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CHANGING LIVES FOR GOOD

For the past 30 years, Operation Santa Claus has received heartwarming support from hundreds of thousands of supporters. We are grateful that their help enabled us to financially support many not-for-profit organisations that serve the less fortunate in Hong Kong.

Last year, Operation Santa Claus helped 14 local charities with projects that will improve the quality of life for children, youth, elderly, and those in need.

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「愛心聖誕大行動」推動大眾參與善舉，傳揚愛和分享，扶助弱勢人士，讓他們希望成真。過去三十年，「愛心聖誕大行動」一直與大眾攜手分享愛心，燃點希望，為貧困者創造非凡聖誕。

去年，我們挑選了14間本地慈善團體，改善兒童、青年、長者及有需要人士的生活。

WHAT IS OPERATION SANTA CLAUS?



Operation Santa Claus (OSC) is an annual charity campaign jointly organised by *South China Morning Post* (SCMP) and Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK). It aims to support the Hong Kong community and beyond, through the combined charitable fundraising power of two of Hong Kong's most respected news organisations.

From a modest beginning of raising HK\$101,000 in 1988, Operation Santa Claus reached HK\$16 million in 2016, and has become one of the most recognised and beloved charity efforts in the city. A strong community spirit has long been an OSC hallmark. All through December, corporations, clubs, schools and individual donors demonstrate their compassion by busily organising highly creative fundraising initiatives for each year's specially selected deserving causes.

MISSION

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

CAMPAIGN ORGANISERS

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

BENEFICIARY SELECTION COMMITTEE

Comprising representatives of:

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

INDEPENDENT ADVISORY BODY

- WiseGiving of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service



關於 愛心聖誕 大行動

「愛心聖誕大行動」可追溯到1960年代，當年香港電台第三台的節目主持為慈善籌款，公眾表演特技，如跳進維多利亞港、爬上旗桿及吟誦詩詞。1970年代，同樣籌募善款的慈善機構—公益金在港正式成立，聖誕節的慈善籌款活動自始告一段落。

1980年代，香港瀰漫著對前景的憂慮，令港人重新燃起慈善籌款的興趣，希望將樂觀正面的能量傳播至社會每個角落。因此，「愛心聖誕大行動」於1988年正式誕生。

「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十五萬港元。時至今日，「愛心聖誕大行動」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，改善生活。

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
- 香港電台

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「惠施網」

獨立慈善顧問

- 香港社會服務聯會「惠施網」

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF GIVING 傳遞愛心三十年

Established in 1988, Operation Santa Claus has now been bringing Hong Kong's most compassionate individuals and civic-minded companies and organisations together in a sense of sharing for fully three decades.

Over the years, the generous support of donors like yourself has enabled us to brighten the lives of the needy at Christmas by raising HK\$275,000,000 for 260 worthy causes across different sectors of the community.

自1988年開始，愛心聖誕大行動得到各善長慷慨支持，為生活在困苦的人帶來希望。過去三十年，愛心聖誕大行動一共籌得港幣二億七千萬，資助260個社區項目，覆蓋社會不同範疇。



Total funds raised in 30 years:
三十年來共籌得善款:
HK\$275,000,000

Use of Fund
善款用途



36%

Children & Youth
兒童及青少年服務



13%

Community
社區關懷



10%

Elderly
長者服務



3%

Environmental
環境保護



21%

Medical
醫療服務



17%

Physical & Mental
Disabilities
殘障人士服務

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Stories in SCMP
print and online
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機構的報告，
刊載於
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20

RTHK Radio 3
interviews
20 個香港電台
訪問報導



140

Social
media posts
140 個社交
媒體貼文



15

Videos on
beneficiary
stories
15 段受惠者
感動短片



130

Corporate
volunteers
130 位來自
商界的義工



80

Fundraising
events
80 個
籌款活動



And OSC did
everything
possible to keep
admin costs to
a minimum of
about 4%
「愛心聖誕
大行動」維持
行政費於4%

TOTAL DONATION IN 2017:

2017年籌得善款:

HK\$ 16,277,000

HK\$12,701,200

Corporate donations
企業捐款



HK\$668,142

Schools & Clubs
學校及俱樂部



HK\$1,646,017

Street and events donations
街頭及活動籌款



HK\$1,261,641

Individuals, online donations
and others
個人網上善款及其他



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3. Credit Suisse volunteer visit
4. Christmas cards designed by SCMP cartoonist Harry Harrison



01 ABOUT OSC 2017



No one fights alone

Shanna
Cancer survivor



Attends relaxation and stress management workshop
at Maggie's Cancer Caring Centre



1. Fundraising party at UBS
2. Gin Lee, OSC ambassador
3. OSC opening ceremony

THE CAMPAIGN: CHANGING LIVES FOR GOOD

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF SHARED KINDNESS AND COMPASSION

2017 marked the 30th anniversary of Operation Santa Claus (OSC). Rather than simply celebrate ourselves and our donors' positive impact on needy Hongkongers, OSC 2017 focused on further increasing public awareness and organising still more fundraising events for deserving causes.

Established in 1988 with the aim of connecting local communities to charities via the city's most respected media organisations, OSC remains one of Hong Kong's most-loved annual charity initiatives.

"Changing Lives for Good" was chosen as the core theme for this, OSC's 30th anniversary campaign. Since starting life in 1988, OSC and its supporters have raised fully HK\$275,000,000 in funding and enabled 264 Hong Kong-based charitable causes to benefit the Territory's neediest people. In 2017, OSC has thus far raised a further HK\$15,154,186 for the year's 14 beneficiary NGOs. With donations continuing to flood in after the Tuesday 16 January 2018 closing ceremony, this figure ultimately reached HK\$16,277,000.



1. OSC beneficiaries, donors, and guests at the opening ceremony
2. Top Corporate Fundraiser Morgan Stanley

OPENING CEREMONY

OSC 2107 officially kicked off on Monday 13 November 2017 at the Maritime Museum in Central.

Joining Guest of Honour, HKSAR's Chief Secretary Mr. Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, on the night were OSC 2017 Event Ambassador and award-winning popular singer, Ms Gin Lee. Other VIP guests included *South China Morning Post* (SCMP) CEO, Mr Gary Liu, and RTHK Director of Broadcasting, Mr Leung Ka-wing. On hand to provide a splendid evening's entertainment were live performers from The Hong Kong Rope Skipping Club, DJ JUNK! and the combined OSC corporate donors' "Giving Voices" choir.

THE CAMPAIGN

OSC 2017's 65-day duration was studied with roughly 80 innovative community fundraising events.

Key beneficiaries of the 2018 campaign included 14 worthy local causes across four distinct categories:

- Children & Youth
- Community
- Elderly
- Medical



CLOSING CEREMONY

Held on Tuesday 16 January 2018 at Grappa's Cellar in Central, OSC 2017's Closing Ceremony rounded off an excellent campaign with performances from a chorus of Singing Waiters led by tenor Tomos Griffiths. Those volunteering their time to serenade the 150 attendees at the event included OSC 2017 Event Ambassador, Ms Gin Lee.

In addition to SCMP CEO, Mr Gary Liu, officiating guests at the event included RTHK Director of Broadcasting, Mr Leung Ka-wing. Joining them were senior management representatives of various major corporate and school donors and OSC 2017 beneficiaries.

2017 BENEFICIARIES

OSC 2017's Call for Proposals ran from June to July 2017 and featured inspiring 'call to action' messages from not only OSC itself, but also the SCMP and The Hong Kong Council of Social Service.

As in previous years, the response from local worthy causes was heartening, with the 129 proposals received representing a 40% increase on OSC 2016. This year's core beneficiary categories and projects were as shown in the table below:



1. Operation Dawn
2. CODA Hong Kong

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

HOME CARE FOR GIRLS

About the project:

Provision of residential and counselling services for teenage girls

The project provides short-term residential services for teenage school girls aged between 14 and 18, who, for various reasons, find it hard to live with their families.

Target no. of beneficiaries:
50 girls

CHANGING YOUNG LIVES FOUNDATION

About the project:

Art to Heart Expressive Arts Therapy Program

The program provides a series of expressive arts workshops to help nurture the emotional competence and resilience of at-risk students.

Target no. of beneficiaries:
160 at-risk secondary students, 30 school social workers and teachers; and 20 secondary schools

CODA HONG KONG

About the project:

SHALL WE "TALK"? – Speech & Language Enhancement Project for Children of Deaf Adults (CODAs)

The project provides speech and language training to Children of Deaf Adults and provides support to their parents through parenting workshops and counselling & consultation services.

Target no. of beneficiaries:
Around 100 CODAs aged 2 to 12, more than 300 deaf parents and teachers and over 90 volunteers

KELY SUPPORT GROUP

About the project:

ExCEL!

This three-year student-led project, which has been delivered for two consecutive years, aims to increase protective factors that prevent problematic drug and alcohol use among vulnerable youths, especially those from ethnic minorities.

Target no. of beneficiaries:
80 youth aged 14-18, mainly from ethnic minority background



PO LEUNG KUK - SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

About the project:

Care Angels Project

The Attachment Program provides developmental opportunities in positive personalities and attributes to PLK's 24-hour residential children, aged 0 - 6. The Joy To Learn Program provides classes and educational activities to PLK residential children who suspend schooling due to various reasons.

Target no. of beneficiaries:
230 children



HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITIES

About the project:

SLD-PSP (Parent Support Program) "Alongside"

This project provides emotional support and networking programs for parents under stress. A hotline service will be set up to respond to general enquiries about Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD); and an education program promotes public awareness and concern of SLD.

Target no. of beneficiaries:
1,180 parents
and concerned public



INTEGRATED BRILLIANT EDUCATION TRUST

About the project:

Integrated Brilliant Education Center - Sham Shui Po

IBET sets up its second EDB-approved Centre in Sham Shui Po, to provide critically needed educational support, with special emphasis on Chinese language learning, to Hong Kong's underprivileged ethnic minority students.

Target no. of beneficiaries:
100 - 120 kindergarten,
primary, and secondary
students

COMMUNITY

REMAR ASSOCIATION (HONG KONG)

About the project:

New Horizons

This project involves buying a new van and maintaining its operation for one year to reach out to street sleepers and drug addicts in different districts and transport them to their rehab center in Yuen Long.

Target no. of beneficiaries:
60 drug addicts and street
sleepers

OPERATION DAWN

About the project:

Solar water heating system in Dawn Island Drug Treatment and Rehab Centre

A solar energy system will be installed on Dawn Island to provide hot water heating system. This will improve the personal hygiene of the drug rehabilitees, and reduce the likelihood of getting sick during cold winter months.

Target no. of beneficiaries:
96 Chinese and Nepalese
drug rehabilitees per year

ASSOCIATION CONCERNING SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

About the project:

Legal clinic for victims of gender based violence

This project sets up a special legal clinic run by experienced social workers and work with pro-bono lawyers and gender-sensitive volunteers, to provide hotline and pro-bono legal support service for victims of gender-based violence.

Target no. of beneficiaries:
18,743 women, LGBT and
male victims of sexual
violence, and stakeholders



"I moved into the shelter because I had troubles living with my elder brother after our mother passed away. We easily argued and he was violent. Home Care for Girls gave me a second home. It helped me through a lot of tough times, and has shown me what my future could be."

Man, former resident of Home Care for Girls





ELDERLY

REHABAID SOCIETY

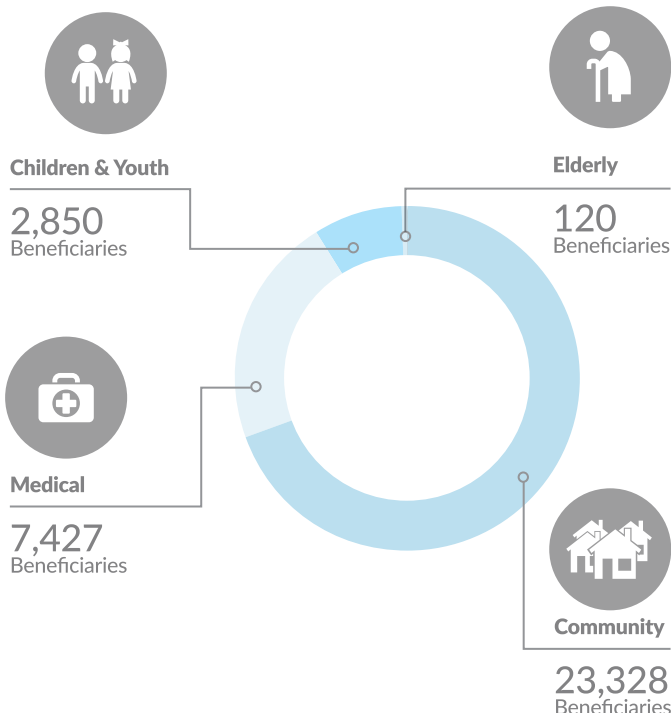
About the project:

Healthy aging In place

This project aims to achieve early detection and treatment of potential physical and mental health problems common to elderly people, through conducting centre-based and home-based physical and functional assessments for frail elderly and young-olds, and providing customised consultation on health improvement.

Target no. of beneficiaries:
120 elderly people

NO. OF BENEFICIARIES BY PROJECT CATEGORIES



MEDICAL

CHILDREN'S CANCER FOUNDATION

About the project:

Child life services

Child Life Specialists will introduce fear and anxiety reduction techniques to young cancer patients to prepare them for medical procedure, and engage the children in medical play to allow them to express their feelings and address their psychosocial needs.

Target no. of beneficiaries:
Around 600 child cancer patients, their family members and caregivers

MAGGIE'S CANCER CARING CENTRE

About the project:

Maggie's Centre "Eating Well" Programme

The project provides professional advice to cancer patients of all stages, through a series of programmes and activities in the purpose-designed centre, including one-on-one individual nutrition recommendation, "Drop-in Q&A" open sessions with dietitian, workshops and talks, and a Healthy Cookbook for free at the centre.

Target no. of beneficiaries:
3,050 direct service beneficiaries and 4,000 families who receive the cookbooks

PLAYRIGHT CHILDREN'S PLAY ASSOCIATION

About the project:

Child-centred play service for hospitalised children

This project provides hospital play Services to hospitalised children residing in Paediatric General and Isolation Wards, and Children Surgical and Orthopaedic Wards at Prince of Wales Hospital. It is designed to help children to prepare psychologically for upcoming medical procedures and operations through play and leisure activities.

Target no. of beneficiaries:
3,000 hospitalised children



"I lost interest in eating the moment I knew I had cancer. I become a lot more health-conscious after attending Maggie's programmes on nutrition. The team has helped us get through the dark and difficult times."

Bella, a recovering kidney cancer patient at Maggie's Cancer Caring Centre



02 FUNDRAISING EFFORTS



Silence is not
always golden

Ho-yan  Receives speech therapy and sign language interpretation from Silence to enjoy a normal school life



1. Morgan Stanley Director's Choir
2. Dah Sing Bank Charity Football Challenge
3. Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital Christmas Bazaar
4. Wing Ding Squash Tournament
5. X'mas Party held at Sino Gold Coast Hotel in Tuen Mun

2017 MAJOR DONORS

Over
15 years



Morgan Stanley



Over
10 years



Over
5 years



Over
2 years



PACIFIC PLACE



Most
recent



KEY FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Despite ongoing economic uncertainty throughout 2017, OSC's many loyal donors and supporters remained passionately committed and did their utmost to keep funding levels as high as in previous years.



1. KPMG Run for a Claus
2. Santa Hash
3. X'mas party held at L'hotel with children from Po Leung Kuk

As the bullet points below show their efforts proved successful on every level:

- **26 major donors** raised a combined total of **HK\$12,157,855**
- With **7 more schools** participating than during OSC 2016, an even larger number of local students were inspired to learn about disadvantaged Hongkongers and how they could ease their plight
- **26 schools** raised a total of **HK\$412,560.7**
- **7 clubs** and **33 corporations** did their bit to ensure OSC 2017's success
- Some **HK\$304,237** was collected from a territory-wide network of **150 donation boxes**
- Around **HK\$500,000** in funding flooded in from **online donors**

MAJOR DONORS



OSC 2017's top fundraiser was Morgan Stanley

- Raised HK\$3,500,000 through its ever-popular Morgan Stanley Directors' Choir performance and charity bake auction

Other long-term supporters included:

- UBS – Raised HK\$2,200,000 via a Christmas fair at its office and a fancy dress party
- Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital – Contributed HK\$860,000 by hosting a month-long yoga marathon at the hospital plus a cooking competition and a Christmas fair
- Swire – Raised HK\$790,000 through its White Christmas Fair and Santa House photo-taking at Pacific Place

SCHOOLS



Of the 26 schools who raised a total of HK\$408,392 during OSC 2017

- 17 schools hosted fundraising events such as crazy hat and hair days, mini funfairs and candygrams
- Around 70 students from nine secondary schools joined a special 30th anniversary 'Fun4Funds Challenge', where participants learned essential communications, teamwork and problem-solving skills while raising funds for OSC

COMMUNITY GROUPS



OSC 2017 also saw nine clubs and associations raise a total of HK\$253,582 for this year's 14 designated worthy causes:

- Hong Kong Police Force Police Tactical Unit (PTU)**
Now in its 23rd year as a valued OSC donor, the PTU succeeded in raising over HK\$120,000 by hosting six contests, including its much-loved 'Unimog Pull' and 'Redman Rumble'
- Santa Hash**
Over 170 runners wearing Santa hats and X'mas costumes ran from Cyberport for 8.5km on the hash's 20th annual OSC run
- Laguna City Club**
This year residents of Laguna City in Lam Tin organised multiple events including food and drinks stalls, game booths, raffle and merchandise sale, and a 'Go the Extra Mile' walk from Laguna City to Kai Tak Cruise Terminal and back. Often meeting late to thrash out ideas for their upcoming charity events, the Club's committee members also generously surrendered large amounts of their free time to give back to society and unite their residents
- HK Football Club (HKFC)**
A long-term venue supporter for the Wing Ding Squash tournament, HKFC also co-organised the 20th OSC 5-a-side junior football tournament with Hong Kong Football Association and Friends of Asia Hong Kong, and eventually won the adult 5-a-side adult tourney.
- Other key club and association-initiated events included choirs and carol services, children's sports days, charity sales, a football challenge, and a 'Santa's Helpers' Charity Fun Run'



"It's one of the most important traditions that we all look forward to every year, especially since it's close to Christmas and we get to play games and have fun with colleagues from different units. We get along well with each other and it's good because staff can come together to have some sort of team building."

Alex Tang Chi-siu, SDU chief inspector, PTU

DONATION BOXES AND OTHER INITIATIVES



Each successive year's OSC initiative receives an invaluable influx of funds from donation boxes and other events. 2017 was no exception:

- Some HK\$304,237 was collected via a Territory-wide network of 150 donation boxes
- A further HK\$498,553 was generated by the charity gift wrapping service Toy"R"Us offered at its 16 local stores
- An additional HK\$258,114 in cash was contributed by funlovers at Swire Properties' 5th annual 'White Christmas Street Fairs' at Star Street and Tong Chong Street
- Film buffs visiting the donation booths at four Broadway Circuit and AMC Cinemas pitched in an extra HK\$10,000 in donations
- Visitors also gave generously at several other public fundraising activities. They included: a 'Best of British Festival', a Christmas fair at Lan Kwai Fong, a 'Take a Photo with Santa' promo at Pacific Place, a children's 'Mega Building Block Charity Challenge' at Gold Coast Piazza and a Christmas ornament-making workshop at Olympian City

VOLUNTARY EVENTS



Many major OSC donors' staff members are determined to do way more than simply provide financial support and will happily sacrifice their time to serve as volunteers. In addition to visiting and learning more about beneficiaries, such staff also share gifts with disadvantaged children, hospital patients and old folks. In 2017 such activities included:

- Deacons:** A team of volunteers visited and redecorated the Dawn Island facility for rehabilitating drug addicts
- L'hotel:** Hosted a Christmas buffet and magic performances for disadvantaged children from an OSC 2017 beneficiary
- Credit Suisse:** Threw a Christmas party for young patients and their families at a local cancer recovery centre
- Other donors who organised visits or were a source of enthusiastic volunteers included **Manulife, Sino, Hang Seng Bank and Maxim's.**



"I think it's very meaningful, you get to see the people, you know that they have changed from taking drugs and now they are like a new person, they share with you their experience, they tell you how God has done work in them. So I'm very impressed. I thought they would have tattoos and may not be very nice, but now after I've joined this session with them and I actually talked to them, I realise that I was wrong before."

Michelle Chan Tsz-wai, staff of Deacons



SPECIAL 30TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

This year, many donors went the extra mile and hosted events that not only raised funds for, and awareness of this year's 14 beneficiary organisations, but also celebrated OSC's 30th anniversary. Examples of initiatives that brought joy and laughter to all included sports activities, raffles, in-school competitions and more.



5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

OSC Friends of Asia Hong Kong 20th Annual Five-a-side Football Tournament

Co-organised by the Hong Kong Football Association, the Hong Kong Football Club and Friends of Asia Hong Kong's 20th anniversary five-a-side tournament at HKU Stanley Ho Sports Ground on 10 December proved to be a great success. In addition to attracting 32 junior and 10 corporate teams – the biggest field of entrants in its history – the event raised a record-breaking HK\$1,000,000 for the needy. Friends of Asia HK and its Asian Foundation affiliates helped further boost the day's proceeds by matching teams' contributions on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The exciting afternoon was blessed with wonderful weather and both players and spectators were able to unwind over delicious food while having fun at several game booths.



CHARITY RAFFLE



MBA CHARITY CHALLENGE



MBA Charity Challenge

The year just ended also saw local and overseas student and alumni team members from HKU, CityU, HKUST and Manchester Business School raise some HK\$266,020 as they battled it out for the fifth Inter-school MBA Charity Challenge. Held every year since 2013, the competition encourages the Territory's future business leaders to give back to society by utilising their business acumen to innovate creative fundraising activities. Contributing greatly to the 2017 Challenge's success were event sponsors, Swire Properties (provided seed money for each team), Fringebacker (who set up a free online fundraising platform), LinkedIn (hosted the challenge's kick off and final presentation) and CPJobs (media sponsor). 2017's Top Fundraiser Award went to Team Ginger HEART from Manchester Business School.



30th Anniversary Charity Raffle

OSC celebrated its 30th anniversary by mounting its first ever raffle ticket sale and raising HK\$150,000 for this year's deserving causes. The mouthwatering prizes on offer included air trips with Cathay Pacific (two return business class tickets between Hong Kong and any direct destination in Europe), a once-in-a-lifetime world cruise from Genting Hong Kong, a free hotel stay in Cambodia with Lightfoot. Adding further lustre to the list were various other enticing hotel stay and dining offers from Kowloon Shangri-La and Sino Hotels, plus skincare products from John Masters Organics. Thanks must also go to acclaimed SCMP political cartoonist and Harry's View column author, Harry Harrison, for illustrating the raffle tickets.

FUN4FUNDS CHALLENGE



Fun4Funds Challenge

In celebrating its 30th anniversary, OSC also joined forces with Support! International Foundation (SIF) and mounted a Fun4Funds Challenge. The aim was to urge secondary school students to become more socially active and begin raising funds and awareness for various charitable causes.

Inspiring 70 students from nine secondary schools to plan and implement their own Christmas fundraisers, the event succeeded on every level and raised a total of HK\$114,178. In addition to encouragement from SIF youth mentors and coverage from both the SCMP Young Post and Radio 3, participants were invited to tour RTHK's Broadcasting House.

AWARD WINNERS



TOP CORPORATE FUNDRAISER MORGAN STANLEY



- Raised HK\$3,548,000
- More than 100 of the bank's senior executives and managers sang their hearts out at the 15th annual Morgan Stanley Directors' Choir performance. Sponsored by their colleagues, the various participants came from 10 departments and were split into five groups of 20 to battle it out during a Christmas song contest. In marking the 30th anniversary of not only OSC but also their bank's own arrival in Hong Kong, employees raised additional funds by baking and then auctioning 30 cakes online. Success was sweet indeed with the most elaborate creations attracting winning bids of between HK\$50,000 and HK\$250,000.



TOP SCHOOL FUNDRAISER DISCOVERY MIND SCHOOL



- Raised HK\$110,000
- 2017 was the 12th year Discovery Mind School has organised a charity walk on behalf of OSC. On the day, some 500 kids were joined by their parents and teachers on a 4km walk across Discovery Bay. Everyone later chillaxed at a bake sale followed by a display of juggling. Although some attendees were too young to understand the concept of charity, teachers and parents demonstrated the importance of learning to help others from an early age.



MOST CREATIVE FUNDRAISER CLIFFORD CHANCE



- Raised HK\$159,600
- This was the ninth year Clifford Chance's lawyers have hosted an annual staff charity quiz. Much of the funding raised by their 1920s Jazz Age evening came from fining attendees for tiny "offences" such as drinking beer from a can, turning up late or having two mobile phones. Ultimately, even fines on the impeccably behaved helped swell the total amount funds raised for OSC to HK\$159,600.



MOST CREATIVE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF HONG KONG



- Raised HK\$5,150
- Activities held included a HK\$5 candygram service which let students write a message and have it delivered to friends with a candy cane attached. Other activities on the day included a bake sale offering tasty cupcakes, gingerbread men, and festive biscuits, plus a Christmas fair with fun games such as guess which teacher, ring toss, Naughty or Santa. Rounding out a most enjoyable day were a DJ Santa, a face painting booth, a candy floss stall and a raffle.

PUBLICITY AND MARKETING



In addition to raising much-needed funds, OSC also works tirelessly to raise awareness of both society's most disadvantaged individuals and the NGOs who are doing so much to help them. To this end, engaging videos and photos that highlight beneficiary organisations' aims and efforts have always been a key element in each year's OSC campaign.



2017 was no exception, with new partnerships ensuring greater exposure across the following media channels...

- **Outdoor advertisements** – Broadway Circuit and AMC Cinemas joined OSC as media partners.
- **Digital advertisements** – Google kindly offered monthly Google Ad Grants worth of HK\$10,000 per month. Free digital ads were ran on magazine websites throughout the campaign.
- **Social media channels** – Greater promotional efforts helped OSC 2017 to surge past the 6,000 reach barrier and attract over 3,000 Facebook followers.

CHANNELS

- 45 stories appeared in the SCMP's print and online and editions
- 20 radio interviews were broadcast on RTHK Radio 3
- 15 beneficiary videos were shot and shown on SCMP and OSC's Facebook, and Broadway Circuit and AMC Cinemas
- 140 social media posts appeared on Facebook and Instagram
- Traditional print and online digital ads ran in the SCMP and on magazine websites including ELLE, ELLE MEN, Cosmopolitan, Harper's Bazaar and Esquire
- Tram body ads crisscrossed the Territory for fully four weeks of the campaign
- Cinema screen and in-lift TV ads were broadcast at Lan Kwai Fong's California Tower
- Complementary ads including cinema screen ads, eboards and booths appeared at AMC and Broadway cinemas during November and December 2017

LIMITED EDITION MERCHANDISE

- Giving gifts to loved ones is a very special way of sharing festive joy with the world each Christmas. To mark OSC's first 30 years, popular local illustrator Harry Harrison designed a set of special "Spread the Gift of Christmas" greeting cartoons. Emblazoned on T-shirts and tote bags (supported by MakeTshirtTogether.com), Christmas cards and Moleskine notebooks (sponsored by Moleskine), Harry's designs simply flew off the shelves. The HK\$100,000 raised in net proceeds is now being used to benefit this year's 14 designated worthy causes.



03 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



Old age is a gift,
not a disease

Wong Wai

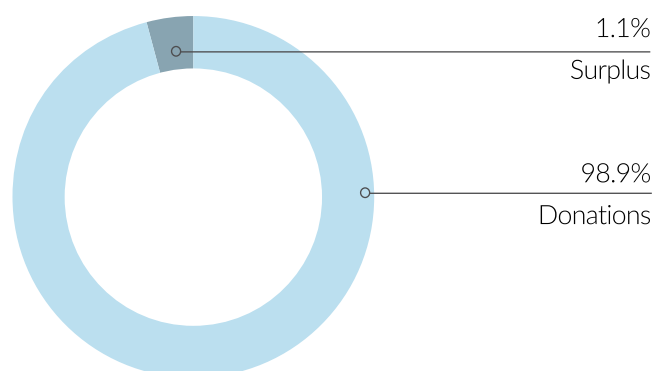


Receives comprehensive home safety assessment and walking aids from Rehabaid Society

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

In OSC 2017, a total of HK\$16,277,000 was raised with the majority of donations coming from major donors, corporate, clubs and associations and individuals. The remaining was raised by OSC-organised events. OSC continued to do everything possible to make each and every donation count by keeping administration and fundraising expenses to a minimum of around 4%. After expenses have been deducted, every penny raised will go to projects selected by OSC 2017.

A full audit report for OSC 2017 will be published online at osc.scmp.com/report in October 2018.

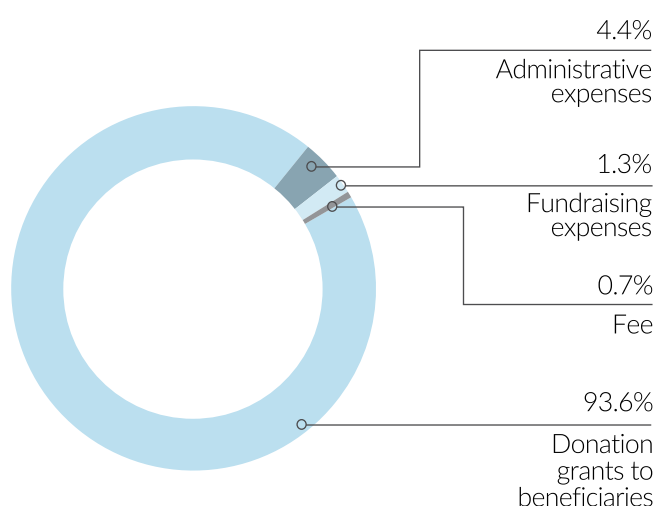


TOTAL INCOME:

HK\$ 16,461,000

INCOME:

ITEMS	HK\$ ('000)	%
Donations	16,277	98.9
Surplus	184	1.1
TOTAL	16,461	100



TOTAL EXPENDITURE:

HK\$ 16,595,000

EXPENDITURE:

ITEMS	HK\$ ('000)	%
Donation grants to beneficiaries	15,534	93.6
Fundraising expenses	207	1.3
Administrative expenses	735	4.4
Fee	119	0.7
TOTAL	16,595	100

Disclaimer: These figures are unaudited

04 PAST PROJECTS ACHIEVEMENTS



Life can take them
higher than drugs

Som & Zac



Peer supporters at KELY Support Group to
educate other ethnic minorities about drug awareness



1. Hans Andersen Club – Storyland
2. The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology – Underwater Robot for All
3. Hong Kong Arthritis & Rheumatism Foundation – Floor curling

2016 FUNDING PROJECTS

23 projects were supported by OSC in 2016, aiming to make a positive impact in the lives of Hong Kong society's most genuinely deserving people. Areas covered include children and youth, community, the elderly, medical, environmental issues, and physical disabilities.



The rehabilitation training is a great help. It is very convenient to conduct training at home. We hope more sessions can be provided!

Tse Woon-ming
beneficiary of Rehabaid



Organisation	Project	Progress	Achievement
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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

SILENCE	Speech Therapy and Parenting Programs for Hearing Impaired Family Provides speech therapy, parenting and relationship building workshops, sign language interpretation service and academic subsidies for hearing impaired family, to facilitate the children's long term development.	90%	- 25 children of hearing impaired family - 6 family relationship building activities
RAINBOW PROJECT	Therapy Subsidy for Low Income Families Provides subsidies to CSSA and low-income families to allow their children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder to start receiving therapy without missing the golden years of early intervention.	100%	- 31 families
YES WE DO FOUNDATION	Yes We Do Summer Camp 2017 Trains and organises university student volunteers from Hong Kong, Macau, China and overseas to conduct summer camp activities for deprived children in underdeveloped areas in China.	100%	- 401 underprivileged students in rural China - 54 university volunteers
ONESKY	Model for Children in Villages: Early Learning in Rural China Delivers early learning programs that provide nurturing responsive care to transform the lives of at-risk left-behind children in rural villages.	100%	- 181 children - 117 community engagement activities
BENJI'S CENTRE	Speech Therapy Service for Children from Low-Income Families Provides professional one-on-one speech therapy to children with communication problems from low-income families in Hong Kong.	100%	- 120 children - 1,800 speech therapy sessions

Organisation	Project	Progress	Achievement
FHL ADVENTURE EDUCATION CENTRE	A Step Towards your New Life Enhances the confidence and self-discovery process of out-of-school adolescents through adventure training, lifelong planning and English training. The trained adolescents then utilise their skills to teach underprivileged children English.	100%	- 88 out-of-school and unemployed adolescents - 1,000 economically-deprived children
ART IN HOSPITAL	Art is my Buddy-Art workshop for children and adolescent Uses art as a therapeutic mean to build up hospitalised young patients' self-confidence, improve their social skills and their abilities to develop a positive relationship with their emotions.	100%	- 30 patients workshops - 80% patients felt relaxed during the workshops
THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	Underwater Robot for All Organises the Underwater Robot Challenge to inspire and nurture the creativity of P.4 to S.3 students from diverse backgrounds, including those with physical disabilities, special educational needs (SEN) and ethnic minority groups. The project contains elements of STEM and social inclusion.	100%	- 300 students - 42 primary and secondary schools

MEDICAL

HONG KONG ARTHRITIS & RHEUMATISM FOUNDATION	Arthritis Buddy, Energetic Life Equips patients of chronic arthritis and rheumatism with disease-management skills through different exercises, including hydrotherapy, floor curling and laughter yoga.	100%	- 40 patients joined Laughter yoga - 59 patients joined Floor curling
MAGGIE'S CANCER CARING CENTRE	Maggie's Centre Drop-in Service Offers immediate, informational, and practical support to cancer patients and equips them with effective ways to cope with the diagnoses, treatments and other physical and emotional impacts of cancer, thereby building up their confidence in facing cancer.	100%	- 1,500 cancer patients and caregivers - 2,604 consultation sessions
FAMILIES OF SMA CHARITABLE TRUST	Home-based rehabilitation scheme and medical equipment and wheelchairs for disabled SMA patients Provides home-based physiotherapy services, caring skills education, life-sustaining medical equipments and wheelchairs to SMA Type I and II patients, severely-disabled children, and their caregivers.	100%	- 24 SMA patients and caregivers
AIDS CONCERN FOUNDATION	Love Love Ride Provides travelling assistance to ensure People living with HIV (PLHIV), in particular elderly and disabled people, can continue their HIV checkups and medical treatment; and provides HIV prevention and screening to hidden populations.	70%	- 50 elderly PLHIV - 750 van rides



Organisation	Project	Progress	Achievement
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COMMUNITY

ENRICH	Economic empowerment for migrant domestic workers Conducts outreach events, welcome sessions and workshops for migrant domestic workers to improve their financial literacy.	70%	- 1,133 migrant workers - 26 Financial and education workshops held
THE BETHUNE HOUSE MIGRANT WOMEN'S REFUGE	Shelter for Women Migrants in Crisis Provides shelter services, meals, case support and other financial and medical assistance to 21 to 45-year-old, unemployed Asian migrant women, especially South Asian foreign domestic helpers in crisis situations.	70%	- 595 South Asian migrant workers - HK\$1,100,000 recovered
PROJECT SPACE	Project Space for Squatter Kids - Home Improvement Project 2016 -2017 Trains volunteers to deliver repair work for underprivileged families living in subdivided flats, public housing or container flats, thus improving their living environment.	70%	- 45 underprivileged families - 32 volunteers
PATHFINDERS	Community Education Programme Provides Education and Community Outreach to raise awareness on maternity rights, women's health, and reproductive knowledge for migrant workers.	100%	- 2,733 migrant workers - 352 migrant mothers served
HEALTH IN ACTION	Ethnic Minority Healthy Living Project Training community health volunteers to deliver training and educational workshops to ethnic minority groups, and provides health screening services to ethnic minority individuals.	67%	- 1,200 ethnic minority individuals served - 52 health volunteers trained activities
ANIMALS ASIA FOUNDATION	Animals Asia - Dr Dog OSC Programme Provides animal therapy to elderly, people with special needs disabled, and youth; provides education to the public on the benefits of animal therapy, compassion and respect for each other; and raises the awareness of animal welfare.	100%	- Over 7,000 beneficiaries - 21 dogs trained
GOODS CO-SHARE WITH THE WOMEN'S FOUNDATION (CHAMPION OF OSC/UBS NGO LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME 2016)	Save & Earn @ VM Reduces the cost of living of low-income families by developing a vending machine that sells household necessities in factory price. Women in the local community will be employed to repack the products purchased in bulk, so that they can generate an income, and receive financial literacy workshops provided by The Women's Foundation.	60%	- 1,446 deprived shoppers reached - 14 unemployed women hired

Organisation	Project	Progress	Achievement
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PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DISABILITIES

REHABAID SOCIETY	“Ready-for-Home” Rehabilitation Program for Stroke Victims Provides home-based assessment, training, and wheelchair maintenance services to stroke patients so that they could develop compensatory strategies and practical skills in their own living environment and transit smoothly from hospital to home.	100%	- 100 stroke patients served - 100% satisfaction
THE OUTWARD BOUND TRUST OF HONG KONG	Adaptive Journeys Provides valuable developmental opportunities for young people aged 16 to 30 who have a physical disability, thereby strengthening their resilience, resourcefulness, courage and confidence. Two 7-day courses are held each year.	70%	- 17 youth with physical disabilities enrolled

ELDERLY

HANS ANDERSEN CLUB	Story Wonderland Provides training in storytelling and puppet-making to elderly aged 50 or above, and tell stories to children, promoting cross-generation communion and cultivating an interest in reading.	65%	- 92 elders trained - 1,899 children served
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ENVIRONMENT

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY	Nature Works Hong Kong Empowers students to channel their passion for environmental issues while learning new skills in project management, stakeholders engagement, impact assessment and data analysis, as well as presentation.	100%	- 39 secondary schools served - 26 student-led projects created
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Our Dr Dogs give patients the feeling that they are special. Patients know their loyal furry friends won't judge them for the way they look or their illness, and will accept them regardless of class, race, age or disability... Through demonstrating the contribution dogs make to human society, we are changing attitudes towards dogs, and animals in general!

Animal Asia





OSC/UBS NGO LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

This initiative was established in 2015 and continues to be co-organised with UBS and The Department of Social Work of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. To date, the Programme has trained 75 staff from 65 NGOs, social enterprises, charitable foundations and other for-profit bodies wishing to demonstrate their good corporate citizenship.

In 2017 the collaborative effort entered its third year with the holding of a nine-month series of multidisciplinary training and mentoring workshops. The primary objective was the creation of an environment where participants could further develop their management skills while gaining useful new perspectives on how to mount community-focused activities.

The year's winning project was the Integrated Brilliant Education Trust's recently opened second ethnic minority education support centre. The new Sham Shui Po facility's role will be to empower kindergarten, primary and secondary students with the educational life-skills they need to blossom in the local schooling system. In doing so, it will ensure trainees can become productive members of local society.



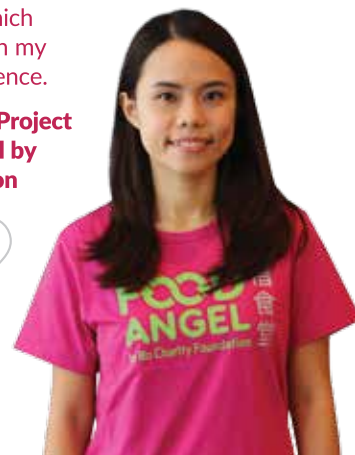
We learned from our fellow classmates from different charities, and know more about how others are making an effort to help the society.

Manoj Dhar - Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Integrated Brilliant Education Trust



My mentors gave me a great deal of professional and practical feedback which has helped boost both my efficiency and confidence.

Kary Lau - Assistant Project Manager, Food Angel by Bo Charity Foundation



WHERE ARE OUR BENEFICIARIES NOW?



SZETO SHUN-YIN InspiringHK Sports Foundation

Scan this QR code to watch the video

Shun-yin has great passion in fencing ever since he started learning the sport. At home, he practices with chopsticks as an alternative to sword.

Shun-yin's coach, Horace Ma, believes that fencing helped Shun-yin to become more independent and decisive. Shun-yin also found his goals and passion through the sport. At just the age of 11, Shun-yin has a big dream to fulfill. "As an athlete, I want to compete for Hong Kong and win glory for the city."

InspiringHK Sports Foundation was a beneficiary of OSC 2015 grant. The funding allowed Inspiring HK to provide 2-year fencing training to underprivileged children, a sport that is otherwise difficult for them to experience. The project helped broaden the underprivileged youths' horizon, nurture their sportsmanship through sports, and instill a sense of social responsibility into the youths.



JOSY CHOW PUI-SHAN Families of SMA Charitable Trust

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Doctors used to say that Josy would only live to two years old. She was diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) and is almost completely paralysed. When Josy was 3 years old, her mother, Hung Mui, was disheartened by Josy's condition. While she was looking for hospice care for Josy, she came across Families of SMA Charitable Trust, where she received support for over 20 years.

Josy is now 24, and is studying at the University of Hong Kong. With only 2 fingers, Josy typed out a 22-page long proposal to Chief Executive Carrie Lam, successfully lobbied the government to import a US-approved medication for the rare disease. Josy wants to be a writer, and dreams to give a voice to the voiceless through her poems.

With OSC grant, Families of SMA Charitable Trust provided essential assistance, including therapies, life supporting medical equipment, and hired trained domestic helpers for patients and their families.



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WU TAK-MING Maggie's Cancer Caring Center

Tak-ming found out he had stage IV nasopharyngeal cancer when he was 55. He isolated himself from his loved ones as he feared for his life. Suffering from a lot of side-effects during treatment, Tak-ming was introduced to Maggie's Cancer Centre by fellow patients.

With the help of Maggie's Cancer Caring Center, Tak-ming learnt the importance of using dietary supplements during therapy. He also joined group relaxation and meditation sessions, which gave him a whole new outlook on life. Tak-ming's sister, Rebecca, was impressed by the change of the once reserved Tak-ming, "He is more optimistic now. He pays more attention to people around him, probably as a result of the meditation classes. Now he's sharing a closer bond with his family."

OSC grant supported Maggie's Cancer Caring Centre to provide emotional and psychosocial support for patients and their families in need, giving them assistance and confidence along the road to recovery.



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MATTHEW HO (HEI-HEI) Children's Thalassaemia Foundation

Five-and-a-half-year-old Hei-hei has been suffering from Thalassaemia Major since he was born. His father, Samuel, was very anxious when he knew that Hei-hei had to receive lifelong blood transfusions treatment. Luckily, Samuel found Children's Thalassaemia Foundation.

With the help from Children's Thalassaemia Foundation, Hei-hei got enough money to research and sift through blood marrow donations, which helped him underwent bone marrow transplant surgery successfully. Samuel said, "It is inspiring to see a child like him brave enough to receive treatments with optimism. It reminds me that we all need to face adversities optimistically in order to conquer them."

In 2015, OSC provided Children's Thalassaemia Foundation with medical funds to support child patients with transfusion-dependent thalassaemia to undergo medical tests and allogeneic unrelated hematopoietic stem cell transplantation.



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LEE SIU-LUEN Foodlink Foundation

"In early-2015, I lost my job. I was not a CSSA recipient, so a Christian social worker referred me to this organisation. He said I could have free dinners here." Siu-luen recalled his first encounter with St. Barnabas's Society Home, a long term partner of Foodlink Foundation.

Foodlink collected surplus unprocessed food, and delivered them to organisations such as St. Barnabas's. "Sometimes we get vermicelli and spaghetti. They could be mixed with cream sauce to enhance their taste while making good use of both ingredients." Siu-luen thinks that food recycling is very meaningful, "We turn surplus foods into edible dishes, so that everyone could be fed."

In 2012, OSC grant allowed Foodlink to operate two vans, collecting and delivering surplus food from hotels and beverages' outlets to needy recipients such as street-sleepers, asylum seekers and elderly. In 2014, Foodlink received OSC's funding to expand its collection service to schools, as well as educating students on food waste and poverty.

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Disability is
not inability

Kwan-yee



Long-term beneficiary of trained caregiver and transportation assistance from Families of SMA Charitable Trust

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NEXT 30 YEARS

In closing our 30th anniversary report, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our many supporters for their unstinting compassion these past three decades.

Your kindness, donations and encouragement are what ensure we can carry on benefitting needy people all over Hong Kong and China. We look forward to continuing to work with yourself and the many new donors, sponsors or volunteers who are sure to join OSC in the coming years.

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Call to subsidise domestic helpers for elderly couples

Government should subsidise domestic helpers for elderly couples to help them live independently at home, say experts.

By [Name]

As the population ages, the need for domestic helpers to assist elderly couples in their daily lives is growing. Experts have called for the government to subsidise these helpers to ensure that elderly couples can live independently at home. This is particularly important for those who are unable to perform basic tasks like cooking and cleaning. The government should consider providing financial support to employers of domestic helpers for elderly couples, as this would help reduce their financial burden and ensure that they receive the care they need. This initiative could also help to address the shortage of domestic helpers in the market, as it would make the job more attractive and sustainable for those who take on the role.

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS



Agnes Yeung (left), who is 74 and who used to suffer from depression, and senior occupational therapist Dr Grace Lam. Photo: Edward Hoang

HOW ART HELPS PATIENTS GET PAST A BLUE PERIOD

Older people with depression are finding new purpose through art therapy in workshops organised by Art in Hospital, a charity supported by the Post



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The fruits in the picture were brightly painted. So was the little bird with a big round head appearing in a separate painting. "I like bright colours. They make me happy," Agnes Yeung, 74, said.

"When you feel down, you should go and do something that can bring you happiness," Yeung, who has recovered from depression, participates in workshops organised by the non-profit organisation Art in Hospital. The workshops were launched in recent years with support from Operation Santa Claus, an annual charity fundraising drive organised by the Post and public broadcaster RTHK.

Art in Hospital seeks to use art for emotional expression and self-awareness, to help patients build their self-confidence and enhance their social skills.

Yeung, a retired housewife, joined the community art project about four years ago. She remains an active member and pays regular visits to recovering mental health patients at Kwai Chung Hospital.

The mother of two said she believed art could help people who suffered from depression. In her experience, its healing effect has been remarkable, leading her to conclude that "a person's mind can heal itself".

She recalled gaining gratification from other hobbies like singing, but she decided to withdraw from a choir in August because

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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST DR GRACE LAM

she realised she was forgetful. "I had difficulty remembering the lyrics. I didn't want to affect other choir members, and therefore I quit singing."

Yeung said drawing enabled her to better understand her mind.

"It takes patience to draw. If

you want to draw something in your mind, you have to focus and be honest with your paintbrush.

"I'm affected by the atmosphere and begin to concentrate."

She said concentration could lead to positive changes.

Senior occupational therapist Dr Grace Lee Yuet-ying, who has taken care of Yeung for years, said the project with Operation Santa Claus "support had helped many elderly people resolve their doubts and become active again."

"I have seen many elderly people suffer from depression or dementia," she said.

"After joining the art workshops in hospital, their emotional well-being showed significant improvement."

Lee has collaborated with Art in Hospital over the past five years and observed that the situation of elderly patients improved after taking part in the workshops.

"The elderly mental health patients are able to focus on their artwork. Some of them are so keen to know that they also participate in art exhibitions," she said.

"It doesn't matter whether they can paint well or not. It's important that they have fun."

Art workshops had also given participants hope, Lee said.

"The patients can see their strength when they embark on the road to recovery. We empower the patients to live a happy and meaningful life."

Advertisement for a community art project.

Operation Santa Claus

Supporting the elderly and the mentally ill through art.

Art in Hospital is a charity that provides art therapy for elderly and mentally ill patients. It aims to help them improve their mental health and quality of life through creative activities.

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Join us for a festive art workshop and exhibition.

Details of the event, including dates and locations, are provided in the text.

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Art in Hospital

Supporting the elderly and the mentally ill through art.

The advertisement includes a large photograph of an elderly woman painting and text describing the organization's mission and upcoming events.

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Pupils, teachers and the principal from the SAMK B Katerweil Memorial School in Kwai Chung show off their efforts. PHOTO: DAVID CHUNG

Pupils get lessons in working together on robotics

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What does it take to build a robot that can walk, underwater and backbones?

"STEM!" Yang Chi-chung, 12, and four schoolmates declared in unison, their faces beaming with delight.

STEM is an acronym for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), arts (A) and inclusion (I) – which was the focus of the Underwater Robot Competition 2017, an event held in April and hosted by the University of Science and Technology.

Operation Santa Claus, an annual charity campaign jointly organised by the South China Morning Post and public broadcaster RTHK, supported the event with a donation.

The challenge aimed to bring together pupils from different ethnic backgrounds, studying in mainstream and special needs schools, to find their creative streak through hands-on experi-

ence in robotics and engineering. A total of 300 pupils from 42 primary and secondary schools signed up for the event.

Participants spent three days assembling robots from loose components and later manoeuvred them to accomplish a series of tasks in a swimming pool.

The competition had two parts, one of which saw each school pilot their own robot to carry out tasks, such as collecting, moving and building items, to score points. The second part required three schools to make their robots work together. Schools that showed the best teamwork were awarded the Best Joint School/Inclusion Award.

Yang's team from SAMK B Katerweil Memorial School in Kwai Chung snatched up the Achievement Level Group, Best Teamwork Award and Best Joint School/Inclusion Award.

The Form One pupil and his peers at the special education needs institution were guided by teachers Ricky Chung Man-fai and Chung Chung-yan,



Yang, the team leader, said: "I would tell team members to focus up at some critical moments."

Lui Ching-yan, the 11-year-old "chief of staff", said: "I worked out our strategy and the robot's menu."

"I increased the robot's parts together," Chung Tui-kwan, 13, chimed in.

Robot designer Tin Tai-chun, 13, said: "I piloted the robot (by remote control)."

I am Hoi-kia, the only girl in the team, passed before detailing her various responsibilities. "I cheered my team on. I was tasked with ensuring our robot got a stable power supply."

The 15-year-old added that the competition held special meaning for her as the last day of the event coincided with her grandmother's birthday.

All five pupils said they liked science subjects and wanted to participate in more competitions.

"I like team work. We may be unable to see each other very often, but we got to know more about each other by forming a team to join a contest," Yang said.

Teacher Chung said the five encountered many difficulties during the competition, citing the lack of accessible facilities at the venue for handicapped pupils.

"Yet the team showed great perseverance in the face of challenges," she said, adding it was important for the pupils to learn about social inclusion.

School principal Zoe Lai Wan-yin said the pupils enjoyed taking part in competitions.

"Winning is not an important goal. It's important that they develop self-confidence and self-determination," she said.

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LOW-INCOME DIABETICS ARE REUSING OLD NEEDLES

Low-income diabetics are reusing old needles, a study has found. The research, published in the *Journal of Clinical Pharmacy and Therapeutics*, found that about 10 per cent of low-income diabetics in Hong Kong were reusing needles.

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Pakistan killed in bomb attack by gang of seven

A Pakistani man was killed in a bomb attack by a gang of seven, police said. The attack took place in a crowded market area in the city of Lahore. The victim was a 35-year-old man who was walking with a group of friends when the bomb exploded. The explosion caused significant damage to the surrounding area and several people were injured.

The police are currently investigating the attack and have identified several suspects. They are working to track down the remaining members of the gang and bring them to justice. The attack is believed to be part of a larger campaign of violence in the region.

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(From left) Katherine Hampton, Aud Dominga Flores, Ivanna Wolfshager, Ahmed Al-Aziz and Lily Sia. Photo: Jonathan Wong

A creative way to beat substance abuse

KELLY Support Group helps young reach out to their peers through videos

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Tenagers may not always respond well to parents and teachers lecturing them about the dangers of drug abuse, but what if the advice came in the form of engaging videos made by their peers?

Organisers of a drug awareness programme based on youth leadership believe they have found an effective way to prevent substance use among teenagers.

Katherine Hampton, a programme coordinator at the KELLY Support Group, said secondary school pupils joining their "ExCEL" campaign would take the lead and develop resources concerning awareness of drug and alcohol use.

ExCEL is an acronym for express (EX), connect (C), educate (E) and lead (L). It was launched in 2016 with support from Operation Santa Claus, the annual charity drive organised by the South China Morning Post and KELLY.

The three-year project, targeting vulnerable young people mainly from ethnic minority backgrounds and facing drug problems and issues of inequality,

will also receive funding from this year's fundraising campaign.

Students taking part in the programme are expected to develop the skills and knowledge needed to create culturally appropriate drug awareness information and decide how best to promote it to their peers who are most at risk.

"It's a great way to offer students participating in the programme a role where they can design something that they know their peers will be interested in and that they will engage with," Hampton said.

"It's also a wonderful opportunity for the young people participating in the programme to build leadership skills and to develop their own personal confidence," Hampton said, adding that life skills such as peer support and resistance strategies were covered.

Ahmed Al-Aziz, 17, one of the students who helped create promotional materials for prevention of drug abuse, said she had enjoyed taking part in the project.

"In the programme, people were kind of like your friends. They were really open-minded. They wouldn't tell you what not to

do. They would just listen to you and help you out," the secondary school pupil said.

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Remar volunteers (from left) John Silva, Alvaro Humberto Machado Anderle, Valdemar Batista Da Cruz, Louis Mendes and Jorge Soares with their old van in Yuen Long. (Photo: Jonathan Wong)

Where there's a wheel, they
have a way to deliver help

Funding will help Remar Association buy a new van to help drug addicts on the road to recovery

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John Silva and his teammates, many of them his countrymen, looked at the newly collected used furniture and electronics stacked inside their truck with interest.

"It has been our tool for survival," said the Portuguese national, who runs the non-profit organization, Remar Association (Hong Kong). He was referring to the Mitsubishi Canter parked near the association's outpost in a Yuen Long village.

On its website, Remar describes itself as a "Christian charity organisation working for the rehabilitation and reintegration into society of drug addicts, alcoholics, down-and-outs, the homeless and the needy in general".

The association received funding two years ago from Operation Santa Claus, the annual charity donation drive organised by the South China Morning Post and FTHK, to buy the truck to support its rehabilitation programmes for street sleepers, who in many cases are also drug addicts.

Using the truck, the Remar volunteers pick up a wide range of donated items such as furniture, home appliances, clothes and educational toys. After being

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acquired, these items are sold to raise money for the organization.

"It was main source of funds to support our rehabilitation centre," Silva said, stressing the importance of maintaining their recycling business and self-sustaining model.

The vehicle also lets them run errands around the city.

"We are reaching out to the

street sleepers in places such as Yau Ma Tei and Sham Shui Po. We feed them and encourage them to come to our centre, where we offer free rehabilitation programmes," Silva said, adding that drug addicts from different districts were also driven to their rehab centre in Yuen Long.

Volunteer Alvaro Humberto Machado Anderle said: "We will go to places where there is a need."

But driving around all day has rapidly worn down the truck and it will be decommissioned soon. With new funding from Operation Santa Claus, the association plans to buy a van to implement its "New Horizons" project, which aims to help recovering addicts stay off illegal substances.

"When they are getting OK, we start to give them responsibilities. They will start to work, to do small jobs. We will supervise them," Silva said.

The association believes that work is an important part of the rehabilitation process, and that work can improve self-esteem. The new van will be used mainly to bring drug addicts to Remar's Yuen Long centre.

Silva said it was important to have their own transport. "For the work we do, we need a new van."

Remar was founded in Spain by Miguel Diaz and his wife as an evangelical organisation in 1982, and centres were later opened to help marginalised people. The Hong Kong branch was established in 1996.

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Dig meat, crane and marrying monks



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Residents work a field at the Operation Dawn treatment centre. Photo: Ray Yip

A FRESH DAWN FOR RECOVERING ADDICTS ON REMOTE ISLAND

Residents of sparse rehabilitation centre in the New Territories need a water heating system to help them through the cold winter months

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On Dawn Island in the eastern New Territories, the beach is rocky and the sand coarse. Wildlife and greenery – locusts with island-hopping nautilus – are few and far between.

A small concrete footpath laid along the coastline remains in a state of disrepair after being devastated by Typhoon Hato two months ago.

Yet this quiet place is a sanctuary for people battling drug addiction, according to Mamre Lilian Yeh, general secretary of Operation Dawn.

"Few tourists visit Dawn Island because the beach here is not beautiful," she said, adding that the remoteness of the island was crucial in keeping rehabilitating drug addicts away from city vices such as substance and alcohol.

Operation Dawn seeks to provide drug addicts with a comprehensive rehabilitation programme to end their drug dependency and help them heal their bodies, minds and souls, according to Yeh.

Over the years, it has helped many former drug addicts build a new life.

Despite the facilities and an established community on the island, residents still lack something that city dwellers take for granted – hot water.

With funding from Operation Santa Claus, an annual charity drive organised by the South China Morning Post and RTHK, Operation Dawn staff plan to install a solar-powered water heating system for their accommodation.

Lam Kam-foon, 44, a former drug addict now helping with the programme on the island, said sometimes hearing voices of recovering addicts were not equipped with a water heating system.

In winter, they need to heat scalding water in a giant wok on a

traditional wood-burning stove near the coast and carry buckets of hot water with a pole balanced on their shoulders to their living quarters.

"By the time we reach the top, the water is cold," Lam said.

The Christian-operated drug rehabilitation centre was founded by Reverend John Paul Chan in 1981. It was previously located in Long Ke on the Sai Kung peninsula.

In 1976, with the approval of the government, the centre was relocated to Dawn Island, also known as Dawn Island.

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Referring to the latest plan to install water heaters, Yeh said: "This is more than about giving them a comfortable life, because it will improve the personal hygiene of the rehabilitating drug addicts and reduce the likelihood of them getting sick during the cold winter months."

Lam said many of his senior peers at the rehabilitation centre were old and weak and preferred not to shower sometimes because of the lack of hot water.

"We used drugs before and therefore our bodies are weak," Lam said.

"With a new water heater, we can live in a more comfortable environment. We no longer need to worry about hot water, and no longer need to guard our who is using too much hot water."

Yeh said the solar-powered water heating system built with donations could also help them cut energy costs.



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Toddler Jesse Wong, with his father Bob Wong, learns sign language from instructor Chai Po-ling at CODA. Photo: Nautilus Chen

Children of deaf parents learn life skills

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Two-year-old Jesse Wong, who is a bundle of energy, is sitting on the floor with another child of the same age in a play area at a centre. Through games and pictures, the children are being taught to recognise facial expressions in relation to emotions.

When asked if he was happy, Wong broke into a big grin before waving off with his playmate.

The boy is a participant in a speech and language enhancement course for children of deaf adults (CODA).

The parents of the children in this workshop are "hearing-impaired". They hope their little ones, who can hear but are being brought up in a household without speech, will be able to communicate with people effectively

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when they get older. Project organisers at CODA Hong Kong, an NGO established in 2003, said they sought to support deaf parents and their children by empowering them to face challenges in the hearing community.

Instructors address the children's emotional, social and language development, as well as their identity and family issues.

Cindy Chan Kai-yin, founder of the organisation, said they planned to launch a "Shall We Talk" programme to help young children.

The project provides speech and language training for children of deaf adults with funding from Operation Santa Claus, a joint charity campaign organised by the South China Morning Post and RTHK.

Through small group games, storytelling and reading, the children, aged between two and 12, learn to communicate with other people. The programme also provides support for their hearing-impaired parents through workshops and counselling.

Bob Wong Ching-hei, Jesse's father, said he worried about his son's social development the moment the boy was born.

"My wife and I don't speak the oral language well. How can we

teach Jesse to speak? We also worry he won't be able to socialise with others," he said through a sign language interpreter.

Wong said he learned some new communication skills at CODA Hong Kong, which came in handy when he was helping Jesse with homework.

Chan, also a child of deaf parents, said many of her peers could speak both an oral and a sign language, but they also faced challenges helping their parents navigate a hearing world.

It was difficult for the parents to look after them because they could not hear what their young ones were saying, she said.

"I hope the community can learn more about the unique needs of children of deaf adults in our seminars and other activities," Chan said. "I hope these children will be able to get the care and support they need."

VIOLINIST'S FAMILY ROOTS THAT LED TO THE BERLIN PHIL

The number of families that have been identified as having a connection to the orchestra is still growing, but the number of families that have been identified is still growing.



From left, the violinist's family roots that led to the Berlin Phil.

We must rely on ourselves to compete with the mainland

Editorial: The government should not be too concerned about the mainland's economic growth.



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Eva Leung (left) and Linda Wong, campaigners from the Association Concerning Sexual Violence Against Women. Photo: Kiamoon Chan

THE WOMEN HELPING SEX ABUSE VICTIMS FIGHT BACK

By offering legal advice and a sensitive approach, a charity supports those who have suffered gender-based violence or harassment in the workplace

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One victim of workplace sexual harassment says she can no longer keep silent about what happened to her. She has decided to take her case to court.

Without giving details about the incident for legal reasons, the 22-year-old said she believed justice would be done, and that she was helping others by helping herself.

"If someone can help you deal with the matter and let the perpetrator know he has done something wrong, you are actually helping to save someone from becoming the next victim," she said. She stressed the importance of facing the issue of sexual harassment head-on. "There's no point getting upset about it," she said. "It's not my fault. It's the perpetrator who is at fault."

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The local community has yet to manifest a proper concern for the issues

LINDA WONG, CHAIRMAN

And she is not alone in the case. She has received support from the Association Concerning Sexual Violence Against Women, an NGO established in 1987.

The charity provides free legal consultation, with lawyers giving advice pro bono on women's rights and the legal process.

As a whole, the service is called the Legal Clinic for Victims of Gender-Based Violence, and seeks to help victims of sexual violence and sexual harassment fight for justice.

The victims may also get advice from the legal clinic on making complaints to the Equal Opportunities Commission and reconciliation procedures.

The project is an expanded service provided with the help of funding from Operation Santa Claus, the annual donation drive organized by the South China Morning Post and ICHK.

In addition, the association will create a special legal clinic run

by experienced social workers, and a hotline for victims of sexual abuse.

Eva Leung Yee-wah, a project officer at the organization, noted the sensitive nature of cases of sexual violence and sexual harassment. She said procedures were in place to avoid the process causing distress or harm to victims.

"Every volunteer, social worker and even lawyer working at the legal clinic has received training. They stay alert and understand the needs of victims," she said.

Leung said lawyers would examine the relevant cases before meeting victims to spare them the ordeal of repeatedly giving details of their traumatic experiences.

Linda Wong Sze-yung, executive director of the association, said many women and girls did not know where to seek help when they encountered sexual harassment or violence.

"They know little about their legal rights," Wong said.

"Sex is still a taboo in Hong Kong society. The local community has yet to manifest a proper concern for the issue of sexual harassment and sexual violence."

Hong Kong urged to follow Taiwan lead on rare diseases

Health officials in Hong Kong have urged the government to follow Taiwan's lead in rare diseases.

Health officials in Hong Kong have urged the government to follow Taiwan's lead in rare diseases. The officials said that Taiwan has a well-established system for rare diseases, which includes a national rare diseases registry and a network of rare diseases centers. They said that Hong Kong should follow Taiwan's lead in these areas to improve the lives of people with rare diseases.



Standard is in, but here's why Cantonese still reigns supreme

A standard is in, but here's why Cantonese still reigns supreme. The article discusses the importance of Cantonese in Hong Kong and the challenges of maintaining its status as the dominant language. It mentions that while English is the official language, Cantonese is the language of the people. The article also discusses the role of the government in promoting Cantonese and the challenges of doing so in a globalized world.

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MOTHER VOWS TO TRANSFER BULLIED SON

Heaven knows how difficult the decision will be for the mother, who has a son who is being bullied.

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Elf Wang runs the home which used to give Miss Xian (right) a place of refuge during troubled times. Operation Santa Claus is supporting the facility. Photo: Hong Tam

Centre offers a warm shelter for troubled girls

Non-profit organisation allows teenagers to escape their family problems

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It is 3pm at a temporary shelter for homeless girls and the kitchen is buzzing. A team of teenagers is preparing dinner for themselves and their peers, part of the daily routine at the home, located in a tower block on a public housing estate in Tsing Yi.

The lodging is run by Home Care for Girls, a non-profit organisation founded by Sister Agnes Ho. The place provides a safe and caring environment where troubled girls can seek compassion

and stability away from problematic family conditions.

ER Wong Ching-ying, who manages the care home, said homeless girls were referred to them by social workers.

"They are unable to stay with their families for different reasons," Wong said of the home's residents, aged from 14 to 18.

Home Care for Girls receives funding from Operation Santa Claus, the annual charity campaign jointly organised by the South China Morning Post and RTHK.

"These girls are secondary school students. They face family

problems and are in the need of a place that can provide them with stable accommodation so that they can focus on their studies," Wong said.

The service provides homeless girls with accommodation for up to one year. They will remain home if their family problems are resolved within this period.

Others may transfer to long-term government residential care homes if their troubles persist.

Apart from their basic needs, the girls' social and emotional development is also taken care of.

"Some girls don't even know how to make a bed when they first arrive," Wong said.

"We teach them how to lead an independent life and cook to help them grow up," she said, adding that counselling services were also available to help the girls deal with their emotional problems.

The teenage residents have a daily routine at the home, where academics take turns to cook and do chores.

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"Our home is more than about beds, sofas, TVs ... Family-like peer support and the care provided by the staff here are also very important," Wong said.

A former resident said she saw the place as a warm shelter.

"It feels like home to me," the 23-year-old, who identified herself as "Man", said.

Man said she had a troubled relationship with her older brother, and she was referred to the organisation in 2011 after the death of their mother.

She has recently finished her studies. "I want to be a social worker," Man said, adding that she was inspired by the home's staff and hoped to help other girls.

Minnie Li, a Kaun-ping, chairman of Home Care for Girls, said she believed the girls and the community as a whole could benefit from their service.

"Where you help a girl, you are shaping her future and helping her with her family," she said. "This group of homeless girls, though small in number, are also part of those neglected by society."

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Edwina, Care Home Manager

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Cecilia Lam of the Rehabaid Society, Tsui Woon-ming and occupational therapist Le Kai-fung at Polytechnic University. Photo: Kaorai Chan

Care services help elderly and disabled feel at home

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With some help, Kwan said, Tsui Woon-ming, who had a stroke three years ago that left him wheel-chair-bound, is able to get to his foot. The 60-year-old can also walk slowly if he holds on to someone and uses a good walking stick.

Tsui said he was making good progress and that he believed he was fresh on the road to recovery.

"I could move my left leg but not walk back then," he said, recalling the days after the stroke.

Tsui is one of many elderly beneficiaries of the Rehabaid Society's Healthy Aging in Place rehabilitation programme.

The charitable organisation provides the service with funding from Operation Santa Claus, an annual donation drive organised by the South China Morning Post and RTHK.

The programme offers free home safety assessment, functional mobility training and rehabilitation support to the elderly and people with disabilities living at home.

The society's occupational therapists and physiotherapists provide tailor-made health improvement plans to enhance the safety of public spaces at home and help them live independently in the community.

In Tsui's case, occupational therapists visit him at home every month, advising him on how to do exercises and take care of himself.

The home-based services spare the trouble of commuting to the society's centre. The therapists also provide support for carers.

Dr Cecilia Lam-Siu-ling, CEO of the society, said Rehabaid sought to identify potential physical and mental health problems common to elderly

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Cecilia Lam says many elderly people need help. Photo: Felix Wong

people, adding that many older Hongkongers needed help.

"I personally have visited many people who are living in public housing estates. They really cannot afford to go to any private service," Lam said.

Long waiting times also deterred the elderly from using services in the public hospital system, the occupational therapist said.

"We aim to give them hope and the support they need."

The society's operations are supported by donations, as it ceased to receive funding from the Hospital Authority last year.

"In order to run a free service for people who are in need, we do need a lot of support from donors," she said.

Lam said the most delightful part of the programme had made a difference. She said satisfaction in her career came from seeing these elderly people prosper and emerge from depression.

PARENTS FURIOUS AS SCHOOL PLAYS DOWN CLAIMS OF BULLYING

Parents of a 12-year-old girl are furious after her school played down claims of bullying, saying the girl was the victim of a prank.

The girl's mother, Mrs. [Name], said her daughter had been bullied for several months. She said the school had not taken any action to stop the bullying.

The school principal, Mr. [Name], said the girl was the victim of a prank. He said the school had not received any complaints of bullying.

The girl's mother said she was furious with the school's response. She said she had spoken to the principal but he had not listened to her.

The girl's mother said she was considering taking legal action against the school. She said she was not happy with the school's handling of the case.

The school principal said he was sorry about the incident. He said he would do his best to resolve the situation.

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College 'should say sorry' for warning student on slogan

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ACTIVISTS ARE GIVEN BAIL PENDING APPEAL OUTCOME

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COMMUNITY

'Care Angels' make abandoned children feel loved

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Babies and young children are best cared for by their parents, but if those natural guardians cannot perform their duties, "Care Angels" from one of Hong Kong's oldest charity groups will bend over backwards to help.

Debbie Wong Wai-kuen, who runs the Care Angels Project under the Babina Section of charity Po Leung Kuk, said her team looked after infants and young children abandoned by their parents, or separated from their families for different reasons.

Wong, who initiated an

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attachant building programme in 2006 for young children, said it

from needed individualised care

and one-on-one interaction.

"They require us to be

frugged and to get instant res-

ponses. They need a lot of

tooking, and a lot of love," she

said of the newborn babies and

toddlers under the charity's care.

The Po Leung Kuk team plans

to expand the attachant build-

ing programme, which is part of

the Care Angels Project, for more

infants and children aged up to six

years. It currently serves about

100 children.

The project receives funding from investment bank Morgan Stanley, through Operation Santa Claus, an annual donation drive jointly organised by the South China Morning Post and RTHK.

The Care Angels team will also grow so there are more charity workers to interact with children. This, said Wong, would allow the children to spend more quality time with their designated carers, who can give them undivided attention in "crazy time" sessions.

"In doing so, we hope to help

the children grow up happily,"

Wong said.

Kong Lai-chun, assistant prin-

cipal social services secretary of

Po Leung Kuk, said the young chil-

dren now staying at the charity's

Crossway Bay home were mainly

referred by the Integrated Family

Service Centres, operated by the

Social Welfare Department and

NIGAs, as they needed the

charity's 24-hour residential child

care services.

According to Kong, most of

these children are ethnic Chinese



From left: Debbie Wong, Kong Lai-chun, and Law Ka-sie of Po Leung Kuk at the charity group's Crossway Bay home. Photo: Jonathan Wong

and come from different back-

grounds. They were either or-

phans or from families with a

history of child abuse or other

problems, she said.

"They came to Po Leung Kuk

because their families do not

function," Kong said.

Law Ka-sie, who has worked

with the project for 10 years, re-

called how a three-year-old boy

changed his behaviour after she

had spent months interacting

with him one-on-one.

"He avoided me at first. Then

he began chatting to me with me

... I usually he grew attached to

me," Law said.

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DIET TIPS TO NURTURE CANCER PATIENTS

Carers empower the sick with advice on the best food to eat as they battle their way back to health

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For many cancer patients, creating a balanced diet conducive to wellness can be a major challenge if they have not previously given much thought to healthy eating.

But they are not alone in overcoming such difficulties, with health experts from a charity on hand to make their path to recovery smoother.

Helen Lai Wing Yan-fung, who runs Maggie's Cancer Caring Centre, said they aimed to help patients regain the joy of eating while giving them the nutrients needed to keep up their strength.



Recovering cancer patient Bella (left) and Helen Lai. Photo: Anna Tam

"We recommend simple dishes that look good, smell good and taste good. We want to boost patients' interest in food, because the treatments they undergo may

lead to loss of appetite," she said.

Maggie's offers professional advice on nutrition tailored to different conditions before, during and after cancer treat-

ment. "When people are dispirited, some review their lifestyle to find out whether it may have contributed to the disease and whether anything can be done to improve their health," Lai said.

"Diet is one of the key areas that patients look at."

The charity has seen a growing demand for these health tips and plans to expand its services.

Its "Eating Well" project is scheduled for launch next year with funds from Operation Santa Claus, the annual fundraising campaign jointly organised by the South China Morning Post and RTHK.

Through a series of activities carried out at its centre in the grounds of Tuen Mun Hospital,

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including one-on-one nutrition sessions and talks, the charity helps patients to better equip themselves for the challenges of illness. Patients can also consult dietitians at the centre's drop-in Q&A open sessions and workshops.

"We are not going to cook for them. We teach them through workshops about nutrition and healthy choices. We teach them how to read food labels," Lai said.

A recovering kidney cancer patient, who identified herself as Bella, said she had benefited from attending Maggie's workshops.

"I have learned to read food labels," the 61-year-old former clerk said. "I wasn't eating anything. I didn't find time to cook."

"These habits were bad," Bella said, recalling her days before the disease struck.

"I lost interest in eating the moment I knew I had cancer,"

Bella now cooks for herself and her family after quitting her job. She said she had become a lot more health conscious since attending Maggie's programmes on nutrition.

She was thankful for the support of the centre's staff.

"The team has helped us get through the dark and difficult times," she said.

The cancer centre organises a wide range of free programmes that provide nutritional and psychosocial support for people affected by cancer.

The charity was founded by Maggie Jencks, who lived with advanced cancer for two years, during which time she used her knowledge to create a blueprint for a new type of care.

She saw the need for a welcoming place away from the setting of a hospital, where cancer patients, their families and friends could go for support.

The first Maggie's Centre opened in Edinburgh in 1990, a year after her death. There are now 20 in the United Kingdom.

Jencks had spent her younger years in Hong Kong with her parents. In 2008, the charity opened a temporary centre inside Tuen Mun Hospital.

Five years later the Hong Kong branch was relocated to its current location, designed by architect Frank Gehry.

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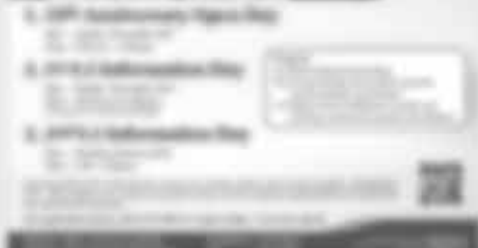
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'FLAWS' IN SUBSIDISED FLATS RESALE PLAN

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The government's plan to allow subsidised flats to be resold at a profit has been criticised by some housing advocates, who say it will lead to a loss of affordable housing for the needy.

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Helpers ease the learning burden for anxious parents

Charity volunteers are shattering misconceptions surrounding conditions such as dyslexia

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Dorems of sticky notes line the wall of a charity that provides support for parents of children with learning disabilities.

The staff members express hope, encouragement and moral values. One reads, "Accept the difference in strengths", while another says, "Trust, support".

They are reminders for all at the Hong Kong Association for Specific Learning Disabilities, which promotes self-help for parents of children with specific learning disabilities (SLD).

Connie To, a manager at the centre, said 153 people had used its hotline service over the

past year. They expressed parents' suffering from extreme stress in coping with the needs of such children.

Citing surveys, To said many parents of SLD children felt they walked a solitary path.

"Many parents say it's difficult for them to explain to others about their children's needs or describe the challenges they go through," she said.

"These parents have shown symptoms of insomnia and anxiety. The stereotypical negative images of SLD children have affected some parents so much that they need counselling."

According to the association, children diagnosed with the condition have difficulties in the classroom. While these difficulties

are likely to persist into adulthood, they are not intellectual impairments. The most common condition is dyslexia, leading to difficulties in reading and writing.

Volunteers from the association, who are also parents of such children, provide information and emotional support for their peers.

The charity, now with more than 2,100 members, plans to enhance its services. Its parent support programme, called "Alongside", will be launched with funds from Operation Santa Claus, the annual charity drive jointly organised by the South China Morning Post and ITC.

It includes a parent network and induction course for new members. An educational programme will also be implemented to raise public awareness of SLD.

Connie To said many people still hold misconceptions about conditions such as dyslexia.

"They think dyslexic children are lazy or not hardworking enough. With support from Operation Santa Claus, we can tell the public that our association is the biggest platform on which parents can share experiences."

She said the publicity would encourage other parents of SLD children to contact them and seek help.

Li Yip Lung-ying, chairman of the association, said most of the parents she talked to wanted to know more about how to discuss the issue with others, especially with the children's grandparents.

"As people now understand SLD more, parents with a more positive attitude will ask how they can help their children face the challenges," she added.

Another, who only wanted to be known by her surname Cheung, said the association was the first organisation that responded directly to her questions about her dyslexic daughter, El.

Cheung said other institutions she had earlier approached only gave her cursory information on courses for her child.

"(The chairman) returned my call after I sang their hotline," the mother said of the association. "I discussed my daughter's case with me patiently and told me that she also had an SLD child. I then realised such conditions were not rare. It was a disaster."

Cheung also questioned whether the city's school system had provided sufficient support for such children and their families.



Independent debate 'should be fair game' on campus



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Many parents say it's difficult for them to describe the challenges they go through

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just year. They expressed parents' suffering from extreme stress in coping with the needs of such children.

Citing surveys, To said many parents of SLD children felt they walked a solitary path.

"Many parents say it's difficult for them to explain to others about their children's needs or describe the challenges they go through," she said.

"These parents have shown symptoms of insomnia and anxiety. The stereotypical negative images of SLD children have affected some parents so much that they need counselling."

According to the association, children diagnosed with the condition have difficulties in the classroom. While these difficulties



Li Yip Lung-ying (left) with her mother, Iris Young. Photo: Edmund So



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ARTS THERAPY HELPS TROUBLED PUPILS FIND HIDDEN TALENT

Whether it's through writing, painting, singing or acting, at-risk youngsters can learn to share their emotions, communicate and deal with stress

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Therapy comes in many forms. The experience can be colourful, poetic and even theatrical.

An expressive arts therapy programme featuring a diverse range of creative projects, including painting workshops, writing classes, music and drama performances, has been implemented at dozens of secondary schools by a charitable organisation to train youngsters to use art as a tool for expression and communication.

Through this "Art to Heart" school outreach programme, the registered expressive arts therapists and social workers who lead the activities seek to help at-risk adolescents develop emotional competence and achieve self-healing.

The pilot scheme is operated by the Changing Young Lives Foundation. From 2015 to 2016, the programme served 126 secondary school pupils from different racial, learning and family backgrounds. The foundation will continue the programme with funds from Operation Santa Claus, the annual fundraising campaign organised by the South China Morning Post and RTHK.

The foundation serves underprivileged children and young people in both Hong Kong and on the mainland by providing free educational and developmental programmes for them to unlock their potential. Its operations are supported by donations.

Caribbean Chan Kiu-yu, executive director, said the workshops were held at school because pupils were familiar with the campus environment and felt safe there.

"They are more willing to express their emotions in the classroom. Expressive arts therapy will prove most effective in these conditions," she said.

The foundation's therapists help schools that have signed up

for the programme to design arts workshops and review the pupils' performances with teachers and social workers.

"Our therapists will first assess the participants' emotional status and find out if the students have got any special talent. We will enrol them for projects that fit their situations," Chan said.

The programme also considers the participants' profiles and personal backgrounds, provided by their schools, and personalise the workshops for them. "The painting and writing programmes are more suitable for introverted students, as such projects can help them uncover their hidden emotions, whereas more outgoing students may share in study drama."

Students learn more about themselves during the process. Taking various studies, Chan said expressive arts could help troubled students reduce stress.

"They will learn to control their emotions," she said.

Apart from those who are more at risk emotionally, other students may join the programme as an extracurricular activity.

The charity has organised workshops for 15 secondary schools over the past two school years. The scheme has been extended to five more institutions in its third year.

"The demand for our service is huge. We hope to further expand our programme to benefit more schools and students in the future," Chan said.



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CARIBBEAN CHAN, CHANGING YOUNG LIVES FOUNDATION



Caribbean Chan, executive director of the Changing Young Lives Foundation, says demand for its help is huge. Photo: Nathan Chan

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Charity set to mark 30 years of digging deep for the needy

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People's willingness to help has given each annual group hope and motivated them to remain persistent and determined, a 25-year-old woman born with a rare disease that left her almost completely paralysed, has said.

Judy Chow Pui-chan, diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy (SMA), is thankful that she has received around support from society. She is a member of the Families of SMA Charitable Trust and uses its services funded by Operation Santa Claus – an annual charity drive jointly organised by the South China Morning Post and RTHK. This year's campaign – the 30th – is being launched tonight.

"Operation Santa Claus helps patients and those in need so that they can have a better life and security," Chow said.

She started receiving support from Operation Santa Claus at the age of eight.

"I had been staying in hospital since I was born. I wanted to go home. But it was difficult to arrange hospital transport and the service was expensive," she said.

Operation Santa Claus provides funding for a van and the breathing and respiratory equipment she needed, and has continued to support her ever since.

The English and linguistics student, who can only type with her right thumb and right index finger, recently wrote a proposal calling for patients to be treated with a new, potentially life-saving drug. In a separate move, Chair Executive Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ming met Chow and fellow trust members who rallied outside her office on October 6. Lam promised to try to secure the treatment, which is not available in the city.

Chow remains hopeful, though she has yet to hear from the government on whether the drug will be allowed in the city.

She said it was important to have hope, adding she also believed the needy should be given more social support.

"Social support is important. It enables us to move on," she said. Operation Santa Claus has been helping the underserved for the past 30 years. However, its roots date back further. In the 1980s, RTHK Radio 3 presenters pulled publicity stunts to attract donations for charity.

The effort stopped in the '90s, as the Community Chest became an official body to receive charitable donations. The initiative lasted until 1996, when RTHK relaunched the campaign. The Post became involved one year later.



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Operation Santa Claus was turned into a registered charity in 2001 – the year that severe acute respiratory syndrome (Sars) hit the city.

As Operation Santa Claus approaches the end of its third decade, a veteran campaigner observed that more donors, especially those from the corporate world, wanted to get involved.

"Companies think a lot more about where their money is going, more than just handing over a cheque," said RTHK's English programme head, Hugh Chiverton.

"Operation Santa Claus chooses special projects or people to see their money going to good places."



NATIONAL ANTHEM LAW 'CAN BE MADE RETROACTIVE'

How widespread is the belief that the national anthem law can be made retroactive? The law is a controversial one.

Call for e-sports to be recognised and subsidised

How widespread is the belief that e-sports should be recognised and subsidised? The law is a controversial one.



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Three decades of generosity

The truly kind nature of Hongkongers comes alive at Christmas, as Operation Santa Claus proves, writes **Sebastien Raybaud**. But did you know that the charity drive began, not in 1988, but in 1960?

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Operation Santa Claus (OSC) has, for nearly three decades, committed itself to changing lives for the better – but the roots of the Hong Kong-based charity drive lie a lot further back in time than its first campaign in 1988.

In 1960, Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) ran a music marathon of their listeners' favourite songs. In return, RTHK asked their listeners to donate money to them. Radio DJs wearing Christmas costumes hiked up The Peak in the name of charity. They even jumped into the freezing cold waters of Victoria Harbour to raise money.

RTHK's deputy director of broadcasting, Tai Keen-man, can recall past stunts they performed as if they happened yesterday.

"Our DJs and presenters [all had to] gather at Queen's Pier (a public pier in front of City Hall, demolished in 2007). When the donations reached a certain amount, they would jump into the water," he said with a laugh.

These stunts ended in the 1970s, after the Community Chest of Hong Kong was launched



RTHK launched a series of stunts in 1960 to raise money for charity. Photos: SCMP

in 1968. The Community Chest gave Hongkongers an official charity to donate their money to – which might have seemed like a better thing to do.

"Maybe people wondered why [they had to donate to see] these crazy gweilos doing these things, when they could donate to the Community Chest," said Alastair Monteith-Hodge, who was a RTHK presenter and

producer in the 80s, and helped organise the first official campaign.

In 1988, the South China Morning Post offered RTHK free advertising space in their paper to promote OSC. As the campaign grew, it began to attract more companies, schools, and organisations. As we mark the 30th OSC campaign, it is now one of Hong Kong's biggest charity drives.

OSC, which is organised by the SCMP and RTHK, looks at the community's needs, explains them to the public, and helps direct assistance to where it is most wanted at Christmas. Donations are collected from schools, clubs, companies and citizens, and fundraising events are held during the festive period.

"Christmas is a time for giving. It's when people feel generous," said Monteith-Hodge, now the chief executive of the Children's Cancer Foundation.

Christmas is a time for giving. It's when people feel generous

One of those who hugely benefited from OSC is Gloria Cheng Pui-yan, who was just 13 when she was diagnosed with a rare form of leukaemia. Thanks to the charity campaign, she was Hong Kong's first-ever child to receive a bone-marrow transfusion.

People from all walks of life in Hong Kong have made donations to OSC. Students have also played their part, organising a range of creative activities to raise funds for the charity campaign.

Last year, schools across Hong Kong raised more than HK\$380,000 for OSC. The money went towards supporting 23 beneficiaries, most of which are Hong Kong-based charities that serve local communities.

Tammy Tam, the teacher in charge of OSC fundraising at St Clare's Girls' School, said they like to take part in the campaign every single year because they know that the donations go to good causes all over the city. No doubt St Clare's is just one of many schools sure to be coming up with imaginative ways to prove Hongkongers care.

Additional reporting by Edmund Ho



Last year, schools like the Korean International School raised more than HK\$380,000 for OSC



Operation Santa Claus has gone from strength to strength, and is now one of the city's biggest charity drives



It's not just schools and companies that can get involved – these people took part in a charity fun run to raise cash



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the billionaire,
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youth' at Fosun
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YOUNGSTERS TO RELAUNCH DRIVE FOR SELF-RULE

The Hong Kong Young Democrats (HKYD) will relaunch its drive for self-rule on November 14, the day after the group's 10th anniversary.

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The season for giving

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Chief Secretary Matthew Cheung Kin-chung was the guest of honour at last night when Operation Santa Claus (OSC) launched its 10th anniversary.

"The government is committed to building a caring society, but all of us need to work together for the common good," said Cheung, gesturing towards the front row of the donors and beneficiaries of last year's campaign.

The annual fund-raiser, jointly organized by the South China Morning Post and public broadcaster RTHK, last year raised HK\$16 million for 25 charities.

This year's campaign has the theme "Changing lives for good" and will collect donations for all Hong Kong residents that support the Irish for Autism.

The launch of the 10th anniversary in Cantonese was broadcast live on RTHK Radio 3.

The event featured several performances by singing hope from Hong Kong Super Mopsters (all 10 years old), as well as giving stories, which formed by major OSC corporate sponsors.

Gary Lau, CEO of the Post, was impressed by participants' ongoing support. "This city is as full of love and so full of goodness," said Lau, gesturing to the left of Cheung, Director of Broadcasting Learning & Media (Learning Media from left), who is also head of RTHK, urged Hongkongers to continue to support the initiative, saying "We can't do this alone."

OSC connects the community to charities with the help of the Post and RTHK. Since its launch 10 years ago, it has become one of Hong Kong's biggest charity drives.

This year, OSC will again welcome outstanding supporters with special awards at various times: Top Corporate Fundraiser, Top School Fundraiser, Most Creative Fundraiser and Most Creative School. The awards will be announced at the closing ceremony in January.

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Opening of embassy in Beijing 'significant and much-needed' for Panama's president



The opening of the Panama embassy in Beijing is a significant and much-needed step for Panama's president, according to a senior official.

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Morgan Stanley targets control of its mainland operation

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LAM URGES PEACE IN LEGCO AFTER BITTER FILIBUSTERING FEUD

Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying urged members of the Legislative Council to put aside their differences and work together for the benefit of Hong Kong.

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Investors go big on bitcoin without weighing the risks

Investors are flocking to bitcoin, a digital currency, without fully understanding the risks involved, according to a report by a leading financial institution.

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Hong Kong Football Club players celebrate after beating Savills in the final of the five-a-side tournament. Photo: Jonathan Wong

Goals galore and victory for the needy

Eddie Lee
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The spirit of giving warmed as a wintry breeze blew across the pitch at the 20th annual Operation Santa Claus five-a-side charity soccer tournament.

Under the theme of "more goals for the goal", the competition was held at the Stanley Ho Sports Centre in Pok Fu Lam last Sunday and attracted a total of 42 teams in three age categories.

The tournament, co-organised by the Hong Kong Football Association and registered charity Friends of Asia Hong Kong, raised

"It's our first year in the charity football tournament. We look forward to continuing to work hand in hand with Operation Santa Claus on projects concerning youth support or sports development," Leung said.

Hong Kong Football Club (HKFC) and Savills played a hard-fought final in the adult tournament, but HKFC side's tight teamwork and strong defence helped them take home the cup in the end.

Mark Savills, chief executive of the football association, noted that the participating teams had donated a considerable sum to

support the competition. "That shows their generosity and spirit. They not only want to play football but also want to contribute to the charity as well," he said.

Also at the event, 32 junior league teams showed their grit and skills on the football pitch. Hong Kong City Boys beat the Hong Kong Football Academy on penalties in the under-12s tournament final.

Eight-year-old Justin Lee, who played for the under-8s team, said: "I had great fun. I will play again next year."

The winner of the under-12 tournament was FC Barcelona, who played Estrella in the final.

Hong Kong Football Club head coach Berrodan McGraw, who helped organise the junior league, said players and their families and spectators all enjoyed the event.

Everybody played in the right spirit," he said.

Father Christmas added a festive touch by visiting the young children who came to see their families and friends play.

Berry Young Sin-yin, who played Santa Claus, said he wanted to bring children an important message in his season of giving.

"We must preserve the traditional values as the world has become increasingly materialistic," Young said.

They not only want to play football but also to contribute to the charity

MARK SUTCLIFF, with other contributors

about HK\$1 million for Operation Santa Claus, the annual charity campaign jointly organised by the South China Morning Post and HKFC.

Josephine Leung Wai-lin, the charity's director of events and marketing, said the organisation shared a mutual goal with Operation Santa Claus.

"We both support programmes that can help the needy in our community," she said.

The charity works to provide resources, care and opportunities for those in need by developing fundraising programmes centred on sports, health and education.

Being the charity partner of the tournament, Friends of Asia Hong Kong, through its affiliate Asia Foundation, matched the net amount of funds raised at the tournament.



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Play time for Charlotte King in Prince of Wales Hospital, while mum, dad and play specialist Kelly Li Tse-wah look on. Photo: Jonathan Wong

FUN AND GAMES EASE PAIN FOR CHILDREN IN HOSPITAL

Play specialists who help young patients cope with the psychological stress of operations look to extend the work of the 'big sisters' to other wards

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Six-year-old Chloette King Peking is not afraid of going inside the "doughnut tunnel", because she knows her mother and those friendly women she meets in the hospital will accompany her throughout the process.

Besides, she has some idea now of how the magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanner really works, and says it is just like taking a photo.

The room at the hospital, dressed in bright colours, put out that the giant scanner sounds like a washing machine, or a vacuum cleaner. There are also

drilling sounds that give off a construction-site ambience, but everything is just fine.

Chloette, who suffered bleeding on the brain in July, is one of many young children who have benefited from the Child-Centred Play Service for Hospitalised Children.

The service is provided by the Playright Children's Play Association, a beneficiary of Operation Santa Claus, the South China Morning Post and RTHK's annual fundraising campaign.

The association helps children in hospital prepare psychologically for medical procedures and operations through play.

The service is available in five public hospitals, including Prince

of Wales Hospital in Sha Tin, where Chloette was treated.

With OSC support, Playright plans to extend its service to eight more public hospitals, to serve 3,000 children suffering from disease, abuse or neglect.

Karen Lai Ka-yun, lead hospital play supervisor at Playright, said: "Children staying in hospital could be frightened by its cold environment."

"We hope to create a stress-free atmosphere to alleviate their fears."

Lai and other "big sisters", as Chloette knows them, decorate the children's wards and celebrate their birthdays.

The play specialists have also encouraged games and toys to suit

different children's needs. "Our play specialists designed games that simulate real-life medical treatment," Lai said.

"We consulted physicians and other medical professionals to make sure relevant medical concepts could be explained to the children clearly."

In Chloette's case, she was given a miniature MRI scanner so she could familiarise herself with the procedure that she had to go through.

Wendy Tsz-tse Cheng Fung, Chloette's mother, said her daughter "looked a bit worried at first, but then the big sisters came to play with her and she became happy".

"Chloette seemed relieved when she knew MRI scanning doesn't hurt," her mother said, noting that her daughter stayed calm and quiet during the entire process.

Grab a taste of the action as gingerbread men run wild

Swire ambassadors will offer DIY workshops in baking the festive treats during annual street fair

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Hongkongers need not run as fast as they can to catch the gingerbread men this festive season.

The seasonal treat is to feature prominently at Statstreet Festival in Wan Chai and Tong Cheong Street in Tsim Sha Tsui for Swire Properties' fair themed "Rediscover the Wonders of Christmas".

Fine confections symbolise the Christmas season quite like gingerbread, and it enjoys unprecedented attention at the fifth edition of the annual street event.

DIY workshops on making gingerbread will be available for the first time this year. To take part, attendees need only make a donation. Proceeds from the fair go to Operation Santa Claus, the annual fundraiser jointly organised by the South China Morning Post and RTHK that supports local and regional charities.

About 40 Swire Properties Community Ambassadors will be on site to assist those who wish to learn how to make the festive gingerbread.

The ambassadors are volunteers of the property group and earlier took part in a cooking course organised by the firm to brush up on their baking skills.

"I think the company made the workshop less work-related, and many of us actually felt very relaxed and thought it wasn't a struggle," volunteer Fay Fung said.

Fung noted she had never before made gingerbread. She said she was ready to show others what to do and helped to see everyone enjoy the workshop. "Office pressure these days is heavy, and it will be quite nice if managers and subordinates can all mingle, break down barriers and participate in the event," she said.

Yvonne Chan, who has 19 years of baking experience under her belt, also joined the course. Chan believed the experience could bring out mutual sense of purpose.

"I think the baking workshop is a very good idea and is meaningful because you can have fun and take home the yummy product," she said. "Most importantly, the

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The baking workshop is a very good idea because you can have fun and bring home the yummy product

YVONNE CHAN, MEMBER OF THE JURY



Volunteers (from left) Yvonne Chan, Fay Fung and Arthur Mak Png-kam learn the art of gingerbread making. Photo: David Wong

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Young Sino Group volunteers join senior citizens, including Peter Chin (center), at the community centre in Tse Wan Shan in Kowloon. Photo: Kamel Chan

YOUNGSTERS BRING CHEER TO ELDERLY AT FUN EVENT

Children put gadgets down and join residents of Kowloon seniors centre in balloon twisting fun at event organised by the Sino Group

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Christmas arrived early for the elderly residents of the Choi District Community Centre for Senior Citizens in Tse Wan Shan, as more than a dozen young Sinos affiliated with the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals brightened up the day with fun and laughter.

The children brought holiday cheer to the event staged to delight older Sino Group's volunteer team, Sino-Caring Friends, which also gave out Operation Santa Claus hats to boost the festive atmosphere.

Sino Group is a staunch supporter of Operation Santa Claus, the annual charity campaign jointly organised by the South China Morning Post and RTHK.

After a quick chat for young and old to get more familiar with each other, the highlight of the day was a balloon twisting and decoration competition, with participants split into three teams. They had to twist a flower out of a balloon, then decorate a balloon-top woman.

Not everyone was getting the hang of it, and the sound of balloons popping picked up pace. Balloon twisting was a first for most of the children and senior citizens taking part, including Chu Ng, 47, who failed several times but would not give up.

"I don't know how to do it, but it's fun," she said, laughing. "We elderly people don't ask for much. When we have a chance to have some fun, we go all out to enjoy it. We sit while we can still eat, and we don't think about anything more than that."

Also joining the fun was Peter Chin, 75, who proved most enthusiastic in cheering on others.

"I'm very happy today," he said. "It's so nice to spend time with the young children. It makes me feel young too. I've turned into a kid myself."

The elderly residents said they had learned a lot from the children because many youngsters nowadays were "professionals" when it came to playing with gadgets and surfing the Internet.

One of Chin's team partners,

10-year-old Leung Hing-wan, said she had learned a new skill in balloon twisting and was able to share a fun moment with the grandparent generation.

"I feel very lucky and happy to see so many elderly people having so much fun," the girl said. "I hope they enjoyed the games as much as I did."

A spokeswoman for Sino-Caring Friends said the group hoped the fun and games would leave the elderly participants with happy memories.

On photos@scmp.com, you can walk alongside the remaining journey of an elderly person's life with care and compassion as they can remember having so much fun and joy.

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Alexander Ng Wai-pan, executive assistant to the firm's group chairman, was delighted to see the smiles all around him as he tried his hand at balloon twisting and helping the little ones.

"It's always very nice to see people, especially the elderly, who may not get the chance to spend time with young children, having so much fun," he said. "Even if it's just a few hours, I think spending time together is worth it."

Ng noted that the 12th year that Sino Group had collaborated with Operation Santa Claus, adding that the charity campaign was successful.

"This is just a reminder that a lot of good things happen in the city and I'm very happy to have this collaboration with the Post in being just a little bit of happiness to the city," he said.

The day ended with more laughter and applause as all participants were declared winners and awarded Christmas prizes, followed by free-flowing drinks and food.



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Electric car sales plunge in wake of slashed tax break

Electric car sales plunged in the wake of a slashed tax break, according to a report by the Hong Kong Electric Car Association.

Participants in the Wing Ding fundraising squash tournament show off their wild and wacky costumes at the Hong Kong Football Club yesterday. Photo: Wilson Wong

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Fun wins at the Wing Ding squash tournament

Amount raised so far
\$1,084,280

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Stay back and stick to the walls or you may be knocked over by players dashing from one squash court to another at the sound of the horn blasts every three minutes to signal a new game.

Players battle it out in 11 non-stop matches, each competing for three minutes against an opponent before sprinting to the next court for another game, with no breaks.

Welcome to the seven-hour Wing Ding Tournament, which was held yesterday at the Hong Kong Football Club.

This is the 19th annual tournament and the higher the team's score, the more money it raises for Operation Santa Claus, the charity drive organized by the Santa Claus Marathon Post and R118.

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Mission, light-up Christmas trees and superheroes such as Spiderman and Iron Man.

Murray said the event ran very smoothly and people were very generous in donating as well as having fun playing in their costumes.

"We need to make it fun. We're going to get the money to carry with the fun so people will enjoy doing it," he said.

"In order for participants to identify each other, the teams are given a colour and then some given up. This trend has developed over the years. We didn't really look to the first few years, but people liked it because it was fun and it became a tradition."

Stephen Gallop, Wing Ding Tournament charity committee chairman, who was among the

players and dressed in a Bushy short Santa 54 party-gone-wild, said he was happy because it was the first time that players managed to get on the court on time.

"There are very few charity events connected to squash anywhere, so this is kind of unique," he said. "I also think it's a great opportunity for the squash community in the whole of Hong Kong to get involved in something and give something back, being able to raise funds for Operation Santa Claus is perfect because we get that widespread outreach afterwards."

The Wing Ding Tournament was first staged in 1998 to commemorate the late squash centre employee Yuen Kam-wing, who died young after being born severely disabled.

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CITY

Check in for Christmas treats



L'Hotel executives Nicholas Yin (left), Sylvia Chung and George Kuk embrace the festive spirit during a Christmas party for dozens of disadvantaged children from the Po Leung Kuk charity foundation. They were treated to a buffet at L'Hotel Nieuw in Convention Center in Tuen Mun while taking in the views from the property's 41st floor.

During the party, Kuk, Yin and Chung kicked off a ceremony to launch the hotel's campaign to sell small portioned plates until the end of December to raise funds for Operation Santa Claus, the annual charity campaign organized by the South China Morning Post and RTHK.

The children were offered a delicious selection of sweet treats, including chocolate cake, pudding and ice cream, in addition to a range of Chinese and Western savory cuisine. Balloons, music and magic

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performances topped off an evening day for one and all. Kuk said staff had been planning the event since August.

"We want to see the kids' faces brighten up - that's what we want to see. They are our next generation, they are our future. It is their doing our job next," he said. "They deserve to be treated nicely and I want to see more happy faces, not only at Christmas."

L'Hotel financial controller Moses Ling said staff would take their campaign a step further: "Right now we are running the donation sale at our hotel and we have also put out a donation box to encourage people to contribute," he said. "And finally, we will top up the funds to the tune of HK\$150,000 if these donations fall short," Moses Jonathan Wong.

HUSBAND
'KEPT IN THE
DARK' OVER
WIFE'S DEATH

By [Name] [Location]

A husband who was kept in the dark about his wife's death for months after she was found dead in a hotel room, a court has ruled that the hotel should have told him sooner.

The court said the hotel had a duty to inform the husband of his wife's death as soon as it was discovered. The hotel argued that it was not responsible for the death and that the husband should have known about it from other sources.

The court found in favor of the husband, stating that the hotel's failure to inform him was a breach of its duty of care. The court ordered the hotel to pay compensation to the husband for the emotional distress caused by the delay.

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Father Christmas brings cheer to cancer caring centre

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Santa made an early appearance this year to surprise about 30 children and their families during a Christmas party at Maggie's Cancer Caring Centre, a support facility in Tuen Mun.

"He has let," cheered Victor Chao, managing director of financial services firm Credit Suisse, who had organised the event, as he proved to be a convincing Father Christmas in full costume.

Chao was greeted by plenty of smiling faces as excited children queued up for a bag and photo with Santa.

He said he had been nominated by colleagues for the role because he was "less likely" than co-workers who had done the role in previous years. He was delighted to take on the job despite worries about whether his belt would hold up as children tried to grab his leg.

"It's my first time being Santa and it feels good," he said. "I feel a little warm, a little itchy in my costume, but otherwise fine. Santa felt wonderful that my trousers still held all."

Chao said he took great pleasure in seeing the children so excited, although one expressed scepticism after spotting Santa's tie peeking out from the V-neck of his costume.

"It's certainly very meaningful for me to be Santa, as opposed to trying to get something from Santa," Chao said.

This is the ninth year that Credit Suisse has raised funds for Operation Santa Claus, a charity campaign jointly organised by the South China Morning Post and RTHK.

This year the financial services provider chose Maggie's Cancer Caring Centre as its beneficiary. It is a facility at Tuen Mun Hospital that provides support for those affected by the disease.

The children and their families were taught how to make Christmas ornaments out of clay by Credit Suisse volunteers, who also let the youngsters play with face paint before handing out presents and serving a Christmas feast.

Mak Miu-ying, who joined the party with her five-year-old grandson, said it was the first time she had felt such festive warmth, and she thanked the organisers.

"I feel very surprised that there is so much fun here at the centre," Mak said. "I didn't know Santa would be here along with presents for my grandson."

Mak sought counselling from the centre several years ago after her husband was diagnosed with cancer.

Yung Ching, aged nine, said it was fun making the ornaments and he hoped Santa would bring him more toys this year.

Carsten Stoeck, Credit Suisse board chairman and head of financing for Asia Pacific, said it was his first visit to the centre and he had found it a very special, positive and welcoming place.

"In a small way we can make a difference in people's lives by helping people through Maggie's and other institutions," Stoeck said. "I think it's very meaningful, and personally it's a very positive emotion to see, and the kids are very excited."

Lisa Green, Credit Suisse corporate citizenship vice-president, said it was great to see the children and their families with such happy faces, and the event was a real highlight of the group's charity work.

"We spend a lot of time planning our activities, a lot of effort fundraising, communicating with our staff, but actually coming here, meeting the children, meeting the beneficiaries, that's really the highlight," she said. "That brings everything together and really creates meaning in what we are trying to do."

The first plan to raise more funds through several other events before the end of the year.

"We are very impressed with the work Maggie's is doing and we have also chosen them (as the beneficiary) for a run we have in Hong Kong that's in memory of our late Asia-Pacific CEO who passed away from cancer," Green said.

She expressed hope that a coming holiday party involving nearly 2,000 staff would also bring in more funds for Maggie's.



Carsten Stoeck (centre) of Credit Suisse and volunteers visit children at Maggie's Cancer Caring Centre in Tuen Mun. Photo A.Y. Cheng



MOST ARE WILLING BUT TOO BUSY FOR VOLUNTEER WORK

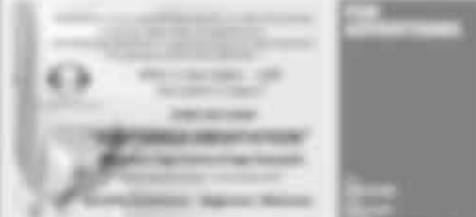
Many people are willing to help but too busy to do so, says a survey by the Hong Kong Red Cross.



A survey by the Hong Kong Red Cross found that many people are willing to help but too busy to do so. The survey was conducted among 1,000 people aged 18 and over. It found that 70 per cent of respondents were willing to help, but only 10 per cent actually did so. The reasons for not volunteering were mostly lack of time and lack of information.



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Audi Hong Kong managing director Leihar Kien shows off some of the cars that will be used in the charity operation. Photo: Suzanne Chen

Carmaker launches charity drive with rental service

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Drivers who want to contribute to charity and experience carsmaker Audi's "premium mobility service" can do so with just a few taps on their smartphone.

The German brand recently launched its new online car rental service in the city, "Audi on Demand", with drivers able to book its vehicles for a day or more. Audi pledged to donate some of its earnings from the new service between November 22 and December 21 to Operation Santa Claus, the annual fund-raiser organised by the South China Morning Post and RBC.

Audi's Hong Kong managing director Leihar Kien said it was the first time the luxury carmaker had collaborated with Operation Santa Claus and was looking forward to taking part in more charitable efforts in the future.

"Audi Hong Kong will donate HK\$150,000 from the first revenue of Audi on Demand," he said. "So every customer will be the first to pay directly into that charity event and we are certain

that our drivers will be very happy to be able to take part in this meaningful event."

Drivers will be able to select any model in the Audi fleet, from an open-top TT Roadster and S5 Cabriolet to a Q7 family car by simply registering on Audi's website and collecting their chosen vehicle at the company's Twin Sha Test or Admiralty showrooms.

The car rental service includes unlimited fuel and mileage, cleaning, insurance, 24-hour roadside assistance and customer support. Hourly rates range from HK\$160 to HK\$1,200 depending on the model.

Kien said social responsibility was always important for Audi, and the company was constantly looking at ways to contribute to society and help not only its customers but also underprivileged families.

"The holiday season is a time when we think of how we can do good and we don't do it just for our family and kids, but also think about other people and charities."

Kien said he was confident the new service would be successful in raising funds.

CARRIE LAM HOPEFUL
LEGCO CAN NOW 'GET
BACK TO NORMAL'

Chief executive of the Legislative Council (Legco) Carrie Lam said she hoped the body could now "get back to normal" after a period of disruption.

Lam, who took office as Legco's first female president in July, said she was confident the council could resume its normal work after a period of disruption caused by the recent general election. She said she was hopeful that the council could now "get back to normal" and resume its normal work.

Chief executive courts Saudis
in bid to boost economic ties

Chinese President Xi Jinping's visit to Saudi Arabia is expected to boost economic ties between the two countries.

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No one fights alone

Shanna
Cancer specialist

Shanna is a cancer specialist who has helped many patients overcome their cancer. She is a member of the American Cancer Society and has been recognized for her work in cancer care.

Suzanne Big Mouth

Suzanne is a professional speaker and author who has helped many businesses and organizations achieve their goals. She is a member of the National Speakers Association and has been recognized for her work in public speaking.

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Sing and be merry



A group of Nepalese children pose in the lobby of the Gold Coast hotel near Tsim Sha Tsui as part of a Christmas party hosted by Sino Hotels. They were treated to a buffet meal with more than a dozen dishes and a gingerbread-making session. In return, they sang 'Ho Ho Ho Merry Christmas' in Cantonese.

The children are pupils receiving help from the Integrated Brilliant Education Trust, an organisation that provides support in the ethnic minority community.

Sino Hotels general manager Yip Siu Yip said the staff were

impressed by the Christmas song dedicated to them. "The performance was wonderful, and when we learned that they had spent one month practising Chinese carols to sing for us and our guests, it really touched all our hearts," he said.

The children were given cards to write their wishes on, which were then hung on the Christmas tree in the hotel lobby.

Sino Group is helping raise funds for Operation Santa Claus, the annual charity appeal organised by the South China Morning Post and RTHK. Photo: Jonathan Wong

STUDENTS PIONEER TEST TO SAVE TIME AND LIVES

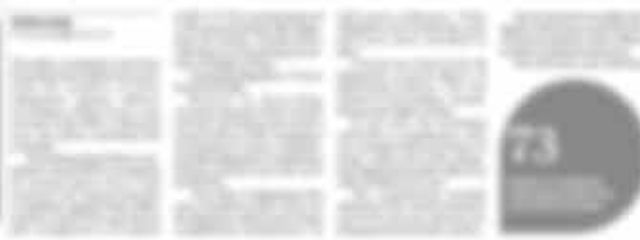
Students at the University of Hong Kong have developed a new test to save time and lives. The test is called the 'Pioneer Test' and is designed to help students prepare for the entrance exam to the University of Hong Kong.

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KPMG ACCOUNTANTS EXPLORE KOWLOON FOR A GOOD 'CLAUS'

Firm's staff and clients take part in treasure hunt dressed as elves, Super Mario and even Borat to find out more about various charity beneficiaries

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logging in a heavy costume can get hot and uncomfortable, even during winter, but that did not deter some 250 participants from joining the fun for a Claus-hunting treasure hunt.

This was the second year that accounting giant KPMG held the event to raise money for Operation Santa Claus, the annual charity campaign organized by the South China Morning Post and ITC.

A total of 40 teams of four to six members gathered at the company's Causeway Bay headquarters last Friday. Some participants wore Santa outfits or festive costumes, appearing as Christmas trees, elves and reindeer. Others played famous characters such as Elmo, Cookie Monster and the Super Mario Brothers.

Cadeau's Pubs, the venue ran around the city tackling multiple challenges that took them to eight different locations where Operation Santa Claus beneficiaries were based.

KPMG partners and head of corporate social responsibility Pao-Nia Woo, who was dressed as comedy character Sam and led a team called K-Hero, said the organizers were following up on the success of last year's event.

"Last year was the first year that we did fun for a Claus, and that was a great success. All of our colleagues had a wonderful time, and we got to meet the Operation Santa Claus beneficiaries," Woo said.

"And so, with so many colleagues having so much fun, and us winning the most creative fundraising event last year, it was a no-brainer to do it again."

Woo's team, which checked the event for first donors, found the treasure hunt as challenging as it was fun.

"I think it's a lot of fun, and some of the teams got to interact with our Super Hero don't usually interact with and just go in the city. This year we went to Kowloon, and some of our colleagues don't go to Kowloon at all," he said.

"So they will be going to the places that they don't usually venture into like Sham Shui Po, Yau Ma Tei and a lot of other places. It's an eye-opener for what our colleagues."

Last year's event was held on Hong Kong Island, and some participants were inspired by the view to Kowloon.

Annel Yip, whose team opted for Super Mario Brothers costumes, based on the famous video game, said: "We thought it was in Hong Kong Island, so we need to plan how to cross the harbor. But we are confident with last year's experience, that we can complete all the tasks," he said.

First-time participant Alexis Schlosser, ripped up in a Cookie Monster jumpsuit, said: "I've just joined KPMG and it's very funny

to meet other people dressed up like this. I think it's a good thing, and it's like charity," he said. "I was afraid it would be cold, but now I'm sweating already."

Also taking part for the first time was KPMG client Elaine Fardes.

Her team, DWIG-ers, which stands for International Women's Leadership and Restructuring Confederation, was the event's top fundraiser, collecting HK\$36,750.

"This is our first time and we are so excited. We know each other through DWIG, and we like to support local charities in Hong Kong, so it seems to be a great way to have fun and support a good cause," Fardes said.

Woo said he was already looking forward to staging the event again next year.

"We're happy to do so. We've had a few clients join this year, and if the word gets out that it's fun and exciting, we would like to see more clients come and do it together with us so that it can grow into a bigger one."

KPMG has raised more than HK\$300,000 for Operation Santa Claus this year.

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KPMG staff and clients gather for the first's Run for a Claus fundraising event for Operation Santa Claus in Causeway Bay. Photo: Dickson Lee



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FOOD TRUCKS STREETS AHEAD IN BEIJING

An operation brought to Hong Kong, the idea was to help people in need in Beijing.

BEIJING

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Community health care must be improved

In the Hong Kong and Macau region, the health care system is facing many challenges. The government must take steps to improve the health care system.

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Santa's little helpers



The choir from the Singapore International School performed as a fundraising initiative by the Kowloon Shangri-La kicked off. The young singers were followed by a Christmas tree lighting ceremony in Tsui Siu Tsun East as part of the luxury hotel's support for Operation Santa Claus, an annual charity appeal organized by the South China Morning Post and ITC.

with a heart shape for "love". Dancers can fill the remaining right piece with music, words or emotions of their choice. "Christmas is about giving back and Shangri-La takes its corporate social responsibility very seriously," general manager Philip Deane said. "I think also it's fun because each year we have to come up with some idea about how we're going to integrate the hotel into Operation Santa Claus."

The treats are available at the Kowloon Shangri-La until Christmas Day. (Photo: Dickson Lee)

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CRACKDOWN
LOOMING ON
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DRONE USE

Inspection of drone use is expected to be stepped up in the coming months, with the Civil Aviation Department (CAD) planning to launch a series of campaigns to educate the public on the correct use of drones.

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Quintmaster Gerald Hughes (centre) and Clifford Chance employees, with "inspectors" on hand to dish out fines. Photo: Dickson Lee

Fun, games and some tricky questions

Sixty Clifford Chance staff compete in fundraiser with a Jazz Age theme

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At the sound of a whistle, the annual staff charity quiz at law firm Clifford Chance was under way. Alongside the fun and games, organisers had a creative method to add to the money already raised from entrance fees — participants also had to guess each other's "inspectors". Rocky Mei Ka Ho and Mark Chan.

Mei and Chan provided the prizes, listing inspectors for the slightest "offence" — drinking beer from a can, turning up late, having two mobile phones, even being too well behaved or doing any wrongdoing — with the amount to be paid based on staff seniority and decided by regional managing partner Gerald Hughes.

The firm has been running the event since 2010 to raise funds for Operation Santa Claus, the annual charity drive organised by the South China Morning Post and RTHK. Quiz participants get HK\$100 to complete.

Sixty staff members split up into 10 teams, with Hughes the quizmaster also fired for making questions too slowly. Both inspectors were also penalised for "dereliction of duty" and having "late" replies.

Chan joked that being an inspector was "a very tough job because you're firing colleagues and people you work with".

"But it's for a good cause and people are generally willing to fork



out the cash," he said. "Both Rocky and I have to fork out cash ourselves, but it's all for charity and it's fun because it's not often we get together with colleagues from different departments, so I look forward to it every year."

The quiz was held in a cosy room decorated in 1920s Jazz Age style, and the theme was

chosen to mark a century since the birth of jazz great Ella Fitzgerald and Dixie Gillespie.

The two-hour event featured about 50 questions, with topics ranging from life in Hong Kong in the 20s to music to alcohol prohibition. There were also questions on things from around the world, for example, in Samoa, is it illegal

to sit at your husband's birthday? Or forget your wife's birthday or forget your children's birthday. The answer is "No".

After a long battle, team Fab Five ended with the highest score. One of the winning team members, Ehsan Lakhanian, said: "I think this is so much fun. It brings the whole office together — and for a good cause."

Hughes noted that some questions were quite tricky this year. "I think some of the questions this evening were very challenging indeed, so much that we had to hide the identities of the people asking the questions," he said.

"The same in the room this evening was tremendous and I just think it shows the enthusiasm that our colleagues right across our firm have here for this fantastic cause."

Hughes enjoyed taking on the role of quizmaster.

"It's a great opportunity to raise funds for some great causes within our local community," he said. "It also reflects the culture we have within our firm that people don't necessarily take themselves too seriously on evenings like this, and above all it was really about raising money."

Event organiser and business development manager Rebecca Roth-Sawyer said the quiz would definitely be held again next year.

"We first did it seven years ago and it went so well that everyone wanted it again and again and looks forward to it."

"So every year we have a different theme, but we have always supported Operation Santa Claus," she said.

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Some of the more than 100 staff of AIA who took part in a charity run for Operation Santa Claus that raised over HK\$390,000. Photos: Nora Tam

AIA's big-hearted staff go the distance at Happy Valley

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It was that time of the year again for more than 100 AIA staff to do their bit for the community as they gathered at Happy Valley racetrack for the company's annual charity run to raise funds for Operation Santa Claus.

This was the fifth year that the insurance firm mobilised employees to run for a cause, and the AIA Christmas Challenge was off to another strong start at the sound of the horn.

Wai Hong-Kit, one of the organisers, said each leg was about 1.4km, and runners had signed up for a total of 400 laps. "It's a bit hectic as an organiser, but seeing everyone enjoying themselves and raising funds for those in need is very rewarding," said Wai, who did 10 laps.

AIA chief financial officer Garth Jones, a first-time participant, relished the chance to let the track with his staff. "It's a great way to show my support for all the people here," he said. "But there's a lot of pressure. They said we start with 10 laps, but I only have 11 minutes because there are a lot of people to attend, so I can do three laps. I will be happy."

Jones praised the event for encouraging staff to be healthier, and for helping a good cause. "I think it's tremendous that

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GARTH JONES, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

"we get everybody to contribute," Jones said.

"It's part of our whole ethos about how we can make people live longer, healthier lives, and our corporate social responsibility theme is about healthy living. So this is a way that we are going to make our staff healthier by running, while also giving something back to the community."

Participants were encouraged

to set their own targets for the run and find sponsors - AIA would then match every dollar donated, with a ceiling of HK\$100,000.

Group chief risk officer Jon Nielsen was encouraged to see so many staff members taking part.

"We've got a broad group of people across different functions in AIA to participate, and it's not just our part of the company," Nielsen said. "It fosters team engagement within AIA and gives back to the community."

Runner Clive Matheson, who had set himself a target of five laps, said "It's a fun race for everybody because working in the building you can often see people in the lifts, in the corridors, and some people you don't see when you're travelling a lot. So it's good to bring people together."

Mark Saunders, group executive and head of strategy and corporate development, was also running for the first time. "I think it's a great event for us, and we all should take part because we've all got responsibility for looking after our health," he said.

He described Operation Santa Claus - the annual fundraiser jointly organised by the South China Morning Post and RTHK - as a "historic" cause. "It's great for Hong Kong people, so we are very happy to support it," he said.

This year, the runners completed 500 laps, raising more than HK\$390,000.

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SUB-DEGREE WAGE PREMIUM DECLINES OVER PAST 20 YEARS

THE WAGE PREMIUM FOR SUB-DEGREE HOLDERS HAS DECLINED OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS, ACCORDING TO A STUDY BY THE HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY.

The study, published in the December issue of the *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, found that the wage premium for sub-degree holders has declined from 1997 to 2015. The premium was 1.1 per cent in 1997, but fell to 0.5 per cent by 2015. The study also found that the wage premium for degree holders has increased over the same period, from 1.1 per cent in 1997 to 1.8 per cent in 2015.

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After mother who was rushed to hospital with her 10-year-old daughter, doctors found the girl's heart had stopped.

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Santa and Manulife CEO Guy Mills pose on a visit to a young patient. Photo: Dickson Lee

Festive magic eases the pain of children facing surgery

Insurance company donates time and money to spread some cheer at Prince of Wales Hospital

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Young patients in the children's ward at Prince of Wales Hospital had a very special visitor, with Christmas just around the corner.

They were alerted by the sound of a bell, followed by a joyful voice saying "Ho, ho, ho", Santa had arrived.

Joining Santa was a group of volunteers from Manulife, who paid a visit to the young patients and brightened their day with a string of fun activities.

The party kicked off with a magic show in which the children were invited to make part and get a chance to tap a wand for added effect. The ward quickly filled with cheer and laughter, and the excitement reached on a high note as everyone broke out into Christmas songs to mark the festive occasion.

Staff of the insurance firm said they found the visit truly heart-warming, seeing so many happy faces enjoying the special gathering. They hoped the time spent together could bring joy and happiness to the children during the holiday season.

Volunteer Lillian Wat expressed deep satisfaction after seeing the children having so much fun.

All thoughts of feeling unwell had been, at least temporarily, banished

LEUNG WAT, VOLUNTEER

"You could tell from the looks of delight on their faces that all thoughts of feeling unwell had been, at least temporarily, banished," Wat said.

This was Manulife's 16th year sponsoring Operation Santa Claus, the annual charity drive organised by the South China Morning Post and LITHE.

The company said it gave

equal importance to both financial donations and volunteer work in making its sponsorship a success.

Manulife chose the Playright Children's Play Association as its beneficiary. The group helps children who are in hospital prepare psychologically for medical procedures and surgery through play.

The insurance company planned to donate HK\$300,000 to the association through Operation Santa Claus to support the provision of quality play services such as craft and group games for 3,000 hospitalised children in Hong Kong.

The firm hoped its contribution would help the children prepare psychologically for their hospital treatment throughout the year ahead.

"A major pillar of our corporate social responsibility commitment to the community is to care for the health and well-being of children," Manulife Hong Kong CEO Guy Mills said.

"They are our future and every one of them is precious to us."

Mills said the firm was "especially happy" to partner with Playright, describing it as a "worthy organisation" that had showed that play-centred activities were ideal to get children ready psychologically for dealing with the trauma of illness and any forthcoming medical procedures.

And as a Christmas bonus, all the children received presents during the visit.

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More than 1,000 gifts were distributed to the children in the ward. The gifts included toys, books, and other items that the children enjoyed.

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The Morgan Stanley Directors' Choir, with youngsters from the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children. Photo: Jonathan Wong

Morgan Stanley hits a festive high note

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More than 100 Morgan Stanley service executives and managers enjoyed a special occasion as they donned Santa hats, reindeer headbands and red scarves, and gathered on stage at the balcony of Hong Kong's tallest building, the International Commerce Centre.

They were assembled for the 11th annual Morgan Stanley Directors' Choir performance. The participants, who had been sponsored to sing by colleagues, were drawn from 10 departments and split into five groups for a Christmas song contest.

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Also on stage were 30 youngsters from the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children.

The event marked the grand finale of the banking giant's fundraising efforts for Operation Santa Claus, the yearly charity drive organised by the South China Morning Post and RTHK.

Morgan Stanley Asia Pacific co-CEO Colinda Laroia announced that the firm had raised a record HK\$3.5 million for its beneficiary, the Fu Lenging Kok Residential Child Care Service Unit.

After participants sang *Deck the Halls* together, the concert kicked off, with the first group launching into *Jingle Bell Rock*.

Three continents in *Harold*

costumes ended the song with a rap dance as a grand finale. Staff cheered the participants on as they belted out their chosen Christmas favourites. The winning team, decided by who received the loudest applause, would be awarded a trophy.

The group that sang *Jingle Bell Rock* had a member with a reindeer headband and a glowing nose dancing and prancing below the stage.

"The dancing was a new addition - we may actually keep it going forward because I think it certainly adds a lot of thrills to the entire event and makes it more fun. But the beauty of this thing is it's for a great cause, people enjoy doing it," Laroia said.

"It's very festive, people are happy. I think there's a real desire to give back, so nobody's been forced to do what they are doing."

"I just sense that the atmosphere today was better than it has been in a while, or maybe that has something to do with the mothers being better, but I like to think it has a lot to do with just people at this time of the year wanting to do good for everyone."

The banking giant also held a charity bake auction earlier to raise funds. To mark Morgan Stanley's 100th anniversary in Hong Kong, the firm's employees baked 30 cakes, which were then auctioned online.

Laroia said the No 1 cake went for more than HK\$50,000, while the next fetched between HK\$50,000 and HK\$100,000, including the cake that he himself helped to bake.

Over the past 21 years, Morgan Stanley has raised a total of HK\$3.2 million, benefiting more than 170 charities through Operation Santa Claus.

Laroia said the firm would carry on supporting the charity campaigns. "It's a tradition that we not only want to continue, but one we are really proud of," he said.



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DEAF PEOPLE URGE POLICE TO UPGRADE 992 EMERGENCY LINE

Deaf people in Hong Kong have urged the police to upgrade the 992 emergency line to allow them to communicate with police officers who are deaf.

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CUSTOMERS IN DARK OVER USE OF DATA IN LOYALTY SCHEMES

Many companies collect personal data on their customers and use it to target advertising, but some have gone too far, according to a report by a consumer watchdog.

The report, published by the Consumer Council, says that some companies have used data to target customers with unwanted or even harmful advertising.

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In stock of Toys 'R' Us holds up a "LOL Surprise!", the store's hottest toy this year, in the retailer's Tsuen Sha Tsui outlet. Photo: Waiwan Chan

Girls' toys top of Christmas list this year

Retailer cashes in on doll set while also raising money for charity with gift-wrapping service

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It's all about girls' toys when it comes to Santa's Christmas gift list this year.

They are selling out fast, according to Toys 'R' Us Greater China and Southeast Asia chief commercial officer Jo Hall.

Hall joked that she was afraid she might be accused of the greed in the retailer's Tsuen Sha Tsui store holding its very hot and highly coveted "LOL Surprise!", a set of about 30 collectible dolls.

"It's girls' collectibles this year. It's LOL—we have completely sold out and that's been the hottest toy," she said. "Star Wars is still strong with the new movie but the girls are beating the boys."

Christmas is an important pe-

riod for sales, according to Hall, but Lunar New Year is also a key time, along with Children's Day on the mainland on June 1, and the summer school holidays.

Toys 'R' Us has 15 outlets in the city along with six pop-up stores. Although it offers an online shopping option for customers, many still preferred to visit its stores, Hall said. "We know [American] enjoy time here because it's quality family time together," she said.

This is the fourth year Toys 'R' Us has supported Operation Santa Claus, the annual charity campaign jointly organised by the South China Morning Post and RTHK. Hall said: "We run a campaign which enabled us to give toys to needy children in the summer, as well as our Christmas gift-wrapping service, which we operate at this time of year."

Customers can have toys bought at the store wrapped in return for a donation to Operation Santa Claus.

Shopper Tala Kagan, carrying bags of presents in the Tsuen Sha Tsui store, supported the plan. "I think it's a very good idea... We buy gifts for children and then can help other children," Kagan said.

Ten days, another shopper, said: "It made me get my presents wrapped. I wouldn't have done it if they hadn't said the money went to charity."

Hall said the gift-wrapping service, which started in 2014, had raised more than HK\$1 million not including this year's presents.

"I think gift-wrapped presents under the Christmas tree are an integral part of family time," Hall said. "We're very, very happy to continue our gift-wrapping."



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Golden goals as Dah Sing Bank hits net for Operation Santa Claus



Volunteers from Dah Sing Bank and children from the Cheung Yee-ming Foundation enjoy a festive moment at Sevens Stadium in Wan Chai while raising money for a good cause.

The participants were taking part in this year's Dah Sing Football Challenge, a five-a-side competition, played by teams from the bank's internal competition.

Each goal scored counted towards the final charity donation, with the money raised going to Operation Santa Claus, the annual

fundraising campaign organised by the South China Morning Post and public broadcaster RTHK.

The children also got a taste of the sport as they took part in a series of games led by Dah Sing Bank volunteers. The scores would also add to the charity donation and participants were trying very hard to rack up a big goal tally.

Games included participants kicking and passing the ball in a zigzag formation, kicking the ball to hit different scores on a net hung

on the goalposts and jumping in a netted bed before kicking the ball into the net.

Dah Sing volunteer Steve Cheng Tsz-kin was having as much fun as the children. "I loved the event is very meaningful and warm," he said.

Nine-year-old Lee Yuen-chiu said she had a great time. "I'm very happy because we could play games together," she said. "I have muscle problems so I'm very slow and can't catch my breath, but today I don't feel it being at all." Photo: Jonathan Wong

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Be a leader, competitor or partner in the opportunities provided by the Belt and Road initiative

THE BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE (BRI) has become a global phenomenon, attracting the attention of business leaders and investors alike. The initiative, launched by China in 2013, aims to revitalize the Silk Road trade routes and connect the world's major economic centers. It has since expanded to include a vast network of infrastructure projects, including roads, railways, ports, and pipelines, spanning across Asia, Europe, and Africa. The BRI has become a major focus for many multinational corporations, as they seek to expand their global reach and tap into the growing markets of the Belt and Road region. The initiative has also attracted significant investment from private companies, with many firms seeing it as a key opportunity for growth and expansion. The BRI has become a global phenomenon, attracting the attention of business leaders and investors alike. The initiative, launched by China in 2013, aims to revitalize the Silk Road trade routes and connect the world's major economic centers. It has since expanded to include a vast network of infrastructure projects, including roads, railways, ports, and pipelines, spanning across Asia, Europe, and Africa. The BRI has become a major focus for many multinational corporations, as they seek to expand their global reach and tap into the growing markets of the Belt and Road region. The initiative has also attracted significant investment from private companies, with many firms seeing it as a key opportunity for growth and expansion.

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OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

Coffee grounds to dye for at Maxim's charity gig

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Ever wondered if coffee grounds can be reused instead of simply throwing them away after you have enjoyed a frothy cup of coffee? Volunteers at a Hong Kong restaurant charity drive have a unique answer for this – by dyeing handkerchiefs.

The crisp, coffee-colored pieces of cloth will be used to make special patterns when we spread around mugs in vials and dipped into a pot of boiling coffee grounds for 30 minutes.

Earlier this month, as part of Operation Santa Claus, an annual joint charity campaign organized by the South China Morning Post and RTHK, volunteers showcased their creative, coffee-themed streak at Maxim's.

The dried handkerchiefs will be used to wrap cleaned stick biscuits for 100 wheelchair-bound elderly at charity Rehabilitation Society.

Volunteers also designed and wrote little Christmas cards to be presented with each gift, bearing festive greetings and well wishes of good health.

Participant Eddie Sze Fong said beyond being a meaningful experience, the workshop also made him think of how to better



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make use of waste. "It's fun because it's my first time using coffee grounds for the activity," he said.

"I think it's very meaningful that I can use my hands to make a little Christmas gift from my heart for the elderly in wheelchairs."

"I know they rarely go out of the centre, so I hope this present can bring them some joy and they can feel our sincerity."

Another volunteer, Karina Lung Ka-ki, found the workshop very useful because staff got to learn how to be more environmentally friendly while doing something for the elderly.

"I hope by sending this gift the elderly can feel that the festive season is here," Lung said. "I also hope they can feel our love and know that someone cares for them because some of them may feel lonely and neglected."

In line with the celebratory mood and for those who are on and about, Maxim's Group chief operating officer Raymond Tong Kook-ling cited a mobile app, Focality, as a useful resource.

The app provides information on easily accessible restaurants in the city, and Maxim's, the firm food and beverage company to sponsor it in 2015-2016, is serves all users, but caters also for those with disabilities and the elderly, helping them locate shops with facilities or an environment that suits their needs.

"Facing a fast ageing population, Hong Kong will see more and more wheelchair users. The food and beverage industry would be wise to address the need in advance and explore necessary enhancement measures to better serve this customer segment," Tong said.

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Thousands of elderly began
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Thousands of elderly began dinner on the terrace after lifting of age limit. The article discusses the impact of removing age restrictions on elderly dining on hotel terraces.

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HOSPITAL STAFF COOK UP A SWEET SUCCESS FOR CHARITY

Party time at Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital as medics swap gowns for aprons to take part in the Super Chef With Love dumpling competition

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Senior medical technologist Chan Kin-kan, from the pathology department, said after taking part in the marathon, "I've never done it again next year to raise funds for charity."

In his opinion, Dr Chan Chan Tsao-ling, said the year was the most difficult than he had thought.

"It's my first time doing yoga, and the most challenging thing is I never know what I'm going to do next. I just followed the instructor, who told me to kick one leg up, then I just followed," he said.

Despite the difficulty, Chan said he was willing to take the challenge again for a good cause.



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Friends of Asia's Helen Chan. Photo: Xosent Chan



Charity scores as soccer event raises HK\$1m for youth

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A Hong Kong charity has scored a win with its five-a-side soccer tournament that raised about HK\$1 million.

Friends of Asia, founded in 2014, co-organised the event with the Hong Kong Football Club as part of Operation Santa Claus, the annual fundraiser organised by the South China Morning Post and RTHK. It is the first year the charity is taking part in the drive.

Friends of Asia started with two beneficiaries and had 12 this year. It aims to inspire and create community awareness of physical and mental welfare along with disadvantaged groups.

Friends of Asia Hong Kong, through its affiliate the Asian Foundation, matched the net

amount of funds raised at the tournament.

On why it teamed up with Operation Santa Claus, Friends of Asia Hong Kong chief executive Helen Chan Li Yuen-ying said: "Football is a very good sport for young people ... it fosters team spirit and builds confidence and is also very good for their health. So we want to do more ... whatever is good for health promotion, we would like to support."

Friends of Asia has been a charity partner for various major sports tournaments in Hong Kong and has raised and crunched over HK\$6 million to support NGO programmes for children. The events ranged from tennis to rope-skipping, along with health and wellness programmes.

It said such activities played a vital role in the healthy development of children and young

people. "We like to promote all kinds of sports among the young, the youth and especially the underprivileged," she said.

"So we give them the opportunity to develop their potential. Many of them, they just need the opportunity to develop."

The charity is now expanding its focus from golf and tennis to soccer, swimming, dragon boat

racing and sponsoring underprivileged children for music and internet programmes.

Li said her brother Caleb Chan, who founded Friends of Asia, is doing similar work in Hawaii with his group, aptly named Friends of Hawaii.

The siblings are following in their father's footsteps when it comes to charity work.

"Before our family moved to Canada, we lived in Hong Kong," Li said. "Most of our family members have (since) returned to Hong Kong ... and are doing whatever we can to support the community again."

"My father started bringing his philosophy in Hong Kong, and my brothers, both of them, are now continuing the work."

Li hopes Friends of Asia can step up its mission to help more beneficiaries in the future.

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JOINT CHECKPOINT PLAN 'WILL DAMAGE HK'S RULE OF LAW'

The Hong Kong government's plan to introduce a joint checkpoint plan with the mainland will damage Hong Kong's rule of law, critics say.



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A bridge, the death of Charlie Chaplin, and student activism

The Hong Kong government's plan to introduce a joint checkpoint plan with the mainland will damage Hong Kong's rule of law, critics say. The plan, which would allow the mainland to send more police to Hong Kong to manage the border, has sparked widespread concern among Hong Kongers. They fear it will erode the city's autonomy and its status as a free port. The plan also comes at a time when Hong Kong is facing a series of challenges, including the death of the iconic actor Charlie Chaplin and student activism. The government has been accused of suppressing dissent and human rights. The plan is seen as a further step towards the erosion of Hong Kong's freedoms.



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WARRANT ISSUED FOR ARREST OF RIOT SUSPECT

Two Hong Kong courts on Friday issued warrants for the arrest of a man suspected of taking part in the 2014-15 Umbrella Movement protests.

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Going the extra mile



More than 500 children, parents and teachers of Discovery Mind Kindergarten and its primary school and play centre campuses take part in their annual (last) charity walk to raise money for Operation Santa Claus, the charity campaign organised by

the South China Morning Post and RTHK. It's the 12th annual walk/run held by Discovery Mind and the school has won the PupSchool Fund Raiser Award for nine consecutive years while collecting more than HK\$1.4 million. Photo: Jonathan Wong

Lift employees pulled over Island mega bridge tests

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Pop Culture

St Clare's tops OSC Fun4Funds contest

The girls' school raised HK\$37,000 for this year's Operation Santa Claus, writes **Edmund Ho**

St Clare's Girls' School raised the most money this year in the Fun4Funds (F4F) Competition for Operation Santa Claus, with Shung Tak Catholic English College grabbing the Best Santa Champion award.

St Clare's, which raised more than HK\$37,000 for the competition, said they mainly did it through running food and dry booths at school fairs.

Tammy Tam, the staff adviser to St Clare's fundraising efforts, said that although the team only consisted of 16 people, it was really a school-wide effort, as the team worked closely with all houses, as well as the Parent-Teacher Association. She added that St Clare's raised more money this year than last.

The Fun4Funds Competition also has a Best Santa Champion award which recognises schools not only for how much they've raised, but how creative their fundraising idea is. Shung Tak Catholic English College was this year's recipient; this is the 23rd year they have taken part in Operation Santa Claus.

Sonia Yiu, the Shung Tak team adviser who has been involved with OSC since it started at the school, said that the Best Santa Champion award encourages more fundraising and motivates schools to take part.

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St Clare's Girls' School raised more than HK\$37,000. Photo: Wikimedia

She also praised the new F4F mentorship. "Despite our relative amount of experience in fundraising for OSC, we thought that the fundraising mentor who was assigned to us was very useful; some of the ideas were actually adopted by the team."

The school held three different fundraising events: a miniature fun fair, a singing contest, and a casual dress day.

OSC has raised HK\$15 million in total this year, with more than HK\$400,000 coming from schools.

Coming to build 20,000 buildings

The government has announced a plan to build 20,000 new public housing units in the next five years. The plan is part of the government's commitment to improve the living conditions of its citizens and to address the housing shortage in Hong Kong.

More over, Captain America

The movie 'Captain America: The Winter Soldier' has become a box office success. The film, which stars Chris Evans as the titular character, has received positive reviews from critics and audiences alike. It is expected to be a major hit for the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

Iran oil tanker sinks with no survivors

An Iranian oil tanker has sunk in the Persian Gulf, with no survivors. The ship was carrying a large amount of oil and was en route to a port in Iran. The sinking has caused a major disruption in the oil supply and has raised concerns about the safety of shipping in the region.

Actor dies after heart attack

A popular actor has died after suffering a heart attack. The actor, who was in his 50s, was found dead in his home. His death has shocked fans and the entertainment industry. The actor had been in good health and was active in his career.

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campus life

Giving back at Christmas

Hong Kong's Operation Santa Claus (OSC) Fun4Funds Challenge gives students an opportunity to come up with innovative ways to raise money for worthy causes, writes Sebastien Raybaud

For the 30th anniversary of Operation Santa Claus (OSC), the annual charity campaign co-organised by South China Morning Post and Radio

Television Hong Kong, a new initiative was set up specifically for secondary school students. Fun4Funds Challenge asks participants to plan and execute a four-week-long fundraising campaign, and compete against other schools to see which raises the most money.

Last month, students from 10 local secondary schools pitched their ideas at RTHK. Young Post spoke to three of the teams about their campaign and their progress so far.

Tin Ka Ping Secondary School's Team, 4D Style, wants to support underprivileged children in the city. Their fundraising target is HK\$6,000.

Tracy Lau Siu-yau, 15, said her involvement has helped her gain a new set of skills. "Since we want to help as many people as we can, I learned the importance of being proactive. During our introductory presentation, we gained experience of presenting to a large audience,"

said Tracy, adding "We were surprised the judges liked our pitch."

Successor, another team from Tin Ka Ping, have set their sights on a HK\$10,000 goal. Like Team 4D Style, they also want to help Hong Kong's underprivileged children.

"We understand what is essential when children are growing up. Family support is really important. Without it, children feel lonely and lack self-esteem, so, we want to help children get the support they deserve," said Christine Yuen Siu-ching, 16.

Each team has come up with inventive ways of raising money - from

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Christmas carols and food stalls to raffle tickets and Christmas cards.

STFA Tam Pak Yu College's Team, Beauties and the Beasts, wanted their campaign to feature new and exciting ideas.

"As well as traditional events, we have a video competition where teachers have to dress up in costumes and sing. We also have a DIY stall, where [people] can make their own bracelets," said team leader, Martin Lam-fung, 16.



Students present their ideas to a panel of judges at the Fun4Funds Challenge workshop. Photo: SCMP



The team wants to raise HK\$10,000 to help homeless dogs in the city, and are on the way to reaching their target having already raised an impressive HK\$2,000.

Martin said that it was difficult getting his schoolmates excited about the event.

"They haven't participated as much as we would have liked," he admitted.

"We want to promote the event even more. We plan to announce during morning assemblies that there will be prize giveaways for those who donate or take part in activities, so that

our schoolmates can be more involved," he said.

Meanwhile, Kowloon True Light School's Team, Kris Pringles, wants the money they raise to go towards charities which support survivors of assault. The team spoke of the importance of being unique.

"You need to give people an incentive to donate and help out. Your campaign needs to be interesting so that it stands out from the crowd. It's good to engage with people on social media," said Kris Li, 16, the team's leader. He also admitted that "having so much to do in so little time is especially challenging".

Despite their challenges, the students all said they would take part again. As well as gaining valuable skills, having positive impact on people is gratifying.

"It's great to know that we can help Hong Kong's communities," said 15-year-old Polly Ho Wing-yan of Team 4D Style.

"I've also made new friends and challenged myself to try something different."

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SCMP CEO, Gary Liu, is one of the judges of the Fun4Funds Challenge

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Education

How many times have you been told that you should eat less fat? Well, now you can. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has issued a new set of guidelines for eating less fat. The guidelines are based on the latest research on the health benefits of eating less fat. The guidelines are as follows:

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This year, Hong Kong's Team Operation Unicorn took part in their 23rd Operation Santa Claus (OSC) Fun4Funds fundraising event.

On December 15, the group from Shung Tak Catholic English College set up food and games booths, organised a singing contest, and held a dress-down day.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of OSC, an annual charity campaign co-organised by South China Morning Post and Radio Television Hong Kong. The FundRazr Challenge, set up for secondary school students, asks participants to plan a four-week-long fundraising campaign, and to compete against other schools to see who can raise the most money.

The team said a meeting with Brian Wong, their mentor for the campaign, had been helpful. "He gave us new ways to sell products."

like advertising the event mainly through social media. He also suggested being as proactive as possible – to not to stay at our booths, but to go up to students and encourage them to buy more,” said Perry Lau Cheuk-wan, 15.

The group learned that there's more to fundraising than just collecting money. "Doing voluntary work is thought to be boring. But making food [helped us] realise it could be fun," said Tommy Yung Cheuk-yip, 15. "Helping [those less fortunate than us] makes us cherish the things we have more."

Although the group is happy with how this year's campaign has gone, they said they want to be even better next year.

"We started planning in mid-November. In future, we'll start planning earlier," said Janice Wu Chee-yun, 14.

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(from left) Toby Lau, Alice Law, Derry Lau, and Liel Cheng-to all helped to raise money for charity. Photo: SCMP

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- Huan Long Public Secondary School
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Teams compete in the Endless Rumble game during the Operation Santa Claus event at the Police Tactical Unit in Fanning. (Photo: Richard Chen)

Tough PTU officers have 10 tonnes of fun for charity

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Pulling a 10-tonne armoured vehicle is a popular tradition at the Police Tactical Unit's annual charity event to raise funds for Operation Santa Claus, the yearly charity campaign organised by the South China Morning Post and RTHK.

And this year the competition, known as "Unstoppable Pull", was the highlight again, with officers split into five teams, each with five members. The challenge was to pull the PTU's signature armoured vehicle from one side of a square to the other in the quickest time.

To generate funds, teams were allowed to recruit extra members - for a donation of HK\$300 per head - or they could pay HK\$500 to have their members sit in the opponent's vehicle to pile on the weight.

It came as no surprise that the Special Duties Unit, known for its tough and well-trained personnel, won the contest for the second consecutive year.

Police Chief Inspector Chiu Ho Yuet-hung said the event was very worthwhile as well as fun - despite being on the losing team - and they would try their best to raise more funds.

"Regardless of what position we are in, we all enjoy every moment, and winning or losing is not the most important thing. The most important is that we are doing something good for society, on our own terms," he said.

Six contests were held in one day at Fanning, with each team having to donate money according to its ranking in the challenge.

The highest amount to be paid for crossing a net was HK\$800.

Another challenge for the participants was called "Shed a needle". In the game, participants had to wear a needle headband and do burpees, or squat thrust exercises. Dropping the headband incurred a penalty of HK\$50.

They then had to do other exercises including dumbbell curls, running with a 20kg sandbag on their shoulders, and spinning 10 tires around a race with their foreheads placed on top. They would then have to fight off dummies to complete the final task - putting a shoe through the needles.

While the SDU dominated many of the games, Chief Inspector Alex Tang Chi-yin, who was also one of the team's members, managed to beat the top dogs in this challenge.

"It feels great and everyone is having fun, doing their best to raise money for charity," he said.

"It's one of the traditions that we all look forward to every year, especially since it's closer to Christmas and we get to play games and have fun with colleagues from different units. You get along well with each other and it's good because staff can come together to have some sort of team building."

The Endless Rumble was another favourite challenge. Officers wearing protective gear would have to burst open a car's hood to get to the other side.

Each team had the option of buying more balloons at HK\$10 each to keep players "alive".

The competitive spirit was strong as the game started with nearly 400 officers cheating on their team members.



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Students return for a ride on the school bus

More than 100 students returned to school for a ride on the school bus.

By [Name]

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Laguna City residents go the extra mile for charity

Edna Tse
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For years, a group of children living in Laguna City in Lam Tin have worked for the festive season by singing carols door-to-door at the private estate, with donations going to Operation Santa Claus, a joint charity drive by the South China Morning Post and RTHK.

For the first time this year, residents held fundraising activities. Earlier this month, volunteers from the Laguna City Charity Committee set up food and drink stalls with home-cooked dishes. There were also game booths,

merchandise and a raffle. A day after the fair, dozens of residents took part in a charity walk called "Go the extra mile", from Laguna City to Kai Tak Cruise Terminal and back.

Gouri Venkataratnam, a committee member and full-time teacher, said all the organisers were professionals who wanted to give something back to the community. Usually, they met at night in early November to gather ideas for the charity event.

"We are a group of like-minded individuals who just want to do our bit to give something back to society, and what better platform than Operation Santa Claus," she

said. "What we really like is that it caters to smaller and lesser-known charities in Hong Kong. Nothing is deducted by way of overheads, so every dollar collected is sent out to charities."

This year was the busiest, she noted, adding donations could hit a record high. She hoped the Laguna City Charities' Committee would let organisers use the estate's indoor badminton courts next year as space was sparse.

Venkataratnam said other estates should also do their part for society. "Once as a community can make it happen in Laguna City, we hope it carries through and more housing estates can take this up."



The Operation Santa Claus Laguna Choir performing at the fair, which also had a raffle and stalls selling food and drinks. Photo: Jonathan Wong



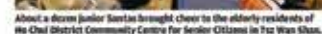
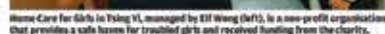
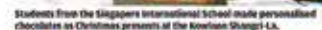
Officers from the Police Tactical Unit were seen suiting up to take part in a "bedman tumble", aiming to burst their opponent's balloons.



The top donor this year was Morgan Stanley, raising about HK\$3.5 million, followed by UBS (HK\$2.1 million) and Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital (HK\$800,000).

Operation Santa Claus is a donation drive jointly organised by the South China Morning Post and RTHK.

Five "Barbies" were among the 12 teams that battled it out in the Wing Ding Tournament, a colorful seven-hour squash marathon.



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Come Celebrate Operation Santa Claus' 30th Anniversary



South China Morning Post
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John Cheung

The Messias and Rorquals of Hong Kong's corporate world, along with their junior counterparts, will once again have the chance to show off their dazzling footwork and goal-scoring skills when this year's Operation Santa Claus Friends of Asia 5-a-side tournament kicks off on Sunday, December 30.

The always-popular event, which is now in its 30th year, looks set to draw some big names from the local business scene to vie for silverware. But nothing can be taken for granted, with new entrants and up-and-coming talent looking to shake up the established order and spring a surprise.

"Depending on the final number of teams, there will be group stages followed by knock-out rounds and finals," says Mark Sutcliffe, chief executive of the Hong Kong

Football Association (HKFA), which is co-organising the tournament with the Hong Kong Football Club (HKFC) with the support of charity partner Friends of Asia Hong Kong (FOAHK). "The HKFA will specifically run the adult competition and will be providing referees. Personally though, I will be particularly interested to see what some of the talented young players can do."

To register, adult teams are asked to pay an entry fee of HK\$10,000 by November 24 and commit to raising an additional sum of at least HK\$25,000 in sponsorship and donations. All funds will go to the 14 charities selected as beneficiaries of this year's Operation Santa Claus (OSC).

Teams can register online, and volunteers can help out in any number of ways, including match-day organisation and fund-raising. Sutcliffe says, "It makes sense for the HKFA to help out with the event

Kicking off a season of giving with football tournament fundraiser



Goalkeepers of a local football tournament.

because OSC is an excellent charity supporting many good causes, and maximising football participation and fun are two of our core objectives."

The junior competition, for

which the entry fee is HK\$3,500, has categories for under-9 teams and for Under-12 boys and girls. As an extra element, the day will also feature children's entertainment and a table-top

Father Christmas. On the playing side, everything will be overseen by Brendan McGraw, the tournament director for HKFC junior soccer.

"If previous years are anything to go by, it will be a fun event for all the family and a brilliant way for everyone in Hong Kong to come together via football," he says. "We always like to be involved because it is for a great cause and is a way for us to give something back to the community."

Dr Caled Chan, Founder and Chairman of Friends of Asia Hong Kong, a registered charity that he founded in 2014, is also doing just that. Their affiliated organisation Asian Foundation has pledged to match dollar-for-dollar all net funds raised from the 5-a-side tournament. This is part of their commitment to providing resources, care and

Beneficiaries 2017

Children & youth

- Home Care for Girls
- Changing Young Lives Foundation
- COSA Hong Kong
- KSVV Support Group
- Po Leung Kuk - Social Services Department
- Hong Kong Association for Speech, Learning Disabilities
- Integrated Lifetime Education Trust

Community

- Bahay Association Hong Kong
- Operation Dawn
- Association Concerning Sexual Violence Against Women

Elderly

- Retirement Society

Medical

- Children's Cancer Foundation
- Maggie's Cancer Caring Centre
- Playgroup Children's Play Association

Squash enthusiasts turn racquet action into funds

Pay to play for Operation Santa Claus on December 2 at the Hong Kong Football Club (HKFC)



Mark Sutcliffe and David Munn, governing for Hong Kong Squash Tournament.

Kathryn Cheung

Hundreds of thousands of dollars donated, 3,400 minutes of squash, 280 squash shoes, 185 sweat bands, 140 players, 70 marker shirts, 35 balls, 14 different fancy dress costumes, 7 squash courts, 3 hoodies, 2 days needed to recover, all for 1 meaningful cause - Operation Santa Claus.

The annual Wing Ding Squash Tournament ("Wing Ding" - first held in 1988 to commemorate late employee of the Admiralty Squash Centre, Yuen Kiam Wing - will return again for its 19th

consecutive year on December 2 at the Hong Kong Football Club (HKFC) in Happy Valley. Over the years, it has become one of the city's most anticipated fundraising sporting events and top donors for OSC.

While players are encouraged to don their silliest costumes on the day of the tournament (past outfits range from Ninjas to Mario Cars), the spirit of giving remains a top priority for participants. Past and present organisers have put their heads in the game to ensure the event raises the most funds possible. Founder Timothy Everett has

helped bring Wing Ding to its size and success today, growing from six teams of five players in its early days to last year's 14 teams of 10 players. This year, Stephen Gollop has been appointed to chair the newly formed HKFC Squash Charity Sub-Committee. The committee comprised of nine members, and works closely with fellow organiser David Munn to expand outreach capacity and raise the fundraising bar.

"Our fundraising target this year is HK\$500,000," said Gollop, a mark-up from last year's HK\$273,500 raised. "Firstly, as a committee, we are trying to base with the conveners so that they can generate more donations. Secondly, we're looking for corporate sponsors. We're hoping that each team can find one or two corporate sponsors that could contribute HK\$10,000-HK\$15,000 (each), and then look for team members to generate a similar amount so that players will match their sponsors."

"Squash is a competitive sport and we want people to

have more fun," explained Gollop. "If you put someone in a Superman costume it's difficult for them to play a proper round of squash. It takes the emphasis away from competitiveness and puts the focus on what we're really looking for - which is raising substantial funds for charity at the end of the day."

This year teams include friends and family from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, the Hong Kong Cricket Club, American Club, United Services Recreation Club, Ladies Recreation Club, Clearwater Bay, and HKFC. Conveners are all on the lookout for players of all levels who have what it takes to play squash for 35 minutes non-stop for a good cause. The closing date for team entries is November 15, 2017.

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Last year's winners of the Hong Kong Squash Tournament, their team sports. (Image courtesy of the HKFC)



X'mas has a new tradition with OSC raffle draw

Kathryn Cheung

To mark Operation Santa Claus' 30th anniversary, a raffle draw has been introduced for the first time ever to help those in need of support. In our community, all proceeds will go towards OSC's 14 beneficiary organisations in supporting the disabled, sick children, youth in need, and underprivileged families within our community.

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Organics, attractive prizes and money can't buy experiences of up to HK\$21,640 in value will be offered to raffle winners. Harry Harrison, creative cartoonist for the South China Morning Post's Harry's View, illustrated the cartoon on the raffle tickets this year with his signature cartoon touch. Playful, taunting "Santa Claus" with a mischievous, heartless, recognisable chubby panda caricature has also played its part in injecting in the spirit of giving.

"Operation Santa Claus has

grown into an recognisable charity effort that most people in Hong Kong are more than happy to support," said Harrison. "As part from the obvious bigger supporters like the South China Morning Post, there are lots of smaller businesses, especially bars and restaurants that run events every year to raise money for Operation Santa Claus, which I think tells us a lot about how well respected the charity is. Hopefully, this will continue to grow through the 30th anniversary and beyond."

Raffle tickets are on sale from November 13 through December 28 for HK\$20 each. Drawing of winners will take place on January 2 with results announced in the South China Morning Post and AM730 on January 5. (Please visit osc.scmp.com/raffes for details.)

UPCOMING OSC EVENTS

OSC Friends of Asia 5-a-Side Football Tournament 2017

• Dec 30 | Stanley Ho Sports Centre, 87 Sha Tin Drive, Pokfulam

Raffle ticket sales period

• Nov 13 - Dec 28 | Please visit osc.scmp.com/raffes for more information

Fundraising booths

• Nov 24 - 26, 12:00 - 19:00 | Sui Wo Properties (Museum Market, Star Street, Wan Chai)
• Nov 30 - Dec 2, 12:00 - 19:00 | Sui Wo Properties Christmas Market, Takson Place, Tung Chung Street, Quarry Bay
• Dec 2, 13:00 - 00:00 (Dec 3, 13:00 - 22:00) | The Peninsula Hotels at L'ET, Lai Mei Feng, Central

OSC merchandise popup store

• Nov 25, 26; Dec 16, 17 | AMC Pacific Place Level 1, Pacific Place, 88 Queen's Road, Admiralty
• Dec 2, 3 | Broadway Hollywood, 1/F, Plaza Hollywood, 1 Long Road Street, Diamond Hill, Bowdoin
• Dec 9, 10 | Broadway Cinematheque, 100 Queen's Road, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon
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John Cramer

The five high-powered teams taking part in this year's MBA Challenge for Operation Santa Claus (OSC) are now moving into the most crucial phase of competition.

Based on their initial business plans, they have been awarded varying amounts of seed capital to get their fund-raising efforts for the annual charity campaign off the ground.

What lies ahead is a hectic few weeks of organising events, selling gifts and merchandise, canvassing donations in person, and spreading the word via social media, all with a view to achieving the best possible total.

In doing this, though, each team can rely on the support of FringBucker, which is providing a secure online fundraising platform and all-in-one payment solutions.

What's more, it charges no processing fee, meaning 100 per cent of direct online donations will go to OSC.

"We are passionate about advancing good causes and making a positive impact," says

executive director Maryann Heer. "I simply can't think of a better partner than OSC."

Knowing the importance of early engagement with the teams to show how integrating online elements makes fundraising more effective, the company conducted a briefing session to share best practices from other successful projects and give advice on executing business plans.

"All the students are digitally savvy, but we are empowering them with the latest tools, which make it possible to reach out for corporate sponsorship and raise funds around the clock," Heer says.

"We have also come up with a special award for the team which does the most fabulous job raising money online and being creative in other ways."

The "Massive Bunch of Elvers" team is already taking full advantage of that support to drive donations. Originally, they planned to build a website, but instead found that FringBucker functions well as a one-page website, allowing HTML editing, layout design, and the posting of content, videos and pictures.



MBA teams work their magic to raise funds for OSC

"It works perfectly," says team spokesperson Jacob Zhao, who is currently taking the MBA for professionals programme at HKUST Business School. "So we ended up sharing FringBucker links through our Facebook page and other marketing channels. For us, the best parts of the platform are the front page HTML contents editor and message board for visitors. One is about reaching out, while the other is a perfect place for interacting with donors."

He notes that donors naturally want the assurance that their contributions are

being efficiently managed and put to good use. The team's fundraising efforts are centred on two key areas. Their "MakeDecemberMatter" campaign is about making dreams come true with the help of volunteers. And they are organising a non-to-be-missed charity masquerade gala featuring performances, fun games and an auction in support of OSC.

"We are working very hard towards our fundraising target," Zhao says. "It is unbelievable how much support we have received from

companies, friends, and classmates. HKUST Business School's 'brand' has also helped us get corporate sponsorship more easily. It is still too early to anticipate the results, but we will keep

shooting for the target until the final minute."



Report from Business School, FringBucker

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- Playlight Children's Play Association

Support OSC as you wine and dine at Best of British

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How well do you know the Brits, really? Take the classic British pub challenge at the Crown & Anchor Pub today at the Best of British festival and help raise for Operation Santa Claus - you'll have the chance to show off your intelligence and raise money for a good cause! The pub quiz entry fee includes one pint for HK\$1,800 per team of six. All entry proceeds will go towards OSC 2017 beneficiary organisations.

At the third Best of British festival, apart from gourmet food and drinks, many would have the chance to support Operation Santa Claus, amongst a series of initiatives. OSC will be giving away tickets to beneficiaries to the open-air movie screenings so that they can experience some of the classic British movies: *Notting Hill*, *Bridget Jones's Diary*, *Jarvis Bond*, *Spectre*, *Love Actually*, *Harry Potter* and the Philosopher's Stone, and *Mamma Mia*.

The inaugural Santa's Helpers Charity Run Run co-organised by Women in Finance Asia was successfully held yesterday, and raised funds for Operation Santa Claus. Free to Run, and Suits for Success. Alex Brazendale, Director at TCOB Media, looks forward to setting up a long-term partnership with local grassroots. "Our goal this year is to raise HK\$200,000 for local causes," says Brazendale. "As Best of British is growing, we look forward to creating a long-lasting relationship with Operation Santa Claus and others."

Hong Kong's largest annual British-themed festival runs from December 12th through December 17th at Tamar Park.

Pub Quiz Entries: alex@tcob-media.com

UPCOMING OSC EVENTS

Raffle ticket sales period

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OSC Fundraisers

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Nov 23 - Dec 22, 12:00 - 14:00, 17:30 - 19:00 | Island Pacific Hotel
Dec 20 - 28, 14:00 - 18:00 | Hong Kong Gold Coast Hotel
Dec 24 - 25, 17:00 - 19:00 | City Garden Hotel

Kowloon Shangri-La Personalised Chocolate Gift Set Christmas Shop

Dec 1 - 25 | www.shangri-la.com/100-chocolate

L'hotel Adopt a Small Plant Charity Sale

Dec 1 - 31 | Bring home a small plant for only HK\$50. All net proceeds will be donated to OSC.

Best of British 2017 Tamar Park, Admiralty

Dec 12 - 17 (Tue - Sun), 11:00 - 23:00

Selfie with Santa 2017 | (Tsimshatsui, Tsimshatsui)

Dec 22 (Fri), 13:00 - 14:30, 15:00 - 16:00, 17:00 - 18:30

Dec 23 - 25 (Sat - Mon), 13:30 - 14:30, 15:00 - 16:00, 16:30 - 17:30

Gold Cent Plaza x Mega Bloks Build the Mega Christmas | G.C. Gold Cent Plaza

Dec 23 - 26 (Sat - Tue), Dec 30 - Jan 1 (Sat - Mon), 13:00 - 17:00

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