

## Everbright Volunteer Team and Sham Shui Po District Council Member Spending a Happy Easter with Children from Underprivileged Families

23 April 2019 - **China Everbright Limited's** ("Everbright", stock code: 165.HK) volunteer team visited Sham Shui Po (South) Integrated Family Service Centre of International Social Service Hong Kong Branch, jointly organized the "Easter Egg Creation Activity" with a local NGO, "Yum Cha Together", to show love and care to children from underprivileged families in Sham Shui Po district. The children felt the joy of Easter through designing the Easter eggs and having Chinese dim sum together. Ms. Joephy Chan, Member of the Sham Shui Po District Council, was invited to the event, where she visited and cared for the underprivileged group within the community in person.



The children who participated in the event are mainly from single-parent families, new immigrant families or low-income bracket in Sham Shui Po district. They usually have very limited chance to join extracurricular activities. The Easter egg creation activity with the volunteers helped to build the children's confidence, improve their communication skills, and experience a festive spirit. Every Easter egg created every single child were beautiful and unique, and the volunteers complimented their creativity and imagination. All participants enjoyed Chinese dim sum after the event, and spent a pleasant afternoon together.



Ms. Joephy Chan appreciated the invitation from Everbright, which allowed her to participate once again in a volunteer event organized by the Group. She believes that volunteer events in districts can help volunteers learn more about the current social problems of Hong Kong's grass-roots personally. This encourages more people to care about the situation of the more vulnerable community.



**Review from the participants:**

“The volunteer event organized by the Group gave me an opportunity to better understand the children in Hong Kong's grass-root families. Just like what we expected, they seem very timid, but are full of talent and have broad interests and hobbies beyond our expectations. The two-hour event for making Easter eggs and chatting felt short, but it was meaningful. I really like this kind of event.” --Zhao Xiaohan (Investment and Management Department of Everbright)

“It has been a pleasure to have a playdate with the children, and feel the warmth and energy radiating from every one of them! I like to see children being expressive about what they want, and I am surprised that they have clear goals even though they are still young. I would like to thank the Corporate Communication Department for organizing such an event, and hope there will be more opportunities for us to participate in charity events.” -- Isabelle Ye (Corporate Client Services Department of Everbright)

“I am very grateful that Everbright's volunteers came to Sham Shui Po again. I hope that Everbright will continue to support community services and expand into different communities, in order to bring more joy and laughter to children in every family in Hong Kong.”- Ada Ip (Chief Operating Officer of Yum Cha Together)

### About China Everbright Limited Volunteer Team

In 2012, Everbright set up a volunteer team to encourage employees to contribute to society by participating in charitable initiatives. This programme also serves to further enhance camaraderie among employees. Over the past few years, Everbright's volunteer team has visited nursing homes, special child-care centres and sheltered workshops. It has also prepared meals for elderly with Food Angel, joined garden maintenance activities at historical monuments, organized mural painting activity at school, and WeCycle bicycle tour, etc. The team also participated in the "Sowers Action Challenging Charity Hike" for four consecutive years. A parent-child visit to Shangdong, Heilongjiang, Guiyang and Jilin at the eye train hospital by Lifeline Express is also among the many volunteering services we have participated in, which are well supported by our colleagues. Since 2018, Everbright has invited local district councilors to participate in its volunteer activities, so that they can gain a first-hand understanding of minorities and disadvantaged groups in various parts of the community. Everbright hopes that by involving these district councilors, they will be able to increase their awareness of the livelihoods of the community. Everbright's volunteer team was awarded the "Drive for Corporate Citizenship Volunteer Team" logo from the Hong Kong Productivity Council for three consecutive years in 2016, 2017 and 2018. For more information, please visit:

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### About Yum Cha Together

"Yum Cha Together" is a social enterprise that hosts a series of Yum Cha events for the social good, with the vision to inherit care and love for the community through dim sum. These innovative dim sum events aim at connecting participants with under resourced charitable organizations/NGOs and beneficiaries. Participants are also encouraged to utilize their strengths and interests to support these organizations. Altogether, everyone learns more about Hong Kong dim sum culture in a fun way. For more information, please visit:

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