alzheimer's Disease



We want to give them this message: darkness must pass.

STEPHEN WONG

Vice-chairman | Mental Health Foundation

ORGANISATION	PROJECT SUMMARY	TARGET NO. OF BENEFICIARIES
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COMMUNITY

Charles K.Kao Foundation for Alzheimer Diseases	The Foundation collaborates with the Christian Family Service Centre – Mind Delight Memory and Cognitive Training Centre - to offer financial support on cognitive training and daycare service. Dementia-specific services in Hong Kong are limited, depriving many dementia patients and their caregivers of adequate support. This programme turns OSC funds into sharing sessions, which provide tips on caregiving. It also provides early intervention for people with dementia to maintain cognitive function. To provide holistic support, the Foundation will also work towards releasing the stress of the caregivers and alleviate their financial burden.	· 60 cases of CSSA recipients/ low-income families
ChickenSoup Foundation	Project Super Senior , funded by OSC, aims to address two layers of needs: (i) the challenges of solitary elders and elderly couples and (ii) the service gap stemming from insufficient attention and ineffective social welfare services. The Project mitigates the most burning needs of elderly families living in poor conditions and cultivates self-managing habits. It will also provide proactive services and hand-holding experiences by directly engaging corporate volunteers.	· 50 elderly families
Hong Kong Women Workers' Association	Triple UP: upcycling, upgrade, upholding , with support from OSC, is an upcoming project which takes women carers and low-income families to seminars during which participants learn how to turn unused items into useful products. Introducing the idea of upcycling, this programme not only provides sustainable strategies for an environmentally-sustainable economy, but also improves the living environments for grassroots families.	· 2,350 people
Project Space	Home Improvement 2019 , funded by OSC, is going to help 60-120 underprivileged families who live in subdivided units, container flats, and public housing through renovation and maintenance. Project Space will recruit volunteers to help ensure families live in a safe and hygienic environment. The types of home improvement services include reorganising home space, repairing home appliances, and installing new furniture. It is hoped that the project will alleviate mental pressure, enhance their family relationships, and cultivate their children by enhancing and creating a sound environment.	· 120 families





We want to build trust in our relationship with young members, allowing them to develop their talents in a carefree way here.

JOSEPHINE LEUNG WAI-LIN
Executive Director | HUB Hong Kong



We may be unable to help many people, with limited manpower, but we have been trying to help underprivileged families in different ways.

EDWARD MAN HO-WAI
Founder and CEO | ChickenSoup

ORGANISATION	PROJECT SUMMARY	TARGET NO. OF BENEFICIARIES
PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DISABILITIES		
Home of Loving Faithfulness	The founders of Home of Loving Faithfulness created a home to provide life-long residential care for handicapped children and adults in a family setting. This home has been welcoming the handicapped with open arms for half a century. The home aims to empower young disabled people in Hong Kong to achieve their fullest potential. With support from OSC, it provides life-long special care and attention to those who need constant monitoring. The less physically challenged family members are encouraged to develop skills appropriate to their level of understanding, to develop their capability.	
Mental Health Foundation	Night to Light Programme that targets young adults has been developed to tackle the stereotypes surrounding mental health issues and promote social connections. Supported by OSC, activities such as hiking, therapy support and sharing sessions will be offered to young adults that are battling mental illnesses. The programme provides a non-judgmental and safe environment for youngsters to share their journey and facilitate support in hopes of building a mental health community of friendship.	• Total no. of beneficiaries: 190 beneficiaries • Direct beneficiaries: 25 young adults aged between 18-24 years old • Indirect beneficiaries: 15 volunteers and 150 youth audiences
Mind Mental Health Hong Kong	Coolminds campaign that focuses on youngsters has been launched. In cooperation with KELY Support Group and the Weez Project, Coolminds hopes to improve the mental health of young people through an extensive programme of sharing and destigmatisation. Through mental health literacy training, community outreach campaigns and provision of online resources, over 1000 youngsters and adults will benefit from such a OSC-funded programme.	• Total no. of beneficiaries: 1,280 beneficiaries • Direct beneficiaries: 400 teachers and school staff, 50 teachers, 400 parents, 400 high school students, 30 university aged youngsters
Rolling Books & Audio Description Association Hong Kong	Multi-sensory Reading Experience through Image, Sound and Touch supported by OSC, targets children with special educational needs (SEN), especially the visually-impaired. This project intends to develop the reading accessibility of picture books, by providing audio description clips online for a locally-published picture book with audio description, braille, tactile and paper sculpture. These multi-sensory picture books are designed to be a social inclusion tool to be communicated to the visually-impaired, as well as their sighted peers. The sighted children can enjoy the same multi-sensory books and build empathy with SEN children, while strengthening their visual literacy through the products.	• Total no. of beneficiaries: 2,290 beneficiaries • Direct beneficiaries: 200 visually-impaired children, 80 SEN children, 50 Teachers and social workers (SEN), 600 sighted counterparts) • Indirect beneficiaries: 400 family members of visually-impaired children, 160 family members of SEN children, 500 students (SEN), 300 students to have free copies of the picturebooks)





A mother looks after her son who has paediatric rheumatic disease, with support from the **Hong Kong Paediatric Rheumatism Association**.



Children try out yoga moves at the **InspiringHK Sports Foundation** event.



Junior Achievement Hong Kong launched Be My Own Boss Family Program for primary school students.



PathFinders hosts workshops for female domestic workers and their children in Tai Kok Tsui centre.





Home of Loving Faithfulness provides lifelong care for people with special needs.



Hong Kong Women Workers' Association holds a knitting workshop as part of the project Triple UP: upcycling, upgrade, upholding at Tsui Ping Estate.



Home Improvement project for underprivileged living in subdivided flats, launched by Project Space.



Rolling Books & Audio Description Association Hong Kong create books for visually impaired children.



03

Fundraising Efforts



2019 MAJOR DONORS

CHRISTMAS IS MADE ALL THE MORE SPECIAL BY THE CONTINUOUS SUPPORT FROM:

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Morgan Stanley



Over
10 years



Over
5 years

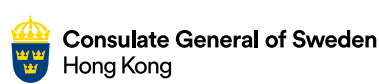


PACIFIC PLACE

Over
2 years



2019
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Sports is a universal language that brings people together across cultures, and we wanted to involve as many people as possible in our efforts.*

MAY LAM-KOBAYASHI

General Manager of Public Affairs | Swire Properties



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OSC has been a great partner to help to achieve our CSR goals.

HL WAT

Head of Data Privacy Programme and Compliance Operations | AIA Company Limited



quotations are taken from articles published on SCMP*





The capacity for empathy is the very basis for charity. Together in partnership with our families we show them that their actions, no matter how small can make a real difference.

KABEETA GURUNG

Head of School | Discovery Mind





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We believe that working together we can continue to make a major impact for the benefit of our society as a whole. We are very happy to further explore possibilities for collaboration with the OSC and its beneficiaries.*

CHARLES LI XIAOJIA

Chief Executive Officer | Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing

HKEX
香港交易所



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We support the important work that they [the beneficiaries] do for our communities. We are engaged so that our employees are part of the journey.*

HARISH RAJARAM

Asia-Pacific Chief Operating Officer |
Morgan Stanley

Morgan Stanley



I hope everyone will get into the holiday spirit and feel warm.*

ANITA LAI PUI-SHAN

Vice-president of Communications and Public Affairs | Hong Kong Disneyland



FUNDRAISING ACHIEVEMENTS

Despite the economic uncertainties we have faced, OSC donors remained committed to doing all they could to ensure funding levels remained as high as in previous years. Our donations come from multiple sources:

26 Major donors 企業捐款

HK\$12,662,257.40

12 Schools 學校

HK\$224,575.95

5 Clubs & Associations 俱樂部與協會

HK\$2,522,278.00

General public (Online)

HK\$565,596.74

32 Donation boxes* 捐款箱

HK\$87,712.50

General public (Offline)

HK\$125,438.00



Total: **HK\$16,183,858.59**



UBS

Staff in fancy dress filled the office of UBS in Central with cheers and applause as joyful Christmas carols and dance moves took the stage. The event raised **HK\$1,773,556.40**.



HONG KONG SANATORIUM AND HOSPITALS

Doctors, nurses, and support staff from the hospital raised **HK\$1,161,284.40** with charity initiatives such as the "Super Chef with Love" contest, "Hip Hop Marathon", and game booths.





TOP 5 FUNDRAISER



MORGAN STANLEY

Hong Kong's tallest building played host to more than 100 bankers and dozens of pupils as they belted out festive songs for Morgan Stanley's annual charity drive, which raised a record of **HK\$4 million**.



HONG KONG GOLF CLUB

Hundreds of local golfers raised **HK\$2 million** at a variety of events – including the annual Charity Cup "Cup of Kindness" and the "Beat the Pro" contest at Hong Kong Open, where 12 amateurs paid to compete with world-class players.



SEGANTII CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The group provided a feast and gifts for the festive celebration with children and raised **HK\$1 million** for the programme.





OTHER MAJOR DONORS AND THEIR EVENTS



CREDIT SUISSE

The firm hosted a high-energy session where children from OSC beneficiary InspiringHK Sports Foundation met Santa and played sports game in Hong Kong's highest building. The firm raised **\$389,748.00**.



KPMG

Staff from KPMG raised **HK\$311,112.00** with their carol singalong and festive cheer.



HONG KONG DISNEYLAND RESORT

The resort sold exquisitely designed postcards to raise **HK\$403,170.00**.



HONG KONG EXCHANGE AND CLEARING

Hong Kong stock exchange kindly sponsored their venue for OSC to host our opening ceremony. A **HK\$500,000** donation was also made.



We are blessed to receive unfailing support by some donors who never ask for anything in way of acknowledgement or publicity. Our sincere gratitude also goes to other modest donors including **AIA, Zeshan Foundation, ETAK International**.





CORPORATES EVENTS WITH OSC BENEFICIARIES ENGAGEMENT

DAH SING BANK

The “Dah Sing Charity Score Challenge” was hosted, where bank employees engaged with young beneficiaries from OSC beneficiary The Hub Hong Kong in a friendly basketball match and a series of challenge games.



DEACONS

Dozens of legal practitioners practised laughter yoga on Kind Mind Day to promote the pursuit of mental well being. The event was also joined by OSC beneficiary Mental Health Foundation.

L' HOTEL

Children from Junior Achievement Hong Kong and the Hub Hong Kong, beneficiaries of Operation Santa Claus, were led by the staff of L' Hotel Group to craft creative decoration pieces using plastic straws for a Christmas party. They were treated to a Christmas buffet after the workshop.



SWIRE PROPERTIES

A group of Swire Properties employees have taken to the ice to teach Hong Kong youngsters from ChickenSoup Foundation, an OSC beneficiary, the art of curling – a good way to strengthen their body and train team spirit!





CORPORATES EVENTS WITH OSC BENEFICIARIES ENGAGEMENT

SINO GROUP

20 children from OSC beneficiary ChickenSoup Foundation embarked on a green and sustainable journey to have a taste of hands-on growing in the Hong Kong Gold Coast Hotel, a member of the Sino Group.



SINO HOTEL

Dozens of pupils, most of whom are from public housing estates or subdivided flats in Sham Shui Po, were joined by executives and staff from the Hong Kong Gold Coast Hotel in their gingerbread-making workshop.

MAXIM' S CATERER

A group of pupils from Pat Heung Primary School got an opportunity to learn how to make burgers with imitation meat at Urban Cafe. The workshop was hosted along with Junior Achievement Hong Kong, the OSC beneficiary to inspire young people and prepare them for employment and entrepreneurship.



HANG SENG BANK

Youngsters from InspiringHK Sports Foundation, an OSC beneficiary, took up paddles and balls for a fun-filled ping-pong coaching session with bankers from Hang Seng Bank. They also paid a visit to the office of the model bank.





OTHER FUNDRAISING EVENTS



CORPORATES



CLIFFORD CHANCE

The law firm hosted a charity quiz competition – legal and business professionals racked their brains to answer challenging questions while laughing off punishments imposed by the event “inspectors”.

KOWLOON SHANGRI-LA HOTEL

The hotel sold raffle tickets – a day out with the renowned shoe designer Jimmy Choo in Kuala Lumpur was among the prizes in the lucky draw.

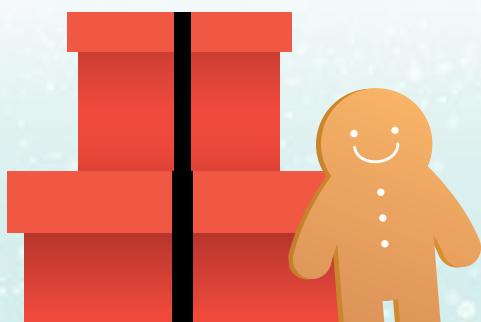


PACIFIC PLACE

Shoppers visited the Santa Grotto in the mall, took photos with Santa and the proceeds were given to OSC.

CONSULATE GENERAL OF SWEDEN IN HONG KONG

The Swedish Consulate brought Father Christmas for the first time to the city as part of “Swedish Winter”.





CLUBS & ASSOCIATIONS



ITALIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Association organised a charity bazaar in the yard of the Duchess of Kent Children's Hospital.



SANTA HASH

Runners in Santa hats raced through a cross-country run to contribute to worthy causes.

WING DING SQUASH

Players in fancy dresses participated in a fun squash tournament held in the Hong Kong Football Club.



SCHOOLS

12 local and international Schools brought together students, teachers and parents to raise money for OSC charitable causes. Fun-filled and educational events such as a colour run, Christmas fair and ice bucket challenges were held.



OTHERS - IN-KIND SPONSOR

IKEA

Donated furniture worth HK10,000 market price for OSC beneficiary Project Space to send to needy families living in subdivided units.





AWARD WINNERS

TOP CORPORATE FUNDRAISER

MOST CREATIVE FUNDRAISER



Prize received by KC Wong, Head of Asia Pacific Community Affairs, Morgan Stanley

MORGAN STANLEY

- **HK\$4 million** raised
- Singing bankers, who were joined by 30 pupils in red gowns, assembled on stage for the 17th annual Directors' Choir performance at the atrium of the iconic International Commerce Centre. Part of the donation was raised through a charity bake auction, and holiday tradition of the banking giant in which staff put their home-made cakes up for bids.



Prize received by Dr. Joseph Chan Woon-tong

HONG KONG SANATORIUM & HOSPITAL

- **HK\$1.16 million** raised
- The annual charity drive in the hospital encompassed creative activities, ranging from "Hop Hop Marathon" to "Super Chef With Love" contest, to raise funds for OSC. Four teams sponsored by colleagues and friends in the hospital showcase their culinary skills to impress judges with their unusual "hospital meals".

TOP SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

MOST CREATIVE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



Prize received by Kabeeta Gurung, Head of School (Tung Chung), Discovery Mind International Play Centre, Discovery Mind Kindergarten

DISCOVERY MIND EDUCATIONAL ORGANISATION

- **HK\$75,000** raised
- The organisation organised a series of fundraising events to support OSC, including a Colour Run, Dress-up Day and Bake Sale in November last year. With lots of colours thrown in, it offered a great learning opportunity for students to understand how they can contribute for a worthy cause.
- Last year for the ninth consecutive year, it was one of the top fundraisers in the category of schools.



Prize received by Angela YIP, Executive, Parent Teacher Association

SHUNG TAK CATHOLIC ENGLISH COLLEGE

- Teachers and students played carnival games for charity in which the final big prize was to pour a bucket of water over a member of the Student Union or the teaching staff. Many teachers and students got soaked for worthy causes. There were also stalls to sell treats on campus and a flagship food booth run by members of the school's parent-teacher association. All proceeds from the fair went to OSC.



04

Publicity & Marketing



PUBLICITY AND MARKETING

To promote the spirit of giving across the city and to raise the general public's awareness for supporting the needy, OSC works tirelessly to amplify the messages on various platforms.

Leveraging the strength of media organisations, SCMP and RTHK offer multiple channels:



In total, 55 stories (including beneficiaries and donors) published in SCMP print, digital and Young Post (See chapter 09 for details.)



Print Ads and digital banner published on SCMP magazines Elle, Harper's Bazaar, Cosmopolitan and Esquire



18 radio interviews broadcast on RTHK Radio 3



Sponsored by BannerCentralHK, an out-door banner was placed on 40 Elgin Street, Central.



Digital banners on SCMP Magazines



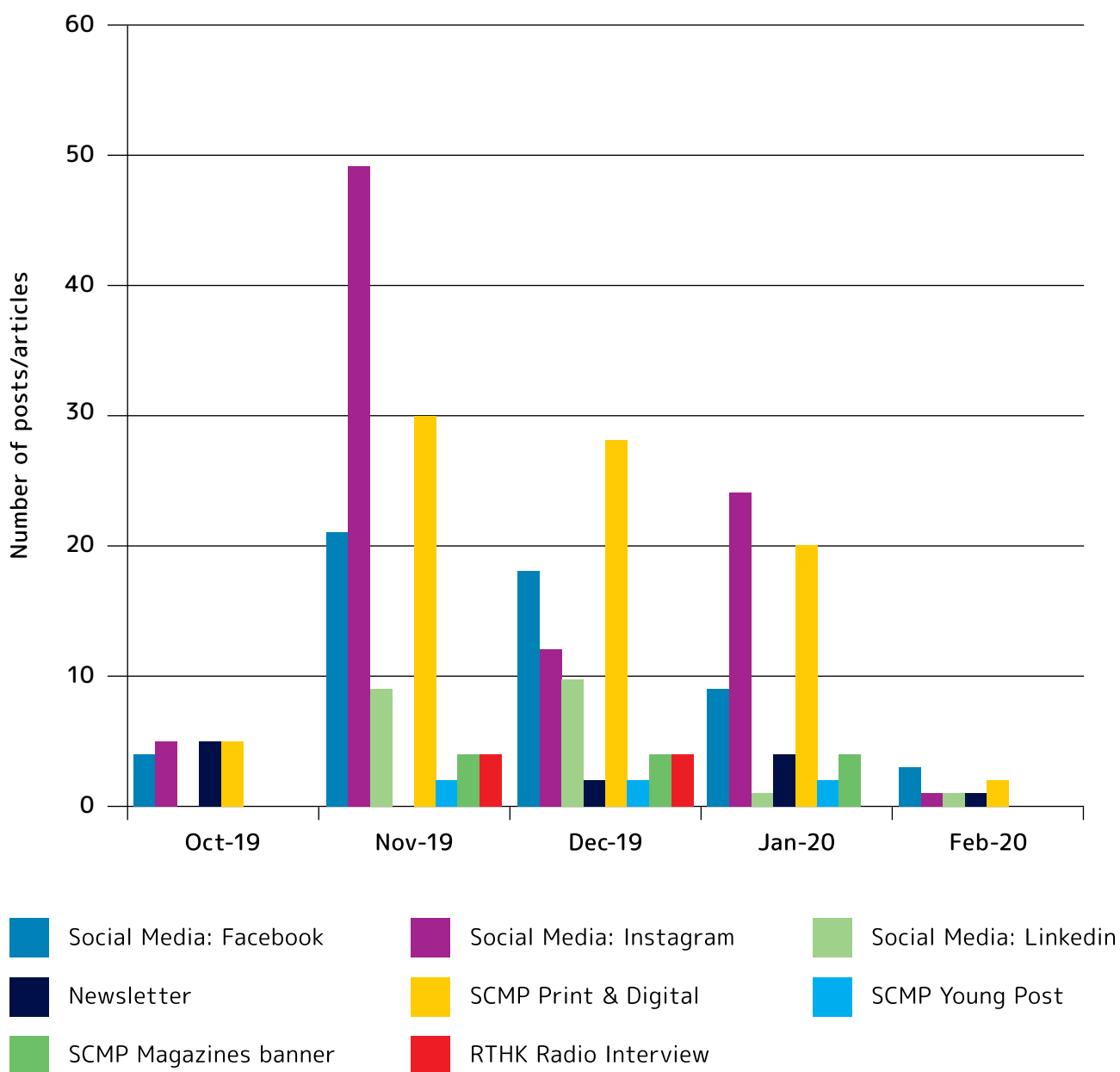
SCMP articles



Following the market trend, OSC has strengthened its reach on **digital platforms**:

- 155 social media posts published on Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram during the campaign period, attracting a total of 234,885 views
- 10 newsletters sent to subscribers (bi-weekly during peak campaign period) with an average open rate of 32%

Publicity posts distribution across multiple channels



COMPARISONS

Facebook

	2018-2019	2019-2020	Shift
No. of Followers/Likes	3,507	3,658	+4.3%
Total Organic Reach	173	201	+16.18%

Instagram

	2018-2019	2019-2020	Shift
No. of Followers	381	536	+41%
Average Likes	22.3	40.2	+80%



AMBASSADORS' INVOLVEMENT

Singer & actor Pak Ho Chau and Olympic swimmer Stephanie Au, as OSC ambassadors, have amplified the OSC mission and helped attract wider attention.





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Singer & actor Pak Ho Chau and Olympic swimmer Stephanie Au, as OSC ambassadors, have amplified the OSC mission and helped attract wider attention.

1. They attended the Opening Ceremony
2. They appeared on media coverages in local news platforms (news excerpt from Ming Pao, Sing Tao Daily, Apple Daily and TVB Entertainment News)
3. They are featured in three of our donor's fundraising events (RTHK Charity Auction, Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, Hong Kong Disneyland)
4. They acted as prize presenters to our corporate fundraisers
5. They wrote exquisitely designed postcards to our beneficiaries to spread positivity



05

Financial Highlights



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

OSC 2019 raised a total of **HK\$16.183 million**, a big portion of which came from corporate, clubs and associations and individuals, with the remaining generated by OSC-organised events.

As it has every year since 1988, OSC did everything possible to minimize administrative expenses. To ensure every penny raised was used transparently, a full audit will be published online in December 2020.

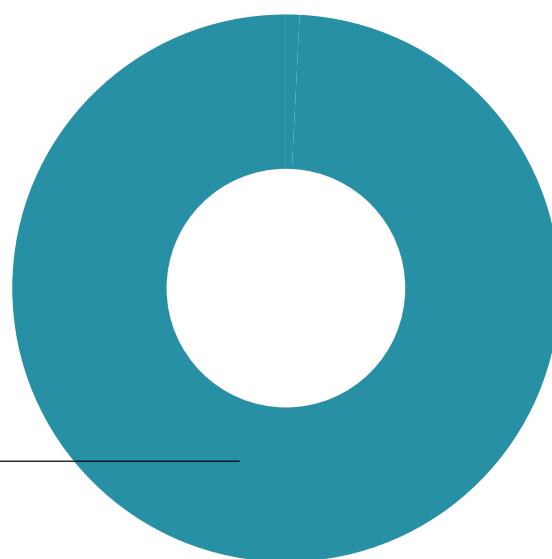
TOTAL INCOME:

HK\$16,183,000

INCOME:

ITEMS	HK\$('000)	%
Donation	16,183	100.0
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TOTAL	16,183	100

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Donation

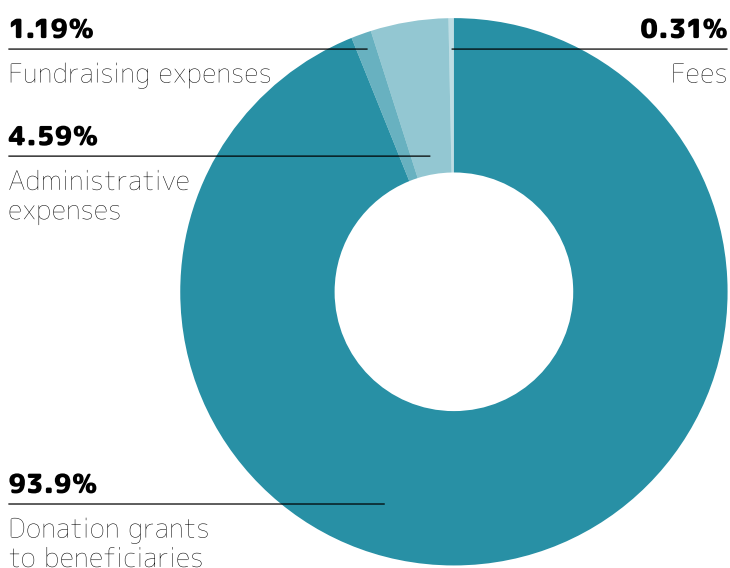


TOTAL EXPENDITURE:

HK\$12,150,000

EXPENDITURE:

ITEMS	HK\$('000)	%
Donation	11,409	93.9
Fundraising expenses	145	1.19
Administrative expenses	558	4.59
Fees	38	0.31
TOTAL	12,150	100



Disclaimer: These figures are unaudited



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Past projects



PAST FUNDING PROJECTS

13 projects were supported by OSC in 2018, aiming to make a positive impact in the lives of Hong Kong society's most vulnerable groups. The projects spanned from one to three years, and while some of them have been successfully completed, others are still on-going.

OSC continues to keep tabs on some of the projects which have been hit hard and affected by the COVID-19 pandemic this year. Beneficiary organisations are given much flexibility and support in terms of the timeline and delivery format of their projects throughout.

OSC 2018 BENEFICIARIES

* Progress last updated in Jan 2020 according to reports submitted by beneficiaries.
100% means the project has been completed.

ORGANISATION	PROJECT CONTENT	PROGRESS*	ACHIEVEMENT
Project Space	Home Improvement Project This project aims at tackling safety and health-threatening issues for families living in subdivided flats, tin houses, container flats and public housing. It provides tangible support by repairing and replacing home appliances and reorganizing beneficiaries' living spaces, etc. Intangible support takes the form of home visits, community resource education workshops and referrals that link clients with appropriate social services.	147%	· 96 families · 60 volunteers with <1000 no. of volunteering hours
FHL Adventure Education Centre	Rainbow Project 2 – Painting colorful life together This project is structured to help non-engaged youths start developing their potential in areas other than academic performance. Its three main areas of activity are: 1) adventure-based counseling; 2) strength-based approaches and positive psychology; and 3) life and career planning.	100%	· 30 direct beneficiaries of youths, between the age of 18-28, who are relatively lack of confidence and with academic challenges. · 300 indirect beneficiaries (i.e. elders, physically-disabled and specially-abled students) who participated the "Adventure-based Fun Day".
Rainbow Project	Subsidy for Therapy Treatment in Low Income Families affected by Autism This initiative provides the following services for children, families and professionals affected by autism: - Special education facilities - Occupational and speech therapy - Care, support and training for both patients' families and professionals - Subsidised therapy treatment for low income families - Boost awareness of Autism all over Hong Kong	70%	· 27 CSSA and low-income families whose children are suffering from Autism Spectrum Disorder
ChickenSoup Foundation	Project Family Cupid This project is designed to enhance harmony among families at risk of serious disputes. It is staffed by two corporate volunteers (who serve as mentors), a social worker, plus a CSF official, who provide at-risk families comprehensive supports including both relief services (e.g. medical treatments) and empowerment assistance (such as career development).	50%	· 20 at-risk families (~75 individuals)
Po Leung Kuk - Social Services Department	Care Angels Project (consists of "Attachment" Program & "Joy To Learn" Program) The project integrates both "Attachment" and "Joy to Learn" programs. The former is designed to enhance attachment relationship between children and their carers while the latter nurtures children's willingness to learn.	100%	· Attachment Program 175 children; 319 parents; 180 volunteers; 60 child care workers; 11 social workers · Joy To Learn Program 137 children for studying classes; 108 children for educational activities; 128 volunteers



ORGANISATION	PROJECT CONTENT	PROGRESS*	ACHIEVEMENT
KELY Support Group (in partnership with Mind HK)	Coolminds This project's key aim is to improve youth mental health and wellbeing. As preludes to normal classroom lessons, "bitesize" five-minute classroom activities (such as mindfulness, and discussions around mental health, sleep and stress management strategies) are outlined to educators. These measures are also intended to reduce suicide rate among youths.	30%	· 67 teachers and educators trained in how to approach pupil mental health · 33 teachers: utilising bitesize mental health materials with their classes of circa 30 students · 47 parents · 95 students
Everbright Concern Action	Frozen Food Production Line This project involves a specially created frozen food production line at which the charity has been employing needy senior citizens since 2003. As a result of physical or mental reasons, seniors chosen for this project are no longer able to perform their previous duties. In doing so, Everbright considers issues such as its beneficiaries potential future contributions to the community, their need to maintain their income and job/life satisfaction levels. Such factors are then balanced against the project's need to minimise waste of its farm's organic produce while operating a frozen food production line that provides job opportunities for old folk.	80%	· 10 senior jobs created (8 full-time, 2 part-time) · High production capacity as fulfilled, at the peak, 160 orders per day, which represent over 1,500 packages of food, packaged and delivered.
The Bethune House Migrant Women's Refuge	"Sustaining the Body, Strengthening the Mind" Enabling Access to Justice and Redress of Women Foreign Domestic Workers This project is committed to the setting of optimum conditions that will make it easier for foreign domestic workers to access Hong Kong's justice and redress system. Its first approach involves a Comprehensive Wellbeing Program that offers educational sessions on local laws and the rights of distressed women migrants embroiled in ongoing legal cases. The project's second element involves Case Support and Assistance and is designed to help female foreign domestic helpers navigate complex local legal procedures.	100%	· 681 women
Caritas Jockey Club Lok Yan School	The Care for the Carer Program: CMC* Food Lab This project is designed to create and offer balanced diets for students afflicted with severe intellectual disabilities and special medical care needs. The special school's dedicated multidisciplinary professional team will also collaborate with external interdisciplinary consultant teams to establish a special CMC Food Lab. The new facility will include a fully equipped inclusive teaching kitchen for tailoring inexpensive, simple, healthy and delicious recipes that are ideal for students' specific dietary requirements.	60%	· 46 SEN student and their carers
Hong Kong Children's Skin Foundation	Team Butterfly Team Butterfly sets out to ease the suffering of children suffering epidermolysis bullosa (also called EB or butterfly skin). The project is staffed by a team of volunteers made up of nurses, doctors and patients' family members who look after children with EB. In addition to expensive special non-adhesive dressings and gentle teats that are proven to reduce patients' pain, volunteers will also train parents and neonatal nurses to take better care of patients.	50%	· A Training symposium held in Jan 2019 included 8 attendants from EB families and 46 medical/ nursing staff · Direct financial support for 4 severe EB patients and their families, including genetic testing, dressings and specialized clothing



ORGANISATION	PROJECT CONTENT	PROGRESS*	ACHIEVEMENT
Hope Worldwide	"Smile Again" Dental Care Program for People with Special Needs This project provides (i) sustainable, affordable quality dental care to patients with either physical and/or intellectual disabilities. It will achieve its goals via special care dentistry training and the upgrading of Hope Worldwide clinics with essential equipment; and, (ii) the provision of free treatments to poor patients with special needs.	25%	294 patients with an physical and/or intellectual disability
Art in Hospital	Art without Boundary Based at Siu Lam Hospital, this three-year project focuses on adult patients with severe intellectual disabilities or afflicted with other mental/physical challenges. Artists or art therapists lead workshops covering different kinds of art media. Special tools will also be designed and created to make it easier for patients to express themselves by creating artworks. A special exhibition and online gallery will be set up after completion of the various workshops.	35%	240 hospitalized adult patients in Siu Lam Hospital and Medical staff in Siu Lam Hospital
Hong Kong Federation of the Blind	New and safe home for living alone elderly with blind Provides safe and barrier-free living environments for blind old folk by offering them free-of-charge home maintenance services across three levels: 1. Large-scale home renovations 2. Essential interior repair work 3. The quickly carrying out of minor repair or replacement jobs	62%	149 home alone blind elderly



Caritas Jockey Club Lok Yan School's principal, Chrysan Mok Oi-ling, said the CMC (Complex Medical Case) food lab had formally launched its operation in September 2019.



Art in Hospital at the Hong Kong Arts Centre



Project Space's Christmas Party with representatives from Credit Suisse



OSC/UBS NGO LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME



UBS NGO Leadership Programme 2019

The Leadership Programme has trained over 120 participants from more than 100 organisations, including NGOs, social enterprises, charitable foundations, corporations and the Government, since 2015. The past five years has seen three million beneficiaries benefitting from the programme.

The programme targets passionate leaders-to-be who are in managerial positions in NGOs, social enterprises and charitable foundations. Corporate participants and Government officers in the city are also welcomed to share their enthusiasm about serving the community. Consisting of three training modules and a mentoring module, the nine-month programme equips participants with the essential skills through interactive training, group mentoring and coaching, project management lectures, peer networking and knowledge exchange, after which they create their project proposals and pitch them to the adjudicating committee on the Project Pitching Day at the final stage of the programme.

This year's winning project, "Multi-sensory Reading Experience through Image, Sound and Touch", which was initiated by Rolling Books, beat off keen competition from other highly worthy competitors. Collaborating with the Audio Description Association Hong Kong, Rolling Books receives a one-off funding of HK\$800,000 from OSC to carry out its winning project.

Their project aims to increase the accessibility of picture books for children with special educational needs (SEN), especially the visually-impaired, through providing Audio Description sound clips and publishing multi-sensory picture books with Audio Descriptions, braille, and tactile paper sculpture. These multi-sensory picture books will become a social inclusion tool to be communicated to the visually-impaired and their sighted counterparts. The sighted children can enjoy the same multi-sensory books and build empathy towards SEN children, while strengthening their visual literacy through the products.





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We want to show them that these multi-featured picture books can work well and help many people in need. We share our goal with Operation Santa Claus in community work and want our work to benefit more people.

MR JAMES CHONG KWOK-TUNG

Founder | Rolling Books
Winner of 2019 UBS OSC NGO Leadership Programme



Right: Mr Caspar Tsui Ying-wai, JP, Secretary for Home Affairs interacting with participants



07

Multimedia Gallery



Heartwarming moments of OSC were amplified via a range of channels to create heartening echoes in society. From videos to sound clips, we have witnessed moments of joy and sympathy in the fabulous events. Check out the QR codes and links below to recap them!

VIDEOS AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE

Scan the QR codes to watch the videos.



OSC 2019 LAUNCH CEREMONY



EDWARD MAN HO-WAI
Founder, ChickenSoup Foundation



STEPHANIE AU
OSC Ambassador 2019



PAKHO CHAU
OSC Ambassador 2019



CHRISTMAS HARVESTING AT HONG KONG GOLD COAST HOTEL IN SUPPORT OF OSC



SOUNDCLIPS AVAILABLE ON RTHK RADIO 3

Scan the QR codes to listen the soundclips.



OPERATION SANTA CLAUS LAUNCH CEREMONY 2019



BENEFICIARIES INTERVIEW: CHILDREN & YOUTH



MARGARET KAN

Hong Kong Paediatric Rheumatism Association

One of the beneficiaries of this year's Operation Santa Claus campaign is the Hong Kong Paediatric Rheumatism Association. Margaret Kan is the chair of the group.



JOSEPHINE LEUNG

The HUB Hong Kong

Radio 3's Jim Gould spoke to Executive Director Josephine Leung about the work of the centre, and it's new programme, Project T.



BENEFICIARIES INTERVIEW: CHILDREN & YOUTH



VIVIAN CHOI

Junior Achievement HK

It's time now to take another look at this year's Operation Santa Claus campaign, which is jointly organised by RTHK and the South China Morning Post. Junior Achievement Hong Kong is one of the beneficiaries. Its Chief Operating Officer, Vivian Choi, describes the work of the organisation.



CATHERINE GURTIN

PathFinders

Saadia Usmani talks to Catherine Gurtin, CEO of PathFinders, a charity that helps pregnant migrant workers, foreign domestic workers and their Hong Kong- born children.



JUDY KONG

InspiringHK Sports Foundation

Jimmy Lam talks to Judy Kong, who is the Chief Executive of InspiringHK Sports Foundation, about their charity project.



BENEFICIARIES INTERVIEW: COMMUNITY



WU MEI LIN

Hong Kong Women Workers Association

The co-ordinator of the Hong Kong Women Workers Association, Wu Mei Lin, talks to Annemarie Evans about how the funds raised will be for their Triple Up Programme.



FRANK YAU

Project Space

Radio 3's Angie Man went to visit one of their beneficiary families and talked to the project director Frank Yau.



VINCENT CHAN & CLAIRE LAI

Charles K. Kao Foundation for Alzheimer's Disease

Michelle Chan talks to Vincent Chan, General Manager and Claire Lai, Project Officer with the Charles K. Kao Foundation for Alzheimer's Disease.



EDWARD MAN

ChickenSoup Foundation

Hugh Chiverton talks to Edward Man, Founder of the ChickenSoup Foundation, whose 'Project Super Senior' will be supported this year.



BENEFICIARIES INTERVIEW: PHYSICAL & MENTAL DISABILITIES



STEPHEN WONG

Mental Health Foundation

Radio 3's Steve James talks to Stephen Wong of the Mental Health Foundation and a special project called the Night To Light programme.



HANNA REIDY

Mind Mental Health Hong Kong

Thomas Latter talks to Hanna Reidy from Mind Mental Health about how they are helping the youth of Hong Kong.



GRETCHEN RYAN

Home of Loving Faithfulness

Ian Pooler talks to Gretchen Ryan from the Home of Loving Faithfulness about their organisation in the northern New Territories.



JAMES CHONG & DAWNING LEUNG

Rolling Books & Audio Description Association (Hong Kong)

Rolling Books is one of the 13 beneficiaries of this year's Operation Santa Claus charity campaign, which is jointly organised by RTHK and the South China Morning Post. Joseph Li talked to its founder, James Chong, and Dawning Leung, who is the founder of Audio Description Association Hong Kong.



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Acknowledgements



LOOKING AHEAD

Operation Santa Claus would like to thank the many loyal individuals and companies who have played their part in supporting the Territory's neediest people these last three decades. By continuing to donate to OSC in the coming years, you will ensure we can still provide more support to disadvantaged individuals and families across Hong Kong and China.

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OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

Picture-book project for blind kids is tops

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James Chung took long time to think about children who enjoy reading picture books. If the stories are told in the right format.

Using sound clips, Braille and tactile paper to help the blind children to read books is a project that James Chung, founder of the Rolling Books & Audio Description Association (Hong Kong), has been working on for years.

“Visually impaired children can touch the paper cut-outs and hear the audio descriptions to follow the plot,” Chung said, adding that the format could ultimately change the lives of these children.

The tactile diagrams and real-world scenarios enable visually impaired children to better understand the contents of the books.

Chung said he hoped to help children with special education needs to discover the pleasure of reading picture books.

He is carrying out the book production project in collaboration with specialists in audio description, with 100,000,000 supported by Chinese University of Hong Kong's MZU scholarship programme.

The financial support came after Chung won the 2018 Picking Day Award for Central Lee Yee-hing during which the publisher donated 22 other participants to the programme.

The programme, sponsored by Operation Santa Claus - the



annual fundraising campaign, which is organized by the South China Morning Post and UBEK.

Chung has recruited more than 100 individuals from 27 organizations, including NGOs, social enterprises, charitable foundations and even for-profit organizations looking for social service opportunities, since its launch in 2015.

In addition to looking for management and communication skills, participants are paired with mentors from global brands and more than 100 and the university.

As one of the highlights of this year's programme, participants were invited to make a presentation to a community project to raise

for the cash award on picking day. Besides showing what they had achieved on the programme, contestants were required to explain in detail how their projects would benefit the community.

After project presentations, the judges on the day handed out guidelines on the design of tactile diagrams, and on how to enhance the emotional well-being of children.

One of the winners, Eric Yuk, who teaches social work and had mentored Chung, said it was important to make a bigger impact.

“You need to make it more concrete – and explain what are you going to reach and how are you going to reach them,” he said.

Bob Stewart of UBEK said the day's “mentor meeting” was a good learning and networking opportunity, but he had to come to the aid of the programme's participants.

“That helped increase the quality of our products,” he said.



Winner James Chung, Douning Leung, founder and CEO, Audio Description Association (Hong Kong), and Bob Stewart. (P:1;2;3;4;5;6;7;8;9;10;11;12;13;14;15;16;17;18;19;20;21;22;23;24;25;26;27;28;29;30;31;32;33;34;35;36;37;38;39;40;41;42;43;44;45;46;47;48;49;50;51;52;53;54;55;56;57;58;59;60;61;62;63;64;65;66;67;68;69;70;71;72;73;74;75;76;77;78;79;80;81;82;83;84;85;86;87;88;89;90;91;92;93;94;95;96;97;98;99;100)



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Yau Fung-tai, a resident of the Home of Loving Faithfulness in Shuang-Shui, with Gretchen Ryan, a trustee of the home. Photo: Kwan Yee

A home for people with special needs

Funds raised in annual charity campaign will be used to hire more nurses

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Yau Fung-tai gets every visit with a big smile. The long-time resident of the Home of Loving Faithfulness in Shuang-Shui knows all about the place.

The 68-year-old, who has cerebral palsy and epilepsy, has stayed at the home since 1985. The institution is helping with people around here, assisting whatever is needed, no fee, whether it is an illness or a need for a wheelchair.

The home, run independently by a group of trustees, opened in 1985 and provides living care for children and adults with special needs. It currently has 16 residents aged between seven and 66. Severely disabled residents re-



This year the home is one of the beneficiaries of Operation Santa Claus, the annual fund-raising campaign jointly by the South China Morning Post and publichouse.com.HK.

Launched in 1988, the charity drive raises fundraising events across the city and helps a variety of causes each year. It raised more than HK\$17 million last year.

This is the first time the Home of Loving Faithfulness is being helped by Operation Santa Claus, and it will use the funds to hire more nurses and other staff, and buy furniture such as beds.

Founded by two English women, Valerie Corbett and Wendy Dickson, the home has looked after a total of 60 children and adults over the years.

It survives on donations, and will use help it has received from

other donors to renovate its blocks and facilities.

It hopes to set up a social enterprise to train young adults with special needs and help them find jobs.

Gretchen Ryan, a trustee of the home's board of trustees, said every resident had the ability to learn new skills. "We are thinking about how we can assist them to develop their potential," she said.

Wendy Wang Pui-ying, the home's senior manager, said that with training, many adults with special needs were able to make products and do the laundry, for example.

"We can provide facilities and make them here," she said.

Yau Fung-tai, another member of the board of trustees, said the home was looking forward to getting its social enterprise off the ground.

She said: "It will be a new page in the home's history."

THE FATHER OF LIBERAL STUDIES SLAMS EXAM

Professor of Liberal Studies at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, who has been a vocal critic of the Hong Kong government's education policy, has slammed the exam.

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According to him, executive director of The Tech is Shashank Bhat. He is another star

YOUTH CENTRE GIVES A BOOST TO 'INVISIBLE' TEENS

Project T aims to help build self-confidence by recognising the potential of young people, and funds raised will be used to set up new facilities

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An empowerment programme for Hong Kong's underemployed teenagers is set to be launched by a local youth centre.

The initiative, known as Project T, which stands for trees, agers and translocation, will be funded by Operation Sierra Chase, the annual fundraising campaign run by the First and public local center RTD.

Project 7 will take place at The Hub Hong Kong, a 4,000 sq ft youth centre in Sham Shui Po that provides space for children and teens to play sports, study and interact in productive ways, including via arts workshops and cooking classes.

The Club Hong Kong, founded in 2012, cares for more than 1,200 chronically ill patients annually, serving Hongkongers between its

Executive director Josephine Leung Wai-kin said the centre could help young people attain well-balanced physical and mental health.

"They can hang out at our union. They can play chess and sit cross legs around here," she

said. "Hong Kong lacks space, and we hope we can create some space for our business."

especially known to create dividing lines and opportunities for what the described as "avoidable" sickness.

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She said her team wanted a change that reflected by showing these young people that the world success figures a chance.

The club will support 90 secondary students, between 11 and 13 years old, who grow up in an underprivileged environment.

This is the first time The Hubs Hong Kong will receive facilities from Operation Santa Claus, the year-end fundraiser, and it planned to use the proceeds to set up new facilities at its center and to buy equipment for Project Tumblebugs.

There will be a practice room for bands," Leving said. "Participants may also learn digital photography and video editing here."

She said the project aimed to help 30 communities build self-sufficiency by recognizing their talents and resources.

All participants are required to attend classes in volunteering, sports, art or music. They will also take outdoor learning classes.

Top achievers will then have no opportunity to visit The Hub Myanmar, one of several Hub

Being said the charity attached importance to youngsters' all-around development. The organization also provides parental guidance and family counseling services to help strengthen family bonds.

"We want to build trust in our relationship with young members, allowing them to develop their talents in a comfortable way here," she said. "Hope was

of our population, will you urge their family and come back to help us and teach younger children when they grow older.

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FLOOD OF WASTE FROM HK TO SOUTHEAST ASIA

Increasingly, the flood of waste from Hong Kong is becoming a problem for Southeast Asia, with some countries in the region now considering the issue.

The flood of waste from Hong Kong to Southeast Asia has become a major concern for many countries in the region. The waste is mostly plastic, which is difficult to recycle and often ends up in landfills. This has led to environmental problems and health issues in some areas. Some countries are now considering measures to reduce the amount of waste entering their borders.

LAWYERS charged over extradition bill fines

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OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

Who wants to be an entrepreneur? Pupils given lessons in game of life

Editorial
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Not everyone wants to be an entrepreneur, but by engaging in a specially designed board game, its pupils at Pui Hing Central Primary School in Tuen Mun have got some idea of what running a business would be like.

The Monopoly-style challenge is part of an initiative last month Junior Achievement Hong Kong to inspire and empower children, besides giving the game to schools. It works well, the charity has run entrepreneurship training sessions. It wants to encourage pupils to create their own opportunities and become masters of their own lives.

Dr William Lee Wing-yin, chairman of Junior Achievement Hong Kong, said the "Be My Own Boss" programme was one of many projects that developed to prepare young people for employment and entrepreneurship.

The exercise, which has been completed in the microcosmic classroom and media industries, believes students should learn about business from a young age to enhance their work readiness.

The charity is expanding the student engagement project, which has served more than 1,000 primary pupils since its launch in 2015, with funds provided by Operation Santa Claus. The annual fundraising campaign jointly



Pupils with Irene LEE, William LI and Gary NG. Photo: C. Cheung



organised by the Past and present board members of JAHK.

Lee said his team especially wanted to help those engaged in a cycle of poverty. "We want to give the disadvantaged children more opportunities," he said.

In the coming year, 500 pupils and 100 parents from five districts with the highest poverty rates - North, Kowloon, Shatin, Tuen Mun, Yuen Long and Yung Shue - will benefit from the expanded project. Sessions focus on a range of skills, such as developing creative ideas, business planning and

budgeting. Those with who be company may, showing how a business is run in the real world. "I could see the passion and spirit for knowledge in some of these young children's eyes," Lee said of his past experience.

The organisation, with a staff of 12, will use the funds provided by JAHK and others' donations to buy educational materials.

Theresa Ipwek, 11, a Primary Six pupil at the school, said she had been inspired by the game. "I want to be a businesswoman when I grow up," she said.

Eleonora Ngai Hui-hui, 11, wants to be a different player. "I want to be an English teacher," she said.

Wong Pui-yin, 11, wants to teach kindergarten children.

Theresa Ipwek, 11, is studying a career in video games, while Ipwek Hui-hui, 11, has ambitions yet but has learned something from the game. "I have a better understanding of teamwork,"

Principal Irene Lee Wai-chi said her planning should start early. "Students need to see themselves as potential leaders."

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ENTER THE DRAGONS

Mixed martial arts' bloody and unstoppable rise on the mainland **LIFE BACK PAGE**

Few bids for stalls at Lunar New Year fair

The Lunar New Year fair, which is one of the most popular events in Hong Kong, is facing a challenge as the number of stalls for sale has dropped significantly. This year, only a few stalls were available for rent, leading to a shortage of vendors and a less vibrant atmosphere compared to previous years. The fair, which typically attracts millions of visitors, is a key event for the community, and the shortage of stalls is a concern for organizers.

Man jailed for two years for sticking needles in bus seats

A man has been sentenced to two years in prison for a series of bizarre and disturbing acts. The man, who was 45 years old at the time, was found guilty of inserting used needles into the seats of public buses. The judge described the acts as "repulsive" and "a gross violation of public decency." The man had been charged with multiple counts of public nuisance and endangering the public.

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

Photo project to help youth express themselves



Christine Fung says sports will be the project theme. (Photo: Raymond Chan)

Edna Lee
staff reporter

Many young Hongkongers struggle to express themselves with words, but what if they had a professional camera at their disposal to convey their thoughts with images?

That could be an effective way for the city's next generation of neighbourhood multi-media artists, according to the directors of Zoonin Sports, an empowerment programme to be funded by Operation Santa Claus, the charity drive run by the South China Morning Post and public broadcaster RTHK.

Christine Fung, 35, a social worker, marketing and consumer relations manager at InspiringHK Sports Foundation, said Zoonin Sports would teach 120 beneficiaries to tell their stories through camera on a theme every night. And interestingly, the foundation will manage the Zoonin Sports project.



The said her team would recruit the youths who identified behavioural issues and community members. "These youths are underrepresented," Fung said. "These are the minority groups who need to be helped."

The Zoonin Sports programme will consist of training sessions on photography and videography.

"It will include advertising professionals and fiction writers to teach programme participants how to tell a story," Fung said.



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GIVING KIDS WITH CHRONIC DISEASES WINGS

'Fledgling' project offers medical help, enrichment so children with rheumatic illnesses can fly high

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Like every primary school pupil, Young Tin-fai is keen to take part in sports such as swimming.

But the 10-year-old under-stands how well that wish is out of the realm of possibility. His health condi-

tion, he gets tired quickly and often feels pain because he has juvenile idiopathic arthritis—a common, chronic rheumatic disease in childhood.

His mother, Cherie Tin, 41, says, recalled that a nursing team in January last year led the boy to undergo an extended process of medical examination.

"He had serious chest pain and

was even admitted to the intensive care unit during the diagnostic process," she said.

Yet he received treatment in hospital for a month before he was allowed to go home to spend Lunar New Year with his parents last year.

He still suffers from the disease that affects his entire body.

His mother says his feet would become so painful sometimes that he could not even walk.

The mother has given up her job as a clinical worker to look after her son, but she remains hopeful that he will eventually fly high.

It is this appreciation of the support provided by the Hong Kong Paediatric Rheumatism Association in his recovery journey.

Founded by parents, their family members and professionals in 2005, the support group provides information on paediatric rheumatic diseases and builds communication channels for patients and their families to share their experiences.

The association is compiling a project under the theme



May Cheung Wing-wai, executive officer of the association, said the Fledgling for Rheumatic Children project involved medical assistance and patient enrichment activities.

"We will arrange physical therapy and hydrotherapy prescribed by doctors for patients," she said, noting that the offer could help patients who had to wait for a long time in the public system for the same services.

Cheung did not give an estimate of the number of patients affected by the disease in Hong Kong, but said there were 52 patients being served by the charity.

Patients suffering from rheumatic diseases received a peer network of support made from medical staff, she added.

"I often visit them and their carers, particularly those from underprivileged families, and listen to them," she said. "They need more help."

The association was a beneficiary of Operation Santa Claus in 2007, 2015 and 2018.

Apart from public donations, the group receives subsidies from the Local Welfare Department to finance part of its daily operations.



Cherie Tin and her 10-year-old son Young Tin-fai. (Photo: Samuel Chan)

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HOUSING MOVE SPARKS ANXIETY FOR SQUATTERS

Squatters in Hong Kong are anxious about the impact of the government's new public housing scheme on their lives.

By [Name]

Squatters in Hong Kong are anxious about the impact of the government's new public housing scheme on their lives. The new scheme, which aims to provide more affordable housing, has sparked concerns among squatters that they will be displaced. Many squatters have lived in their homes for decades and have built their lives around them. They are worried that the new scheme will force them to move to less desirable areas or that they will lose their homes altogether. The government has responded by saying that the new scheme is designed to provide a better quality of life for squatters and that they will be given priority in the new housing units. However, squatters remain skeptical and are calling for more transparency and consultation with the community.

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

Charity maximises space for needy in cramped homes

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For Chen Xingyan, who lives in a subdivided flat in a run-down corner of Kowloon with her two young sons, a well-meaning holiday table has become a very busy place. It's not dinner table. It's also my kids' desk, on which their homework materials are placed. The mother of two said of the charity, which measures 60cm by 60cm, is her living room. "When folded away, it becomes a storage space as well as being a private home," she said, noting that her sons, aged 10 and 12, would not mind.

Chen, who moved to the flat with her children after her husband died in 2010, said the table had allowed her much-needed extra space for the family. It was called as the narrow one-foot room unit, whose total floor area is about 100 sq ft.

The piece of furniture was part of the volunteer service provided by Project Space to improve the needy's living conditions.

The charity's Home Improvement Project, which has benefited about 200 households over the years, is supported by Operation Santa Claus, the annual fund-raiser jointly organised by the

South China Morning Post and public broadcaster RTHK.

Tina Yau Ka-ik, director of Project Space, said his team planned to help 50 to 100 underprivileged families in the coming year with new funds provided by the campaign. It is the first time the organisation has been named as a beneficiary.

Founded by a group of professionals from multiple disciplines in 2013, the charity visited residents in small subdivided flats, public housing units and squatter huts across the city, and helped the needy repair and replace broken household appliances and furniture.

Yau said people living in low-renture housing often faced a range of health and safety issues caused by the cramped conditions. His volunteer team responded to their requests for help

by providing pest control as well as spent-spring reorganising services.

"The demand is huge. We receive 10 to 15 requests per month on average," he said.

He said his team, composed of three full-time employees, 10 part-timers and 10 volunteers, attached importance to creating a healthy and safe environment for children's growth. "We want to help children realise their full potential, so they can contribute to society in the future," Yau said.

The organisation also trains young volunteers to take part in its work, with a view to fostering a greater sense of social responsibility among the youth.

"It's a unique volunteer service to help correct underprivileged children and their families with the community," Yau said.

He said Project Space, which aimed to help build a harmonious society, had taken notice of the challenges faced by members of ethnic minority groups in the city, including poor job prospects.

The organisation runs a career and design workshop for interested secondary school students, many of whom are members of ethnic minority groups, in the hope of enabling them to discover their own strengths and pursue a better career path.



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Former marine police officer recalls decades of trouble at sea in his memoirs **LIFE BACK PAGE**



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Dawn hikes to help young adults tackle mental health issues

Charity's 'Night to Light' programme seeks to improve wellness and fight the stigma of illness

Edna Lee

Hiking is a good workout. The challenge is also an occasion for sharing experiences and developing a positive attitude towards mental health.

As part of a project to increase understanding of mental well-being and fight social stigma, a charity will kickstart its quest in the city with 25 young adults who experience mental health issues and hold discussions during the outdoor gathering.

Stephen Wong, a vice-chairman of the Mental Health Foundation, said the "Night to Light" programme aimed to let participants, aged between 18 and 24, experience a journey from darkness to dawn.

"We will work the mountain together," he said. "We want to give them the message: darkness must pass."

The free programme will be funded by Operation Santa Claus, the annual fundraising organised by the South China Morning Post and public broadcaster RTHK.

This is the first time the foundation is being helped by the year-end campaign, which will use the funds to hire instructors and therapists, and buy hiking gear.

Founded by mental health professionals and members of the public in 2012, the charity has set itself a goal of advancing mental wellness for Hongkongers. It served 2,340 and 2,882 people in 2017 and 2018, respectively.

Dr Ying Yik-chuen, another vice-chairman of the foundation, said his team wanted to rehabilitate people living with mental health issues.

"Recognising that well-being is important," the psychiatrist said. "And we have to tackle the social stigma of mental illness, which has prevented many from seeking the help they need."

A recent study by the University of Hong Kong revealed that nearly one in 10 Hongkongers were found to have suspected depression.

Wong said the foundation wanted to help young adults who have experienced mental health problems and he hoped the hiking challenge programme by his team under the Night to Light programme could lead them to develop positive attitudes.

He said the two-year programme was based on an integrated approach, which consisted of outdoor group

activities, individual inner-personal support, educational discussion, workshops and knowledge sharing.

Participants are required to complete an assessment before enrolment in the programme. Those with scores in the range of mild to moderate will get a place, while applicants ranked as severe or extreme cases will be referred by the foundation to mental health specialists.

Wong noted the role of the hikes in the programme, saying participants were expected to learn about mental health through direct experience and interaction with other members of the hiking groups that include mental health professionals and individuals who have recovered from mental illness.



“We want to give them this message: darkness must pass”

STEPHEN WONG, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

Project manager David Hoang Pui-yang said the hikes would be encouraged to express themselves in words or through art.

"They could create a pattern using fallen leaves around to reflect the feelings they have at the moment and then share them with others," she said.

The hikes will be followed by therapy support and sharing sessions.

Wong said programme participants would be invited to share their experiences with their peers in different activities at secondary schools, adding that the sharing could make a social impact by helping to encourage acceptance of mental health issues among youths and reduce stigma.

PROTEST UPHEAVAL FAILS TO DETER PARENTS' SCHOOL QUEST

Parents who called for a boycott of schools in protest against the school's handling of a case of sexual abuse

Parents

A group of parents who called for a boycott of schools in protest against the school's handling of a case of sexual abuse, said they were not deterred by the protest upheaval.

The parents, who are members of the Parents' Association of the school, said they were not deterred by the protest upheaval and would continue to push for the school to take action against the alleged abuser.

The school, which has a long history, said it was not aware of the parents' protest and would continue to work with the police and the Education Bureau to handle the case.

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Hospital guards against tear gas near site of clashes

Police officers in riot gear were seen near the site of clashes between protesters and police



David Hoang, Dr Ying Yik-chuen and Stephen Wong hope to help young adults develop a positive attitude. Photo: Janyan

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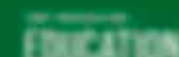
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THE LEGAL TUG OF WAR OVER COURT RULING ON MASKS

By [Name] [Email]

After a court ruling that requires people to wear masks in public places, the Hong Kong government and the legal system are engaged in a tug-of-war over the issue.

The government has issued a mandatory mask-wearing order, while the legal system is challenging the order on the grounds that it is unconstitutional.

The government argues that the order is necessary to protect public health and safety, while the legal system argues that the order is a violation of the right to freedom of movement.

The case is expected to be heard by the Court of Final Appeal in the coming months.

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

By [Name] [Email]

As the holiday season approaches, the Hong Kong Women Workers' Association is launching a campaign called Operation Santa Claus. The campaign aims to help low-income families by providing them with gifts and food.

The association has received donations from various sources, including the government and private companies. The association is also recruiting volunteers to help with the distribution of gifts and food.

The association is hoping that the campaign will help to reduce the financial burden on low-income families during the holiday season.

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Catherine Leung (left) and Lisa Ngai at a workshop for migrant women in Tai Koo East, Photo: Vera Tan

Tips and care to help migrant mothers and their children

Charity to offer more support for toddlers, with immunisation and monitoring of home situations

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Tips on where to get a child vaccinated and how to call an ambulance for an emergency number of the take-away points at a workshop for a dozen new and expectant migrant mothers.

The session, hosted at Pathfinders' Tai Koo East Centre, also helps participants, including Indonesian and Nigerian, gain a better understanding of the health care services provided by the private sector in Hong Kong.

Besides workshops, the charity, which aims to bridge the gap in the city's social welfare safety net and help children from ethnic minority groups, offers support through a crisis hotline and counselling service.

It will continue its existing initiative services and roll out new ones in the coming years with funds provided by Operation Santa Claus, the annual charity drive run by the South China Morning Post and public financial centre RTHK.

Under the new project, "A Child's Discovery with Pathfinders", additional support will be provided for children aged between one and three. They will be given services with an aim to reduce lifelong positive impact on their health and education.

A total of 700 children are expected to benefit from the scheme that considers immunisation and home situations, child development and positive parenting classes, and immunisation.

Catherine Leung, CEO of Pathfinders, said the first three-to-four years were critical for every child. "We really want to make sure that we provide support to

the mothers in the early phase," she said.

Case manager Lisa Ngai said her team would visit the migrant mothers and their children at their homes. "We need to make sure they are brought up right," she said. "We will also monitor the nutritional status of the children to find out whether their mothers are able to provide nutrient-rich foods for them."

Since its launch in 2005, Pathfinders has helped more than 5,000 babies, children and their migrant mothers from ethnic minority communities in the city.



It reduces the growing population of children born to migrant women from ethnic minority groups who are among the most vulnerable in the city, and get their families' support status means they receive little to no social support from the government.

Leung believed the gap in social services for these children would widen as their parents' children of child-bearing age continued to arrive in Hong Kong. She said the organisation wanted to help solve the problem and help them build a foundation to serve migrant families who needed help.

Pathfinders receives no government support and relies on donations. It has 25 staff members, including six social workers.

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Vincent Chao, general manager of the Charles K. Kao Foundation, and social worker Chan Mei-ye of the Christian Family Service Centre help the elderly of a cognitive training class in Kowloon earlier this month. (From left) 1

COMBINING RESOURCES FOR DEMENTIA FIGHT

Charles K. Kao Foundation and Christian Family Service Centre team up to provide cognitive training and assistance for sufferers, families and carers

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Lau noticed last year that her 83-year-old mother was becoming increasingly forgetful. "She often ended up going to the wrong place after we had fixed a location to meet," the daughter said.

As her mother's condition deteriorated, Lau sought help from the Christian Family Service Centre in Kowloon, a facility that treats elderly Hongkongers in varying stages of dementia.

After Lau's mother was referred to health professionals and diagnosed with dementia, she began receiving treatment and taking part in activities that slowed her cognitive decline. "My mother has learned to share and make crafts at the centre," said Lau, who also found it ease her real worries.

She said she believed the cen-

tre activities had helped improve her mother's condition by exercising her body and brain. "My mother remembers things now," Lau said. "She is always happy."

Tung Chiu-yung, the centre's programme director for older care, said her team had helped more than 200 patients in three

locations across Hong Kong. Tung said the centre held making sessions for elderly people with mild to moderate dementia to help them maintain their cognitive abilities. Besides people with dementia, the centre also supports their carers.

The Christian Family Service

Centre works with the Charles K. Kao Foundation to offer financial support for cognitive training and day care services for Hongkongers with dementia and their families.

The foundation, established in 2010 by Professor Charles K. Kao and his wife Cecilia, Kan Wong-Mei-wan, is dedicated to raising awareness of Alzheimer's disease and enhancing support for patients, families and carers.

Kao, who won a Nobel Prize in Physics in 2009, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2004. He died in 2018 at the age of 84.

This year, the foundation is a beneficiary of Operation Santa Claus, the annual fundraising campaign organised by the South China Morning Post and public broadcaster RTHK.

Vincent Chao, Wang Hong, general manager of the foundation, said the funds would enable his team to help more the medical dementia patients.

"Our project opens up an alternative path for our clients to receive early interventions, while waiting for long-term government services," he said.

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Caritas Jockey Club Lok Yan School principal Chrissie Mok and social worker Anita Lam at the school's CML Food Lab. Photo: Irwin Wong

Food lab serves up healthy diet for pupils

Project part of initiative to create simple recipes for students who have severe chronic conditions

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How come when you will learn to cook tonight? A cooking resource centre in Shun Shui Po that is offering first steps on a healthy lifestyle is called the CML Food Lab.

Situated in the Caritas Jockey Club Lok Yan School, the CML Food Lab is open to the public.

"CML" is an acronym for "complex medical case", which means patients who have a severe chronic condition and may require prolonged health care.

The CML Food Lab is part of an initiative developed by the school to create simple and healthy recipes for its young students who have CMLs.

Patients' cases may also benefit from the CML Food Lab, which provides opportunities for them to learn basic cooking and nutrition skills.

The two-year community

project is operated with funds from Operation Santa Claus, the annual charity campaign organized by the South China Morning Post and public for the year 2018.

Caritas Jockey Club Lok Yan School's principal, Chrissie Mok, 45, said the food lab had formally launched its operation in September.

"Students' parents can help us develop new recipes," she said, adding that new recipes on its menu included steamed egg white with yolk and cheese ball.

With the support from voluntary workers, including chefs of the Kowloon Shangri-La Hotel, the school hopes to provide a wider choice of healthy dishes for its 55 students, who have severe intellectual and multiple disabilities, and require feeding, or tube feeding.

In addition to tips on preparing delicious food that can be enjoyed by them, the food laboratory provides training facilities for them regarding basic cooking.

The school's social worker, Anita Lam, 42, said that the teaching kitchen was also accessible to disabled people.

"The electric height adjustable kitchen chairs have been designed for wheelchair users as well as our students who may be unable to stand on their feet and have to work in a sitting position," she said.

Mok said her team had attached importance to the needs of parents or carers with special needs when building the food lab, which was set up near the Caritas Medical Centre to act as a platform for the presentation of a healthy diet and lifestyle.

Apart from cooking classes, the team organizes free health seminars and workshops for students' parents, medical workers and members of the public.

Mok said the care engagement programme was currently having a wider impact since the community as a whole continued to raise public awareness of complex medical cases in the city.

"There could be more complex medical cases in the population. We are striving to give a growing number of elderly people will have old age disabilities," she said.



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What Hong Kong can learn from Han Kuo-yu's flexibility

Leadership experts say the secret to success is not just about the skills and knowledge of the leader, but also the flexibility to adapt to change.

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Lena Wong and James Chung are among the participants in the NGO leadership programme, sponsored by Operation Santa Claus. (Photo: SCMP)

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Winner will be granted funds to invest in their work, with participants involved in areas such as helping working mothers and promoting reading

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Businesswoman Lena Wong's mission is to help mothers continue their careers after giving birth, while another Hongkonger, James Chung Kwok-ting, wants children to read more books.

They are among 24 participants in this year's NGO leadership programme organised by Chinese University's social work department and UBS Investment Bank. The seven-month programme, which kicked off this month, is sponsored by Operation Santa Claus, the youth fundraiser organised by the South China Morning Post and public broadcaster RTHK.

The programme winners become a beneficiary of the charity, and past winners have been granted more than HK\$300,000 to invest in their service. The amount of funding for this year's winner has yet to be decided.

Wong said she left the high-pressure finance industry after the birth of her daughter to spend more time at home. "It is not the way you're totally out of the game, or you're 24/7 on the job," Wong said of her career in finance. It was a particularly big laugh

for Wong giving a speech on stage, that required her to continue working. She even started Hong Kong Nonstopmum, an NGO that provides consulting services for mothers who want to restart their careers.

"It is a great fun in Hong Kong because many of these women are very competent," Wong said of women forced to stop working after childbirth.

It is zero either way: you're totally out of the game, or you're 24/7 on the job

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Chung, who had spent two decades in the publishing industry, founded a programme called Reading Books for Fun and has been visiting schools and community centres to promote reading. "We often talk about reading in academic terms, but I can also read children down the path of living learning," he said.

Chung said he believed reading could give children from low-income families better upward mobility — an idea he picked up working for the charity Oxfam.

The two participants are not eligible for the leadership prize because their social services were registered as charities. Even so, they said they were hoping to start other ventures during the programme, which started in 2015.

Mostly Wong Kwok-ting, a professor at Chinese University's social work department, said the programme was more than just about nurturing good leaders.

Wong said it also provided participants with a vast and lasting network that would help with the transfer of knowledge and performance in the future. She said the university would help participants in their research.

"I have tried to be challenging, tested and helped. And only after that will we know if a project is worth putting our resources into," Wong said.

Rob Stewart of UBS, one of the programme sponsors, said he hoped to get more people from the bank involved in volunteer work. But the bank's chief commitment officer in Asia-Pacific admitted more people were not as keen on adding volunteer work to their already busy schedules.

"There will always be people who prefer to be generous with their chequebooks than with their time. We have no respect that," Stewart said.

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A party formed in 1985 for 30 women beneficiaries of Archbishop O'Connell's services features dance segments and the playing of Christmas carols. Photo: Jennifer Davis

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There is nothing quite like a rendition of joyful Christmas carols and high-energy dance moves to get everyone into the festive spirit.

Ulli split up into groups and took to the stage to dance over the afternoon, after 200 members of charity Clackness Foodbank's services began the show by singing *Single Girl* and *Home Queen* in *Coming to Town*.

most, while not necessarily revealing, we expect to make very few results available.

The financial services firm is a supporter of Operation Santa Claus, the annual charity campaign jointly organized by the *South China Morning Post* and the Hong Kong Police.

Rob Stewart, head of corporate communications Asia-Pacific at IBM, noted their hardware drive had recorded a strong performance this year despite the challenging economic environment. "People are happy to give back to the community," he said.

In addition to the party, the staff hosted a film session for 40 children from ethnic minority groups whose films played games. CDD group managing director David Chen said his team was delighted at the chance to spend some quality time with the young stars. "I think it's great for our staff to get to know children from the community," he said.

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CHILDREN CRAFT THEIR OWN FESTIVE TREATS

Gold Coast Hotel gives underprivileged youngsters a hands-on lesson in making gingerbread men along with a buffet and tree-lighting ceremony

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One gingerbread man after another tumbled deep into a hands-on donut making session at a hotel in Tsim Sha.

Inspired and guided by their instructor, the youngsters, aged between six and 12, rolled one dough into sheets and carefully

cut perfect pieces. As an instructor offered the youngsters knowledge while a beginner was keen to know whether her piece would

The children decorated the variations with dental icing before the festive treats were baked in ovens for their table home.

Executives and staff at the Hong Kong Gold Coast Hotel, while helping those in need of further guidance, encouraged

their young guests to make their Christmas treat.

The pupils, many of whom were residents of public housing or underprivileged families, were

invited to a Christmas party hosted by Sino Hotels Group, which is helping raise funds for Operation Santa Claus, the annual charity campaign

organised by the South China Morning Post and public domain center B119.

Robert Kawai, general manager

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workshop, the youngsters, who have been beneficiaries of the charity The Light of Hong Kong, were invited to a Christmas buffet.

They also attended a Christmas tree lighting ceremony in the hotel's lobby, which capped off the festive occasion.

The food chain comprises the Gold Coast Hotel, Hotel Pacific Hotel, Island Pacific Hotel, City Garden Hotel, The Olympia, and The Postmark, all of which will

take part in raising money for

Operation Santa Claus this year. All proceeds of the fundraising activities held at these hotels will go towards supporting the year-end campaign.



Executives from the Gold Coast Hotel and Sino Hotels Group get into the Christmas spirit as the children show off their gingerbread creations. Photo: Jeff Ho/SCMP



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With a new bridge spanning a widening gap, the controversial rail link faces another delay as the government considers a new design.



The government has announced a new design for the rail link, which will be built on a new bridge. The new design is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Health warning for elderly as temperatures to plunge

The high-energy session was capped with a visit by Santa, who joined the children in celebrating the festive season.

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Participants join the high-energy fitness session designed for underprivileged youth. Photo: Edward Wong

Fun and games for youngsters
at top of HK's tallest building

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A high-energy session with Santa Claus of the city's tallest building turned into a playground this week, as children were treated to a fun-filled day organized by a charity and its fundraising partners.

The 24 young beneficiaries of the InspiringHK Youth Empowerment, aged between six and 12, played games and sipped warm milk in the spacious lobby, while travelling at the view from the International Commerce Centre.

Stretching out their arms and balancing on one-legged stools, the children also got a taste of yoga under the direction of an instructor.

The high-energy session was capped with a visit by Santa, who joined the children in celebrating the festive season.

The event was part of a series of initiatives by InspiringHK to empower local youth through sports, including through training and learning experiences.

Credit Suisse started this year's charity to be the beneficiary of funds raised at its annual holiday parties in local staff.

The fundraising drive was carried out in support of Operation Santa Claus, the year-end campaign organized by the Post and Public, Insurance BTR to help those in need.

Cantonese Santa Claus, said the campaign "allows us to engage very closely with the community".

He added that the partnership had enabled the group to explore fresh opportunities for helping those in need, citing InspiringHK's youth empowerment programmes.



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Alexander Ng (right), his team from Sino Group and visitors at Hong Kong Golf Club Hotel's farm in Tsuen Wan. Photo: Edward So

Eco-farming for families to promote sustainable living

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Senior Lecturer Chan is back at a very busy time of the year.

"I picked up Chinese medicine this time last year," the 58-year-old said, smiling. "I'm back to work."

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King's Club Green House staff and Santa Claus are growing.

The hotel, a member of the

Sino Group, has put a lot of work

into promoting sustainable living.

Sino Group's projects to

reduce consumption of single-

use plastics and turn used things

into creative products.

Alexander Ng, group

general manager at Sino Group,

said his team wanted to encour-

age the city's next generation to

adopt green habits. "It's a big part

of our goal in raising the eco-

friendly project," he said.

The Sino Group is a supporter

of Operation Santa Claus, the

annual charity drive jointly

organised by the South China

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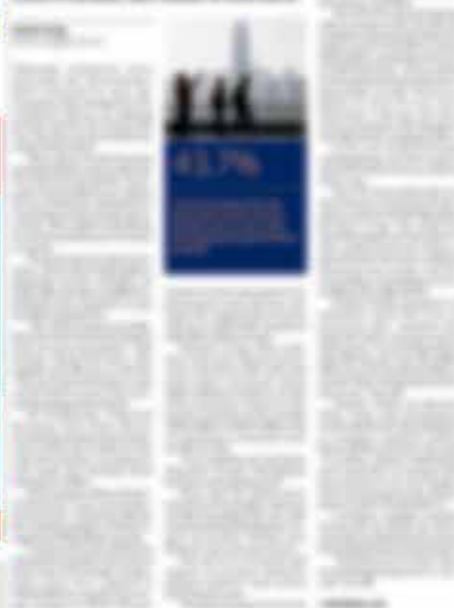
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RELIEF MEASURES
A DROP IN BUCKET,
COMPANIES SAY

Hong Kong's economic recovery is slow, but the city's relief measures are helping to ease the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, according to a survey of companies.

Population forecasts, alcoholism
in church and parking penalty

PAIR FACE COURT OVER HK\$30m DRUG HAUL

Source: World Bank. *Country Comparison: Economic Indicators*. Washington, DC: World Bank, 2003.

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When a mysterious man offers a man a million dollars to help him escape from a prison, the man agrees. But the man soon discovers that the offer is not what it seems to be. The man is caught in a web of lies and betrayal, and he must find a way to survive.

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Produced by: **Wang Jing**

Screenplay by: **Wang Jing**

Music by: **Wang Jing**

Costume Designer: **Wang Jing**

Editor: **Wang Jing**

Production Designer: **Wang Jing**

Visual Effects Supervisor: **Wang Jing**

Stunt Coordinator: **Wang Jing**

Production Office: **Wang Jing**

Release Date: **Wang Jing**

JOY BETTER

Pavilion

Step out with shoe guru Jimmy Choo

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A charity raffle offers fashion lovers a chance to win clothes with design notes to Jeremy Clarkson, and maybe pick up a few style tips.

The Footenots' legend has joined hands with the Knowlton Sharps-Lachart to raise funds for Operation Santa Claus, the annual charity drive organized by the Post and Herald under E116.

Tickets cost HK\$50 and are available at the hotel from now until January 12, with the grand prize a holiday for two in Kuala Lumpur.

Besides two round air tickets and three nights' accommodation at the Shangri-La in the Malaysian capital, the price includes a private meal and a full-day chauffeur-driven sightseeing tour with Chen, who is an ambassador for Tourism Malaysia.

Second prize is a one-night stay in a suite at the Kew-Forest Hotel, LA, while the third prize is \$100,000 in dining credits.

In a Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the hotel last week, *hargun* (left), area vice president and general manager of the Kowloon Shangri-La, invited guests to pitch in to the fundraising drive. He is the 17th year that Kowloon Shangri-La has supported the action Santa Claus.

"We want to create more impact for successful people in Hong Kong, especially for children," Deert said. "We want to create a platform for young children to get a proper education and grow."

The Malayan Airline students designed creative floor bags and started funds to raise money for Operation Santa Claus last year.



Jürgen Beier (far right), general manager of the Kiewit Group LLC, takes part in the fundraising event. Photo: David Ross

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Revolution of Hong Kong protests offers no easy comparison to HK.

C2 Tuesday, December 10, 2019

South China Morning Post

CITY

SECURITY CHECKS, MORE GUARDS AT POPULAR FAIR

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Clifford Chance employees groups with tough questions on flags, food and travel at the firm's annual charity gala in Central, Hong Kong.

Legal eagles have a fine time during quiz

Clifford Chance staff slapped with 'penalties' for trivialities as part of charity fundraising event

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As referees divided out fines on operators' grounds at a charity event, Matt Chan and Rocky Ma, two have walked past prizes. But the duo have not escaped their duties as "inspectors" at last year's Clifford Chance's annual staff quiz, where they would charge colleagues for trivialities, such as naming a place.

Now the quizmasters, they are testing 30 of their peers, who are split into eight teams, on their knowledge of topics such as flags, food and travel.

The legal and finance review professionals each have teams while being slapped with financial penalties by the event's new inspectors, which make their way to good causes via Operation Santa Claus, the charity drive organized by the South China Morning Post and RTHK.

Clifford Chance's Ling-Ying, one of the new inspectors, takes out

penalties to those trying to change their answers even before they are submitted. "I am here to enforce them to make sure we contribute as much as possible to the charity," she said.

Lau, 36, who was first of 100,000 to be selected to get a quiz, "It was an experience I'll be remembered."

The quizmasters were asked the highlights of the quiz themed "around the world", which took place in the last year's office in Central last week.

The fines were part of the fundraising effort, along with the amount for paid by each team.

Chan, one of the quizmasters, returned to his former role. "There was a lot of penalties against the inspectors," he said, explaining why he had filed a team.

The firm has been running the event since 2010 to raise funds for Operation Santa Claus.

Ma, who had helped with the game for eight years, said colleagues were having a great time. "Everyone gets together for a good cause," he quizzed.

Another inspector, Harrison Tsui, who was also one of the quizmasters, said he had found the experience.

"Quite a bit," he said about 30 minutes into the challenge, as he prepared at the quiz week's quiz board for them in Hong Kong's central district.



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CITY

SEVEN JAILED FOR
FAKING RESULTS
OF BRIDGE TESTS

SEVEN people have been sentenced to jail for faking results of bridge tests, a court has ruled.

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Dah Sing Bank employees and charity beneficiaries take part in the basketball event at the South China Athletic Association. Photos: Edmund So

Everyone's a winner at basketball game

Dah Sing Bank employees and youngsters play their part to raise money for those most in need



A girl dribbles a basketball during the event in Causeway Bay.

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About 100 employees of Dah Sing Bank showed sportsmanship as they took part in a charity basketball event to raise money for those in need.

They played in a friendly basketball match and a series of challenge games with 24 young beneficiaries of charity the HUB Hong Kong aged between seven and 13, as part of the "Dah Sing Cheers for Challenge".

Each basket scored at the event last Saturday at the South China Athletic Association in Causeway Bay counted towards the final donation, and all proceeds will go to Operation Santa Claus, the annual fundraising campaign organized by the South China Morning Post and public broadcaster RTHK.

Dah Sing Bank has been supporting the year-end charity appeal for seven years.

By hosting the sports event, the group aimed to foster strong team spirit among its staff while providing them with the opportunity to bring joy and fun to the less privileged members of the community in the festive season.

Kenny Cheng, vice president, was delighted at the opportunity to engage with the youngsters. "I am happy to have been able to help raise money for charity sports," he thanked.



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How to donate towards the fundraising appeal for Operation Santa Claus



The annual fundraising campaign organized by the South China Morning Post and public broadcaster RTHK, Operation Santa Claus, is a year-end charity appeal for seven years.



C2 Friday, December 13, 2019

South China Morning Post

CITY

'RIOTERS' HUNTED FOR PETROL BOMB ATTACK ON MTR

Police are hunting for rioters who threw petrol bombs at a train on the MTR on Friday night, after a group of about 10 people were seen running away from the train.



The incident occurred on the MTR at about 11:30 pm on Friday night. A group of about 10 people were seen running away from a train on the MTR tracks. Police are hunting for rioters who threw petrol bombs at the train.

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS



Segantii Capital Management staff and executives and young charity beneficiaries enjoy a festive spread at the Christmas party. Photo: David Wong

Segantii Capital invests in a good cause

Snacks and gifts galore as asset management firm brings Christmas cheer to youngsters

Little Leo
with Leo20191213

Christmas Day arrived early for 19 children who were treated to a party at a local asset management company.

The youngsters, between six and 12 years old, were brought together on Wednesday by the Little Leo Hong Kong, a charity that organizes classes and empowerment programmes for young people.

The festive celebration, which included snacks and gifts, was provided by Segantii Capital Management, an institutional asset management firm.

Segantii does more than being a holder; the company has helped many disadvantaged youngsters by supporting Operation Santa Claus, the annual fundraising drive organized by the South China Morning Post and public broadcaster RTHK.

This year, the RTHK Hong Kong

was one of the beneficiaries of Operation Santa Claus.

Kurt Fung, chief executive officer of Segantii, commended the efficiency and focus of the year-end charity campaign.

"It provides publicity for small charities," Fung said. "To give the youngsters, which is based in Hong Kong, a chance to see the good work being done here and to give something back to the Hong Kong community."

He also praised Operation Santa Claus for its identifying and screening charities and overseeing the distribution of funds.

"It focuses on areas we normally graduate towards and are likely to support directly," Fung said.

This is the ninth year that Segantii has supported the campaign.

This year, 13 campaigns to help different local groups, such as people with disabilities and children, were selected to benefit from Operation Santa Claus.

Simon Sadler, executive and chief investment officer of Segantii, said the campaign helped his team to reach out to various sectors of the community.

"We are able to give money and it is distributed between a number of local charities providing different services that we could not be able to reach on our own," Sadler said.

Sadler said the fundraise also came at the right time of the year.

"It's always good to give at Christmas," he said.



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Stephanie Au mails the postcards to 53 beneficiaries of Operation Santa Claus from Hong Kong Disneyland on Lantau. (Photo: Samuel Chan)

Olympic swimmer spreads festive joy with postcards

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Stephanie Au this day is identified as spread joy over the holiday season.

The Olympic swimmer, representing Operation Santa Claus, the annual fundraising drive organized by the South China Morning Post and public broadcaster RTHK, sent Christmas greetings on Wednesday to 53 organizations that had been selected to benefit from the year-end campaign.

These beneficiaries include groups that help people with disabilities and disadvantaged children.

"Thank you to Operation Santa Claus for everyone during Christmas," Au said. "Christmas is for everyone."

The Operation Santa Claus ambassador called the greetings as postcards specially designed to raise money for the charity appeal.

She then put the postcards, which featured Disney characters

such as Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and Mr. Duffy, in the mailbox at Hong Kong Disneyland theme park on Lantau Island.

The postcards are available for HK\$10 each at retail outlets at the resort until January 1. More than 27,000 have already been sold in about a month since their launch, according to the firm.

Senders may earn a Disney character postcard by mailing the cards from. All proceeds from the charity postcards will go to Operation Santa Claus.

The postcards are part of Hong Kong Disneyland's initiative this year to support the annual fundraising.

It was the first time that the company had developed merchandise items with NGOs.

Apart from the 53 beneficiaries of Operation Santa Claus in the city, thousands of people in more than 30 countries and regions, including Australia and the United States, have received the festive postcards sent by their loved ones or well-wishers from the Hong Kong resort.



LOVE UP IN THE AIR AS UNREST SWAYS DATING DECISIONS

More couples are choosing to elope in Hong Kong as a result of the city's political unrest, according to a survey by a local wedding planner. The survey found that 15 per cent of couples who got married in Hong Kong last year chose to elope, up from 10 per cent in 2018.

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Morgan Stanley employees embrace the festive spirit in the atrium of the International Commerce Centre in West Kowloon. Photo: David Wong

BANKERS RAISE ROOF AT CITY'S TALLEST BUILDING

Staff compete with pupils in singing contest as financial services giant rakes in record HK\$1m

BRIEF

The city's tallest building played host to more than 100 bankers and dozens of pupils as they sang festive songs for Morgan Stanley's charity drive, raising a record HK\$1 million this year.

The singing bankers, who took to the stage for the 17th annual "Operation Santa Claus" event, performed in the atrium of the International Commerce Centre in West Kowloon last Thursday.

Some staff, across different

for their donations before deciding to fund the grand finale in a charity singing competition.

The event wrapped up the bank's fundraising efforts for Operation Santa Claus, the annual charity campaign co-organized by PwC and HSBC.

Harold Shapiro, Asia Pacific CEO of Morgan Stanley, presided at the event, the bank had raised a record HK\$4 million for charity beneficiaries, among them Pathfinders and Mind Hub. That included HK\$3.8 million through an auction of tokens held by staff.

The company has been an active donor of the charity for 23 years. "Morgan Stanley is a very caring place. It is reflected by our employees," Shapiro said. "Giving back is one of our core values."

"We support the important work that day the beneficiaries do for our communities. We are engaged so that our employees are part of the journey."



One formula, but Hong Kong can never be like Macau

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Deacons senior partner Lilian Ching (center, in white) flashes a thumbs-up sign with other participants of a laughter yoga session at the weekend. Photo: Suzanne Chan

Laughter and deep breaths to melt stress away

Deacons team and other participants connect in special yoga session to promote mental wellness

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Dozens of legal and business services professionals from a law firm took time out at the weekend to stretch and share some laughs with a group of fellow Hongkongers pursuing emotional wellness.

The group of 31 from Deacons connected with the other participants at the "Good Mood Day" event on Saturday morning by practicing laughter yoga as a way to relieve stress.

Led by occupational therapist Harrison Kong Lok using the techniques started by clapping their hands and chanting "Ho-ho, ha-ha" instead of adopting different yoga poses, they were encouraged to move around and interact with each other.

The Deacons team mingled with 25 individuals brought to-

gether by the Mental Health Foundation, a charity that organizes events to promote mental wellness in the city.

Ching, recruited as a volunteer, said the event was held as participants were increasingly drawn into the autumn and the potential challenges soon become greater.

After about 20 minutes, when they were then directed to take a deep breath and relax.

Kong, who has been a laughter yoga instructor for three years, believed the exercise would bring psychological benefits, and said laughter—intentional or not—was conducive to mental well-being.

"We have a number of differences between general and genuine laughter," she explained, "but genuine laughter is the key."

The Mental Health Foundation is one of 13 beneficiaries of Operation Santa Claus, the an-

nuated charity drive organized by the South China Morning Post and public broadcaster RTHK, while Deacons is a supporter.

Deacons senior partner Lilian Ching said she hoped more people would understand the importance of mental health.

"Hong Kong is a highly stressed society," she said, adding that she believed many Hongkongers had been coping with mental health issues in silence.

A recent study by the University of Hong Kong found nearly one in 10 Hongkongers had reported depression.

Ching said Hongkongers should help people who were living with such issues. "We must squarely face the issue and provide support for people in need."

She also said her colleagues were keen to help the less fortunate members of society.

Bonnie Ng Kai-wing, an employee of the law firm, said she had regularly taken part in the company's volunteer programmes.

"I want to do my bit whenever I get an opportunity," he said.



NEW BEAUTY TREATMENTS ARE RAISING EYEBROWS

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The "Super Chef with Love" contest was among 44Twitter, under the charity campaign by the Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, 17 July 2010.

Eckhard Lape
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Cantonese pop singer Patti Lauro and medical professionals from the Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital put their culinary creativity to the test this week as part of a donation drive that has raised HK\$1 million.

The annual charity campaign by the hospital in Happy Valley incorporated a wide variety of activities to raise money for Operation Santa Claus, the year-end fundraising project organized by the South China Morning Post and public broadcaster RTHK.

More than 2,000 doctors, nurses and support staff at the hospital attended the event, where participants stopped in to relay during the "Hap Hap Nam-thun" meeting, while others took on challenges at game booths.

Another highlight on Monday was the "Super Chat with Jorje" contest, which offered a rare glimpse of medical professionals' creativity in the kitchen.

Four teams, who had been sponsored by colleagues and friends, raced to impress judges with their innovative Hong Kong-style afternoon tea treats, on hand

egg fruit trees, figs, and figs, and figs with figs and figs.

Mander MacIay Jr., director of nursing services at the hospital, walked away with the most creative staff-benefit idea yet.

"With love you can achieve anything," she said.

This optimism, writes leading officer Chao Suk-kwan, attributed their success to good teamwork. "We worked out together how to make the difficult look good, small mistakes were corrected."

Dr. Kapelline L.L., whose team won a commendation each for belonging to the longest duration and for the best teamwork, also said she had a good partner. "We

"Like I talked back," the heart-throb said to his fans, who had cheered the happy end.

At an auction, the high man was prepared by him and the hospital's deputy medical superintendent/visit. Dr Joseph Chan, Women's wing, bid a total of HK\$20,000.

Charrault was delighted by the turnout. "We hope our colleagues can take time out to play and join the fascinating activities," he said.

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TUTOR ON TRIAL FOR LEAKING TEST QUESTIONS ONLINE

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Public hospitals add 1,300 beds ahead of peak flu season

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POLICE REPORTS

Two Boys Look At ...

The photo shows two young boys, one slightly behind the other, both looking towards the left side of the frame. They appear to be indoors, possibly in a classroom or library setting.

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MEN FAKED HK\$4.2b IN DEALS IN LISTINGS BID

Two members of the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) have been charged with fraud after allegedly faking a \$4.2-billion deal in a bid to manipulate the market.

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The Swedish Santa reads a book to a child at the "Swedish Winter" fair held last week in a piazza outside the Hong Kong Cultural Centre in Tsim Sha Tsui. Photo: DICKSON LEE

'Swedish Santa' drops in to town to spread cheer



Consulate brings in own jolly Father Christmas to promote love of reading among children at fair

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The Swedish Santa was in the city to celebrate the festive season with Hongkongers last week. Sporting a red cap and a flowing white beard, he brought his "husky" to the city as part of the "Swedish Winter" event held between December 13 and 15. At the three-day fair on the waterfront of Victoria Harbour in Tsim Sha Tsui, visitors joined an array of free activities, including magic performances and Christmas gift-decoration workshops.

The consulate also helped to raise money for Operation Santa Claus, the annual fundraiser organised by the South China Morning Post and public benefit corporation R310K. During the fair, the consul general of Sweden in the city, said they

were excited to be a long-term partner in the fundraising project. "We hope we can contribute to the important causes that Operation Santa Claus has decided to support," she said. This year, 13 organisations were selected to benefit from the campaign. At the "Swedish Winter" fair, children's literature and reading were a major theme. Representations of the master of Swedish literary character "Alfie Anders" organised a story-reading session for children. Another highlight was an exhibition devoted to "children's books". Wu Wang, who helped with the activities to promote reading, hoped more families would take it up as a pastime. "In the heart of what we do to promote parent-child bonding through reading together."

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Young upcyclers enjoy eco-friendly Christmas party

Children make decorations out of plastic straws as hotel chain proudly shows green credentials

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Doctors of children had an opportunity to make observations with various plastic strains, provided by a hotel chain earlier this month.

Led by the staff of E-bowl Group, they cruised pierce with the single-rop lines at a Fleet / man party located at E-bowl Nova at Convention Centre in Town Hall.

The young craft workers and their families, brought together by charities from Achievement Hong Kong and the High Hong Kong, were also treated to a Christmas buffet.

Both charities offer programmes for young people and are beneficiaries of Operation Santa Claus, the annual fundraising campaign organised by the South China Morning Post and public broadcaster RTHK.

Mingus Liang (Wang Liang), deputy general manager of C. Smith, said it was the fourth time that they had

partnered with Operation Santa Claus to organize Christmas parties.

Ling said the group, which owns and manages several hotel properties and serviced apartments in the city, was keen to get back to the community.

Wanda Woo Wing, a general manager of a French bistro South, said the chain also carried out projects to promote sustainability. He noted the upcycling workshop at the party was aimed to help the city's next generation adopt green habits.

"We hope the children can learn to make do-it-yourself crafts with unused materials," she said.

Jeff Jung Kwong-kei, deputy general manager of Hotel Asia, said the group had been planning a range of eco-friendly measures. "Our hotel chain no longer provides plastic straws," he said.

Debbie Zani-Torrey, senior vice president of Harbor Gateway Bay Harbor View, said her team had made some buzz with some tabloids, but the family could do better.



The Christmas party in full swing in Tsuen Wan. Photo: Chow Yik-lung



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PUPILS COOK UP A MEAT-FREE TREAT

Youngsters flip burgers made from soy and potato protein at restaurant chain's Sha Tin cafe, enjoying a real taste of work and entrepreneurship

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A group of primary pupils got a chance to display their talent for the first time at a Christmas party last week.

Under the direction of staff of Urban 25 youngsters from Pat Heung Central Primary School made burgers with imitation meat at the cafe in Sha Tin. Chef Thomas Li Ho-pui explained the steps in preparing the dish and showed the daily kitchen routines.

The workshop was part of an initiative by Junior Achievement Hong Kong to inspire young people and prepare them for employment and entrepreneurship. A firm believer in early career planning, it helps students to develop a business plan in the real world.

To support the charity's "Be My Own Boss Family Programme", Maxim's invited pupils to take on a real-world business project. The chain is a supporter of Operation Santa Claus, the annual Christmas campaign organized by the Post and Sun, while Junior Achievement Hong Kong is a beneficiary of the donations.

Maxim's is raising funds by donating part of its revenue from the sale of meat turkey and the Lunar New Year dish goose. Asked for the recipe for the burgers, made primarily from soy and potato protein, Primary Four pupil Fat Shelly said "They tasted amazing."

After knocking up the burger, Urban 25 staff said they wanted to be a chef. "I love cooking," the Primary Three pupil said.

Another Primary Three pupil, Maria Lau Tin-ching, said she wanted to prepare meals for her mother when she grows older.

Billie So was also looking forward to a cooking career. "I want to learn to make delicious food and create recipes."

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CARDINAL URGES CHRISTMAS TRUCE

Cardinal of Hong Kong calls for a truce in the conflict between the two sides of the border

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Swimming is a valuable skill for children and young people, and it is also a fun way to stay active and healthy.

A group of bankers dived into the water and took up table tennis last month for a coaching session with youngsters.

The Hang Seng Bank employees hosted eight children at the company's Mong Kok office on December 6. Laughter resounded from the multipurpose room.

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He said the bank encouraged staff participation in community service by giving employees paid volunteer leave.

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Bankers serve with smile to young table tennis fans

Edith Lee
with the youngsters

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Fun is had by all at the coaching session organised by Hang Seng Bank employees. Photo: Edward Hoang

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Alison Ho Cheuk-wai, head of corporate responsibility at Hang Seng Bank, said the company had long reached out to young people in Hong Kong.

"Our charity work focuses on youngsters," she said. She said her volunteer team, formed by staff from multiple departments at the bank, had worked with different community organisations in the city.

Together with St James' Settlement, Hang Seng also launched an online platform that provides personalised career and study advice for young people aged between 15 and 29.

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Staff writer

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From back left: Christine Fung Hiu-tung from InspiringHK Sports Foundation with three volunteers from Hang Seng and a group of young table tennis fans, aged six-12. Photo: Edward Wong



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Thousands kick off new year with march

Thousands of youngsters took over the streets in a lengthy parade to mark the New Year, with many participants wearing festive costumes.

The children came from the Hong Kong Playground Association (HKPA), and ChickenSoup Foundation.

Volunteers from HKPA had previously shared their dodgeball skills, a sport similar to dodgeball, with Swire staff.

ChickenSoup Foundation is one of the 13 beneficiaries of this year Operation Santa Claus, an annual fundraising campaign jointly organised by the South China Morning Post and the public broadcaster RTHK.

Over the past six years, Swire Properties has raised more than HK\$5 million through events and activities for Operation Santa Claus.

Children and Swire staff were put through their paces on the ice, learning this Winter Olympic sport. Photo: Jonathan Wong

"Sports is a universal language that brings people together across cultures, and we wanted to involve as many people as possible in our efforts," said May Lam-Kobayashi, the general manager of public affairs of Swire Properties. She noted the importance of empowering children to discover their talents and explore the unknown.

"The children of today are our future leaders. Our goal was to inspire and empower children and youth," she said.

"A vibrant community is only possible through interaction, conversation and collaboration," Lam-Kobayashi said. "Our goal is to build vibrant sustainable communities, ideal places where people can live, work and play."

Staff writer



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CHEUNG DECRIES POLITICAL STALLING

His criticism of the slow pace of Hong Kong's political development has been met with surprise

By Alan Leong

Hong Kong's political development has been a long and arduous process, according to Cheung Kong, who has been a vocal critic of the slow pace of progress. He said that the current pace of development is not only slow but also lacks direction. He called for a more proactive approach from the government to address the political challenges facing the territory.

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SPORTS

'Law must define who is fit to decide on end-of-life care'

Support for the bill is expected to be strong, but the government must ensure that the law is clear and enforceable

By Alan Leong

The government has introduced a bill to allow doctors to perform euthanasia on terminally ill patients. The bill has received widespread support from the public and medical professionals. However, some concerns have been raised about the potential for abuse and the need for clear legal safeguards. The government is expected to address these concerns in the coming months.

Marvellous match



CHARITY

Golf philanthropy makes difference for children, needy

Edna Lee
on the Hong Kong Golf Club

There are two experiences for the golfers who take part in the charity events. One is the thrill of the game, and the other is the joy of giving back to the community.

And these feelings are heightened when the goal is to help those in need.

In that spirit, Hong Kong Golf Club's charity committee chairman Martin Hui says the club's members will step up for charity events being hosted by the club to

help raise money for those in need.

He said the club has a long history of supporting charities. In 2016 and 2017, even as the club raised more than 100,000 dollars for charities in Hong Kong, according to its website.

"The members here are all generous and very supportive of our work," Hui said.

Beneficiaries of its charitable programmes include Home of Living Buddhas, a residential care home for the elderly, and the Hong Kong Golf Club's charity committee chairman Martin Hui says the club's members will step up for charity events being hosted by the club to

Operation Santa Claus, the annual fundraiser jointly organised by the South China Morning Post and public broadcaster RTHK, which funds the charity.

"We do want the club to be involved in the effort," the charity committee chairman said.

Children from schools in the neighbourhood have been well-served on trial walls aimed at helping them to learn about Hong Kong's natural environment.

In addition to education, the charity committee chairman said he hoped the club could help people discover the pleasure of playing sports.

"Hong Kong kids need to get outdoors more," he said, adding he believed the whole family could have fun at golf events.



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on the Hong Kong Golf Club

Helping children to wait but can Carrie Lam follow suit?

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Golfers take swing at pros as they raise over HK\$2m

Amateurs pay to take on some of world's best, while rising stars show their class at Open

Matt Kwok

Hundreds of golfers suited more than HK\$2 million for charity at a variety of events - including 15 amateurs who paid to take on some of the best in the world at this week's Hong Kong Open.

The money was donated to the Hong Kong Golf Club's annual Charity Cup on Tuesday, at the Cup of Kindness in October, and in a final for the Pro contest at the professional tournament, which took place from Sunday to 12.

This is the second year the club has been a major supporter of Operation Santa Claus, the annual fundraising campaign organized by the Red Cross of Hong Kong.



A youngster meets one of the pros at Farling. PHOTO: JIMMY LEE

The club's initiatives raised money for 12 beneficiaries, including Home of Living Faithfulness, which has been supported by the club for many years. Alex Soak, the club's director of communication, said they were delighted to partner with RSC in their efforts.

"Charity has been a big part of the club for many decades, sport itself is a great platform for raising money for charity," he said.

"Sport connects people from all walks of life. People get

involved, the what we see in the Hong Kong Open."

While the Farling club's two top events are well established, with the Cup of Kindness raising about HK\$20 million since its inaugural year in 1987, the final for the Pro competition was a first.

Amateurs could bid for one of a dozen spots to hit a tee shot alongside the likes of Tony Finau and Shane Lowry at the 31,200 during Sunday's third round, with those finishing closest to the pin winning a variety of prizes.

Eight of those spots were allocated to internal youngsters, as part of the club and Hong Kong Golf Association's commitment to developing the game. The success of that goal was highlighted at the open golf by the four performances of four locals - Alexander Yang, Terence Ng, Leon O'Shea and Matt Young - who battled through to the final day of play.

William Dow-lee, the club captain, said: "We work closely with the Hong Kong Golf Association for golf development. We're thrilled they have been doing very well in the tournament."

The golf club has benefited several charities, including the Red Cross of Hong Kong, the Age of Vision, Hong Kong Society - Jackie Chan Early Education and Training Centre, the Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service, and the Hong Kong Evangelical Church of Basilians (German) Family Centre.

It also provides free use of its courses for some charities' fundraising efforts, which raise around HK\$20 million a year. The club's youth development programme encompasses 12 academies in the northern New Territories, which open regular lessons.



PUSH TO PROVIDE MORE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

The Hong Kong Government is pushing to provide more transitional housing for low-income families, as part of its broader social housing strategy. The government has announced a new target of 10,000 transitional housing units by 2025, up from the current 7,000. This new target is part of the government's commitment to address the housing needs of low-income families and provide them with a stable and affordable place to live. The government has also announced a new target of 10,000 public housing units by 2025, up from the current 7,000. This new target is part of the government's commitment to address the housing needs of low-income families and provide them with a stable and affordable place to live. The government has also announced a new target of 10,000 public housing units by 2025, up from the current 7,000. This new target is part of the government's commitment to address the housing needs of low-income families and provide them with a stable and affordable place to live.





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The spirit of giving warmed the gardens of the Trustees of King Children's Hospital as Sandy flew earlier this month, on about 2,000 Hongkongers, chilled out the Indian way on a winter day for a good cause.

At the charity bazaar organized by the Italian Women's Association, Taligorski happened upon books to be sold set up in the yard to get a taste of Italian culture and cuisine.

Many shoppers also sought ideas for Christmas presents from the 60 stalls displaying warm-weather items, beachside clothes and toys to accessories and household appliances.

Friends from the club will be donated to the Society for the Relief of Disabled Children. Another beneficiary is Operation Santa Claus, the annual charity drive organized by the South

China Moving Fast and public
household ETOX.

The association's president, Alexander Ceylan Joynt, said she was encouraged by the turnout at the fundraising event, which was held between 10am and 1pm, and the generosity of visitors.

The group has raised money for various charities, such as institutions that care for disabled children and senior smokers.

It's already well-gained a lot of support from the local business community, she said.

"The Italian community understands that we are here to do something good and give back to the city," she said.

Coco Hooyent also praised the association's partnership with Operation Santa Claus, which enabled it to reach out to more

"We are really honored to be part of Operations Sober Clean," she said.

The image shows a blurred night scene of a city with a bridge and lights. In the foreground, a newspaper is visible with the headline "Wash. State - Housing Plan".



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Participants at this year's Wing Ding Squash Tournament pose for a group picture. Photo: Edmund Chan

Wing Ding squash contest proves a smashing success

Edmund Lee
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They and their thousands took to the court as squash players rising into action to raise money for their friend.

Donating fancy dress, adults and children huddled in front of Hong Kong Football Club in the second Wing Ding Squash Charity Tournament.

Among the more eccentric costumes were business-suit-wearing businessmen in the first round of the men's group draw.

They competed at the annual tournament held at the club's squash courts in Happy Valley in support of Operation Santa Claus, the fundraising campaign organised by the Hong Kong public relations firm.

The Wing Ding tournament, which is held in name partly from Yuen Kwan-ying, a disabled staff member of the squash centre who died in 1988, has been staged at the club every year since 2003, with the fee for the event provided free of charge.

Stephen Gellap, who chairs the squash section's charity sub-committee, said 142 players took

part in the event this year. "This is the biggest number we've ever had," he said.

The tournament features 14 teams in a knockout format that sees contestants hopping from court to court in about two-hour sessions.

Gellap noted that the challenge was popular with junior players.

Adrian Yuen Tai-dong, who is eight years old, has taken part in the tournament for five years in a row. Another eight-year-old, Zachary Bernal, said he started to believe about two hours into the day-long competition. "That's a bit," he said.

Charles Bernal, a general practitioner, found playing squash in a crowd of people enjoyable. "I play every year," said the doctor, who has lived in Hong Kong for nearly five years.

Local squash star Mar Lee Ho-yin led the highest score of the day, finishing the best player title.

The charity event raised HK\$21,730 this year. It collected HK\$20,777 last year.

All money raised, including fees, donations and raffle proceeds, go directly to Operation Santa Claus.

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WATCHDOG PLANS MORE HELP FOR ONLINE SHOPPERS

The Hong Kong Police Force is planning to launch a new online shopping protection scheme to help consumers avoid fraud and other risks when buying goods online.

The scheme, which is being piloted in the New Territories, will allow consumers to report any suspicious online shopping activity to the police force.

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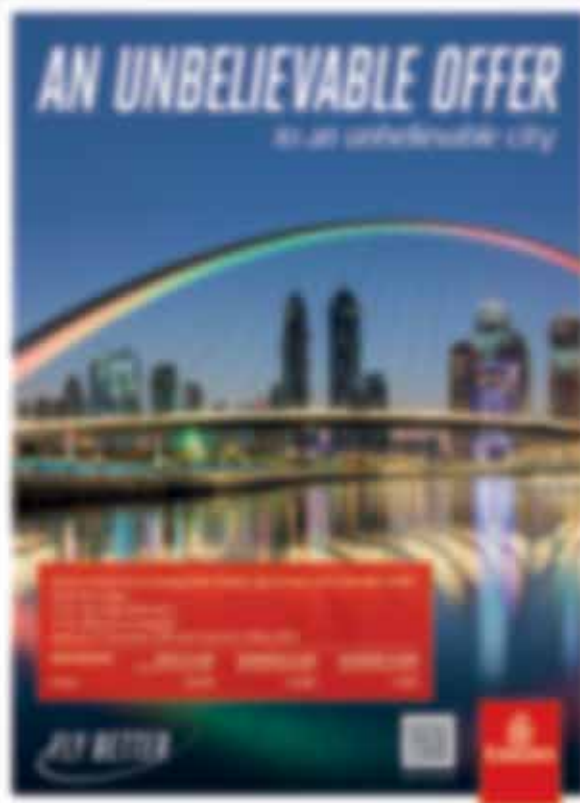
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HONG KONG TEACHERS AND STUDENTS BRAVE BUCKET CHALLENGE IN WINTER FOR CHARITY

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Photo: Dickson Lee

- Shung Tak Catholic English College holds carnival to raise money for Operation Santa Claus
- Teachers and students chip in for funfair, putting organisational skills to good use

It may be winter in Hong Kong, but students, teachers and the principal of a Yuen Long school braved a bucket challenge to get soaking wet for a good cause at a funfair earlier this month.

The event was held on December 13 at Shung Tak Catholic English College as students and educators played carnival games for charity in which the prize was the chance to douse a member of the teaching staff or a schoolmate from the student union with a pail of water.

English teacher John Guest was the first to get splashed.

"I feel a bit wet," he said after water was dumped over his head, adding that he had volunteered for the challenge.

Teacher Graham Manchester, who came up with the idea, and principal Cecilia Tang Sui-sim also got soaked.

Their colleague, Brian Bittner, who welcomed the act with open arms, said teachers wanted to bring Christmas cheer to the campus.

The fair was held by the school to raise money for Operation Santa Claus, an annual charity drive by the South China Morning Post and public broadcaster RTHK.

Apart from the games, there were also stalls on campus to sell snacks such as Thai fish cakes and coconut pudding. The proceeds from the fair, after deduction of expenses, will go to the year-end campaign.

While a flagship food booth was run by members from the school's parent-teacher association, students were also tasked with certain responsibilities, including manning smaller stands.

Student Sarah Ho Tsz-hei said she helped ensure the event ran smoothly.

"We spoke with the association to find out how we could gather resources for them," she said.

Teammate Cassie Lok Wai-yiu said she learned about organisation and considering multiple aspects of a situation from helping out at the fair.

"The entire event is like a lot of things put together," Lok said. "If one thing falls apart, it may affect a lot of other things."

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"Basically we would like them to open their minds to acquire competencies for the 21st century," she added.



Vice-principal Chan Wai-wa (left) and principal Cecilia Tang get drenched.



Teacher John Guest says he volunteered to get wet.



Teacher Brian Bittner welcoming the challenge.





Hong Kong police admit wrongful act



Typhoon Phyllis leaves 26 dead at Christmas



School splashes out for charity

It may be winter, but students and teachers of a Yuen Long school braved a bucket challenge to get soaking wet for a good cause.

Students and staff at Shung Tak Catholic English College played carnival games for charity, and the prize was the chance to douse a teacher or a schoolmate with a bucket of water.

English teacher John Guest was the first to get splashed. "I feel a bit wet," he said after water was poured over his head, adding that he had volunteered for it. Teacher Graham Manchester, who came up with the idea, and principal Cecilia Tang Si-sim also got soaked.

Their colleague Brian Bittner, who welcomed the cold water with open arms, said the teachers wanted to bring Christmas cheer to the campus.

The fun fair was held to raise money for Operation Santa Claus, an annual charity drive by the South China Morning Post and public broadcaster RTHK. Besides the games, there were stalls on campus to sell snacks such as Thai fish cakes and coconut pudding.

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Staff Chan Wai-wa (left) and Cecilia Tang get drenched. Photo: Dickson Lee



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STUDENTS AT HONG KONG SCHOOL PUT THEIR TALENT FOR FUNDRAISING TO GOOD USE IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

■ Eddie Lee, eddie.lee@scmp.com

■ Photo: Nora Tam

- St Clare's Girls' School pupils sell baked goods and home-made arts and crafts at fair

Students at a Hong Kong school displayed their talent for campaigning and marketing at a fundraising event last week.

At a charity fair at St Clare's Girls' School on Mount Davis Road, dozens of young vendors eagerly showed their wares, which ranged from home-made snacks to do-it-yourself crafts.

A student broadcaster hammered away at the sales pitch via the school radio system, as the fun-filled carnival, which was held in the afternoon, neared its close.

The fair was organised to raise money for Operation Santa Claus, the annual charity project run by the South China Morning Post and public broadcaster RTHK. Sale proceeds after deduction of expenses will go to the year-end campaign.

Besides creating an opportunity for students to support the donation drive and have some fun, the school wanted to help the youngsters make good use of their leadership skills and creative ideas.

Out of about 700 students at the school, more than 120 helped with preparing and running the one-day fête, on December 16.

Paula Wong, the vice-principal was delighted with her students' active participation.

One of the participants was Natalie Chan Yee-yui, who is from the school's student union.

"I served as a bridge between multiple houses at the school and other parties involved, such as the school's parent-teacher association," the Form Five student said. "We also evaluated the houses' proposals to set up stalls at the fair."

Her teammate, Kelly Lam Ka-ying, said the student body had helped ensure the event ran smoothly.

"We provided logistics support to the stall vendors," she said. "We helped them reheat the home-made food to be sold at the fair, for example."

Cody Chu Pui-kiu, who also helped organise the fair, attached importance to promotion to make the fundraising effort a success.

"We needed to see to it that the promotional materials used in the broadcast were in the right format," she said.

Teacher Martin Ma Tin-chun said many other activities at the school, such as talent shows, had also been based on student leadership.



Students at St Clare's Girls' School, Natalie Chan, Kelly Lam, and Cody Chu, alongside student activity and leadership coordinator Martin Ma Tin-chun, and vice-principal Paula Wong, display some of the items sold at the fun fair.



Students at St Clare's Girls' School with some of the food they made to sell at the fair.



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Student talent on show at fair

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Students at St Clare's Girls' School put their talent for fundraising to good use in support of Operation Santa Claus. Photo: Nora Tam







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A different form of isolation

By [Name] and [Name] in Hong Kong

It is a different kind of isolation that Hong Kong is facing. Not the kind of isolation that comes from being alone, but the kind of isolation that comes from being apart. The city is facing a new kind of isolation, one that is not just physical but also emotional. The city is facing a new kind of isolation, one that is not just physical but also emotional. The city is facing a new kind of isolation, one that is not just physical but also emotional.

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Charities enjoy HK\$15m Christmas gift

Fundraising drive helps the underprivileged and people with disabilities

More than HK\$15 million was raised for Hong Kong's needy during the 32nd edition of Operation Santa Claus, the annual Christmas fundraising drive organized by the South China Morning Post and public broadcaster RTHK.

This year's funds benefited 13 charities that are directing aid to the city's underprivileged as well as individuals with mental and physical disabilities.

"It gives RTHK director of fundraising, Mr. Leung Ka-wing, and I great pleasure to announce that we have exceeded our ambitious target to support our 13 beneficiaries, whose work is vital in Hong Kong and deserve our attention and recognition," Post chief executive officer Gary Li said.

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RTHK's Leung echoed that sentiment, saying the fundings, currently facing the city had not allowed to slip.

"I couldn't be prouder of our wonderful community and our colleagues and friends at RTHK and the SCMP for the amazing results they have achieved in these short, difficult months," he said.

"As you're just about to find out, Hong Kong's spirit is strong again."

OSC represents the community to charities and has become one of the city's longest charity drives. While the annual Hong Kong Christmas Dinner, which was to have been themed "From Hong Kong With Love", was cancelled because of the coronavirus epidemic, Post, schools and organizations were boosted for their fundraising efforts during the campaign.

Morgan Stanley was named Top Corporate Fundraiser for a record-breaking HK\$4 million in their participation. The Hong Kong Samaritan and Hospital in Happy Valley picked up the Most Creative Corporate Fundraiser award for organizing a festival that included a cooking competition. The Discovery Mind Educational Organization and Young Tak Catholic English College took Top School Fundraiser and Most Creative School Fundraiser, respectively.

Beneficiaries include the Chickering Foundation, which works to empower adults; privileged children and their families; and the Hoing Shou & Audio Description Association, Hong Kong, which promotes reading and audio description to help the visually impaired.

The Hong Kong Women's Workers' Association, which is a women's labour policies, and Park Inders, the only NGO in Hong Kong providing aid to migrant mothers and children, were also among the beneficiaries.



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Santa delivers despite downturn



OSC ambassador Pathe Chea (left) makes a toy set with Hong Kong Samaritanism & hospital nurses.

L-R: Morgan Stanley's Christmas carol competition, OSC ambassador Stephanie Au (left) and Discovery Mind International Plus Centre's Kabeeta Samung.

Annual charity drive Operation Santa Claus (OSC) raised more than HK\$3.5 million to support Hong Kong's disadvantaged in 2019, exceeding the previous year's total despite the steep economic downturn amid the global virus.

Donations from the campaigns, run by the South China Morning Post and IT18, since 2008, will benefit 13 local charities that help those in need, including children from low-income families and the mentally and physically disabled.

According to the latest audited figures, the 2019 campaign raised HK\$3,510,124 compared with HK\$2,663,000 in 2018.

An all-encompassing year-end drive, one of the world's largest

fundraising events across different sectors were launched, Morgan Stanley was again recognized as the Top Corporate Fundraiser with HK\$4 million, the highest amount a single entity has ever achieved.

Discovery Mind Educational Organisation was named Top School Fundraiser, with HK\$750,000 raised by parents. The Hong Kong Samaritanism & Hospital was named Most Creative Corporate Fundraiser, with HK\$3.15 million via culinary cost-competitions. Sheng Tak Catholic English College was named Most Creative School Fundraiser, collecting HK\$33,000.

Photos: David Wong, Science City, Winnie Wong

Legislature finally passes HK\$27b budget measures

The legislature has passed HK\$27 billion budget measures to support the government's economic recovery plan.

SURGE IN SEA SMUGGLING LINKED TO VIRUS CURBS

As countries struggle to curb the COVID-19 outbreak, sea smuggling has increased significantly, according to a report by the United Nations.



The report, published by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), states that the global surge in sea smuggling is a direct result of the strict border controls and travel restrictions implemented by many countries to contain the spread of the virus.

The report highlights that the demand for illicit goods, such as drugs and weapons, remains high, and the lack of international cooperation in law enforcement has led to a significant increase in sea smuggling activities.

The UNODC calls for a coordinated global response to combat the surge in sea smuggling, including increased intelligence sharing, joint operations, and the strengthening of legal frameworks.



City maps blueprint for future of genomic medicine

A blueprint for the future of genomic medicine has been unveiled by a consortium of leading scientists and healthcare providers in the city.

The blueprint, titled 'Genomic Medicine Blueprint', outlines a comprehensive strategy for the integration of genomic data into clinical practice, from diagnosis to treatment and prevention.

The blueprint emphasizes the importance of data sharing, interoperability, and privacy, and calls for a multi-disciplinary approach involving clinicians, researchers, and patients.

The blueprint also highlights the need for robust regulatory frameworks and ethical guidelines to ensure the responsible use of genomic data.

The consortium, led by the city's leading academic and healthcare institutions, aims to accelerate the development and implementation of genomic medicine, ultimately improving patient outcomes and reducing healthcare costs.





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