

Everbright Volunteer Team Joined an Outdoor Learning Event with Students of Special Educational Needs in support of District Councilor

18 September 2018 - **China Everbright Limited** (“Everbright”, stock code: 165.HK) volunteer team together with a local NGO, “HandsOn”, co-organised an outdoor learning event at The Peak, Hong Kong with students of special educational needs in Po Leung Kuk Anita L. L. Chan (Centenary) School on 14 September, with the support of Mr. Michael Yeung, district councilor of Central and Western district. Through taking part in this outdoor learning activity, students with intellectual disabilities could learn in a fun way outside their classroom and had a chance to get along with the volunteers enhancing their communications and socialize skills. At the same time, volunteers can have more understanding of students with special needs.

During the event, the volunteers enjoyed lunch together with the students and get familiar with each other followed by attending a “Behind The Scene Workshop”, to know more about the production procedure of wax figures. After that, they visited The Madame Tussauds Hong Kong together. The volunteers accompanied the students to visit the museum by giving some supplementary information about the wax figures of internationally renowned celebrities, as well as taking photos for them. Eventually, they went to the Peak Tower at Sky Terrace enjoying the panoramic view of Hong Kong. The students were very excited by seeing the wax figures of their idols and celebrities, they all had an enjoyable moment during the activity.

At the debriefing session, the teachers thanked Everbright’s participation and donation for the event. As resources are limited at school, this is the first-time visit of the students at Madame Tussauds and they had a memorable time. District councilor Mr. Michael Yeung said he felt grateful to have participated in this volunteer activity, it did not only assist the students to learn outdoor in a relaxing way, he could also know more about the needs of the students so that he can strive more resources for them.



Volunteers' sharing after the event:

"In the week when typhoons hit, it is grateful to have such a sunny day for this volunteer event. Students with special educational needs often encounter difficulties in participating in social activities, due to constraints of their social skills and public understanding towards them. Led by volunteers, the meaning of the event is far beyond visiting Madame Tussauds and sightseeing. More importantly, students with special educational needs obtain a chance to go beyond the classroom, and into the society. "

— Eunice Lee, Haiyin Fund

"I am so excited to have joined this event! Through this event, I understand more about people with intellectual disabilities and realize that it is important to love. If you treat them in a discriminatory way, it is impossible to get along with them. But if you are willing to take the initiative to care for them, you will realize it is not that difficult to get along with them. Although people with intellectual disabilities is a bit different from normal people, it doesn't mean that they are disconnected with the society, you will even find them lovable and cute."

— Stephanie Lui, HR & Admin

"This is my first time to get to know the students who need special care. Throughout this volunteering experience, I discovered that you really need to be very patient when communicating with them. Some of them are not good at communications, so you need to guess what they mean and what they need. This is indeed a very good experience for me to understand them more. And I truly think that we need to care about these people more."

— Sherry Chan, HR & Admin

"It's my first time to participate in voluntary work with disable students. It's a meaningful event since a normal activity for us such as outing to the peak is a valuable experience to them based on the limitation of resources from the school. I felt warm to share the happiness with them. It's a great chance to have sharing with them and be their buddy. They can get to know the people in the society and we know more about the minority."

—Shandy Tong, Operations

About Everbright volunteer team

Everbright organises various volunteer services every year, providing more opportunities for its staff to serve their community in leisure time. Since the establishment of the volunteer team in 2012, volunteers have paid a number of visits to elderly home, special child care centre, community centre, sheltered workshop, maintenance at conservation centre, participation in Everbright Project's large-scale activity, supported Food Angel's Food Rescue and Food Assistance Program by taking part in preparing the "Food Angel Meals" and served the meal boxes to the elderlies, joined the "Sowers Action Challenging" for four consecutive years, as well as organising the Parent-Child Visiting Program to Lifeline Express Eye-Train Hospital in Shandong, Heilongjiang, Guiyang, Jilin and Xinjiang. All these activities received good response and support from Everbright staff. In 2016 and 2017, Everbright voluntary team was awarded the "Drive for Corporate Citizenship Volunteer Team" logo from Hong Kong Productivity Council for two consecutive years to recognize the contributions made by the volunteer team in the past year.

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About HandsOn

HandsOn Hong Kong is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting Hong Kong's social sector through the mobilization of volunteer services. Founded in 2007, HOHK runs more than 100 volunteer activities each month, working with 90+ nonprofit partners across the community to serve those in greatest need, including children and youth, the elderly, ethnic minorities, homeless people, refugees, people with disabilities, animals and the environment. As of 2017, and with the support of dedicated volunteers, volunteer leaders and community-minded corporations, HOHK organized 1,400+ volunteer activities, having an impact on more than 46,000 beneficiaries. Also, HOHK tailor-made volunteer service projects for corporates such as Bloomberg HK, American Express, AIA, Natixis, Manulife, Conrad Group, DFS, etc.

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