

Celebrating 10 Years of Dreams for Future Child Development Fund

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In April 2018, the Child Development Fund (CDF) entered its 10th anniversary year. “10 Years of Dreams for Future” is the theme for its anniversary celebration. The Chinese theme (十年敢想) has adopted a pun which delivers two-fold of meaning, including “dreaming for the future” and “a ten-year reflection”.

Over the past decade, the CDF has been devoting itself to facilitating a tripartite, cross-sector collaboration among the community as well as family and the business sector and the Government to gear up children from a disadvantaged background, enabling them to pursue their dreams.

Looking forward, the CDF will continue to roll out projects across the territory with training events and hands-on activities to develop children’s abilities and confidence, cultivate saving habits and expand their social network. Like dandelion seeds, children who are empowered to dream for the future can rise above challenges and difficulties and thrive anywhere.



The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie LAM (third left), the Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Dr LAW Chi-kiung (first left), the Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Ms CHANG King-yiu (fifth left), the President of Genting Cruise Lines, Mr Kent ZHU (second left), the President of Dream Cruises, Mr Thatcher BROWN (fourth left) and the Captain of Dream Cruises, Captain Jan BLOMQUIST (second right), officiate at the Set Sail Ceremony for the CDF 10th Anniversary Signature Programme “Dream Cruises”.

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Signature Programme

Dream Cruises

The signature programme “Dream Cruises”, is organised by the Labour and Welfare Bureau to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the CDF. It also marks the official kick-off of a series of celebration events spanning the whole year under the theme of “10 Years of Dreams for Future”.

More than 80 project participants, who had earlier declared their dreams out loud on social media, joined a cruise tour to Guangzhou on the “World Dream”, Dream Cruises’ newest ship, together with their families and mentors on 15 April 2018.



All participants ready to set off on the cruise journey after the Set Sail Ceremony.

The Chief Executive officiated at the Set Sail Ceremony

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie LAM, officiated at the “Dream Cruises” Set Sail Ceremony in the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal before the participants set off for Guangzhou. Other officiating guests included the participants set off for Guangzhou. Other officiating guests included the Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Dr LAW Chi-kiung, and the Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare cum Chairman of the Steering Committee on the CDF, Ms CHANG King-yiu.



The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie LAM speaks at the Set Sail Ceremony for the CDF 10th Anniversary Signature Programme “Dream Cruises”.

Learning Experience on the Cruise

After the Set Sail Ceremony, about 150 participants including project participants together with their families and mentors set off on a one-day cruise journey to Nansha, Guangzhou. While on board, they were offered the special arrangement to tour around the operations of the cruise ship and learn about the work of cruise staff during the trip. They could also take the opportunity to enjoy family time with refreshments and recreational activities on board before disembarking in Nansha in the evening.



A participant playing virtual reality games at the ESC Experience Lab.

The participants of this cruise tour came from six CDF projects, operated by Caritas-Hong Kong, Hong Kong Playground Association, the Boys’ & Girls’ Clubs Association of Hong Kong, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, Carmel Alison Lam Foundation Secondary School and HKSXH Bishop Hall Secondary School.



Staff in charge of different departments on the cruise ship sharing their work experience with participants.



Participants enjoying themselves with dancers at the dance party.



Participants showing their sports talent at the basketball court on Deck 19 of the cruise ship.



Simply chatting together while enjoying sea breezes on the deck can be a delightful family experience.

“I dream of being a Captain of an ocean-going vessel.”

TSANG King-lun | aged 19 | Caritas - Hong Kong



King-lun, a Form 4 student at the Hong Kong Sea School, has been fond of the sea and water activities since he was a small child. Last year, due to unsatisfactory examination results, he once felt lost and doubted whether he was suitable to pursue the maritime career. It was lucky for him to have the advice and encouragement from his mentor in the CDF project at that time so that he could drum up his courage to face the problem and repeat Form 4.

It was the first time for King-lun to travel on a cruise and he even had the opportunity to enter the captain’s cabin and have a face-to-face conversation with the captain. He was in high spirits and felt very excited. He said, “I would never imagine entering the captain’s cabin on a cruise ship and sitting in the captain’s seat. The personal experience shared by the captain helped me better understand the maritime profession. Now I have a determined career path and will work hard to realise my dream.”

Dare to Dream

Design Concept behind the “10 Years of Dreams for Future” Logo



- Orange represents joy and enthusiasm.
- Blue represents the sky and the sea with unlimited possibilities.
- Children with dreams are like dandelion, which can grow anywhere there is a pinch of soil and has the ability to rise above challenges and difficulties.
- Each CDF project lasts for three years and comprises three key components - Personal Development Plan, Targeted Savings and Mentorship.



The design of logo features an orange dandelion, which can grow practically anywhere there is a pinch of soil. It therefore symbolises the ability of the CDF participants to rise above challenges and difficulties.

Three dots are used in the dandelion to represent the puff balls attached to each flower seed, symbolising the three-year duration of each CDF project and the three elements of the CDF projects, namely Personal Development Plan, Targeted Savings and Mentorship.

Orange is the color of joy, enthusiasm and passion. The blue text represents the boundless sky and sea, which are often associated with unlimited imagination and possibilities.

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Value-added Activities Highlights

To encourage project participants to dream for the future, the value-added activities this year focus on providing opportunities for them to try out new things and gain hands-on experience, so that they can better understand things around them, broaden their horizons and become more empowered to take charge of their life.



JAN | Elite Athletes

Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI)

Over 300 project participants attended a sharing session with three Hong Kong elite athletes, namely LAW Leong-tim, MOK Uen-ying and NG Kiu-chung (from second left to right in the upper photo). Through interaction with these elite athletes, participants could gain a glimpse of the athletes' daily training and everyday life. They also took part in various physical fitness tests to meet challenges for discovering their potentials. Moreover, tips were given by the Institute's dietician on how to boost sports performance through diet.



"I dream of being a Physical Education (PE) Teacher."
NG Kwan-lam | aged 17 | Yan Chai Hospital Law Chan Chor Si College

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When Kwan-lam was a Form 1 student, he was invited to join the school track and field team by his PE teacher, who also awakened his interest in sports. Unfortunately, the teacher passed away in an accident. He said, "I do hope I can teach other students what I have learned from my teacher and live up to his expectations. After taking the physical fitness tests at the HKSI today, I realise that the training of elite athletes is really tough."

MAR | Healthcare Professionals

Hospital Authority

Project participants were offered a valuable opportunity to visit the North Lantau Hospital in Tung Chung. They toured around different departments and sections of the hospital, such as the care wards, accident and emergency department, rest-in-peace home, rehabilitation garden, as well as the herb garden and greenhouse for horticultural therapy, so as to learn more about hospital facilities and operation. Those aspiring to join the healthcare industry also grasped the opportunity to interact with representatives of different grades and positions in the hospital, hoping to obtain first-hand information for their future development.



MAR | S-QUBE Virtual Money Management City

Hong Kong Family Welfare Society

Through virtual reality interactive games, participants were given the opportunities to learn about the pros and cons of using electronic money in a virtual city, thereby enabling them to adopt a better money management approach and reflect on the relationship between life planning and money management.



APR | ICT: Job Sharing Session

WTT HK Limited (WTT)

Four exhibition areas with different themes were set up for the sharing session, and each area was manned by designated staff who briefed participants through interactive group activities. The briefing covered features of information and communication technology (ICT) products, application and demonstration of Gigabit-capable Passive Optical Network (G-PON), a guided tour of the green office and a career talk. Participants were also encouraged to apply for summer internship to gain experience in job application and interview, and have a grasp of the daily routines in the workplace, through which they could broaden their horizons by learning workplace etiquette and proper work attitude.



"I dream of being a Programme Designer."
PONG Hei-chung | aged 17 | Lok Kwan Social Service

Hei-chung is an ICT student. When he knew that he was eligible for the summer internship programme run by the WTT, he hoped very much that he could get hold of this opportunity. "In fact, I have no confidence in being accepted as I usually can't feel at ease when speaking to strangers and interviews are really a big challenge to me. But such an internship opportunity is really a rare opportunity. I will do my best to seize it."

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APR | Chroma-Keying & Green Screens

Hong Kong Design Institute

The Department of Communication Design and Digital Media under the Hong Kong Design Institute arranged an induction course for participants to enhance their understanding of digital media production. Participants even had the opportunity to try out the shooting in class by first taking a shot in front of a green-screen background and afterwards removing the colour background with the help of computer technique. A further combination with a new image or scenery will give rise to a new scene for the video.



"I dream to develop a career in Creative Multimedia Production."

LEUNG Dik-wun | aged 15 | Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service

Studying visual arts, Dik-wun is also interested in multimedia industries. However, she did not have any opportunity to get in touch with it before. She said, "Music videos produced with different filming styles on social media have always got my attention. I wish I could participate in such production and produce my own signature video one day. This time, I was really excited to have the opportunity to experience "green-screen shooting". The course instructor mentioned that creative multimedia production was a channel to share stories with others. I absolutely agreed. I would also describe this industry with the word 'infinity' as it is exactly like a piece of white paper with infinite possibilities for imagination and creativity."

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APR | Junior Teacher's Classroom

The Education University of Hong Kong

The Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK) has been running the Junior Teacher's Classroom for project participants since 2016. This year, apart from teaching participants how to prepare teaching materials and play the role of a junior teacher as in previous years, the EdUHK also invited Ms Cindy CHUNG, an EdUHK alumnus who was once a tutor of the Junior Teacher's Classroom and currently an English teacher, to share with participants her path to becoming a teacher.



MAY | Science and Technology Experience Day

Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation

During the event, participants had the chance to learn about coding and assemble intelligent robotic devices to solve simple problems. During a role playing board game session at the Innovation on Board, participants played different roles in an innovation and technology ecosystem, where they met various challenges and enjoyed the fun of working in the innovation sector, thereby getting a better understanding of the career requirements of the sector.



"I dream of being an Astronomer."

LEUNG Man-tai | aged 17 | Free Methodist Church of Hong Kong

Leung Man-tai, who is a Form 5 pure science student, has developed a strong interest in astronomy since childhood. He likes studying stars and reading books about them, he even plans to spend his Targeted Savings on participating in astronomy activities and purchasing an astronomical telescope. "I know clearly that there are limited prospects in respect of both further studies and employment for a pure science graduate in Hong Kong. If one day my life is so difficult that I can't even meet the basic living needs and I have to take up other jobs, astronomy and science will still remain my interests. Before the coming of such a day, I really can't think of any reason for giving up my dream. I believe that I will become an astronomer one day."

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MAY | "I can Play, You can Dance II" Concert

Hong Kong Music Academy

Around 280 project participants together with their families and mentors attended "I can Play, You can Dance II" concert to enjoy the dance music from different countries performed by an orchestra. The conductor, Ray TSOI, explained to them in a simple but funny way the subtle affinity between dance and music.

