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CAS Fair

On 16 March 2012, UNICEF HK was invited to participate in the Creativity, Action, Service (CAS) Fair, held by the Canadian International School. YEC Chairpersons, Haylie Ng (2011/12) and Alan Yip (2010/11), represented UNICEF HK to set up a display board there with other local or international NGOs and promote the work of UNICEF by interacting with the students.

During the Fair, students were invited to “LIKE” UNICEF facebook page and subscribe UNICEF HK eNewsletter with intent to keep track of the campaigns and projects of UNICEF. Apart from being enthusiastic about the volunteering opportunities, students also visited the display board to learn about the work and activities of UNICEF. The majority of them were most familiar with UNICEF’s emergency work worldwide. However, not many of them knew their four basic rights in United Nations *Convention on the Rights of the Child*. This Fair had successfully aroused awareness of UNICEF’s campaigns in local community and allowed students to keep in touch with UNICEF.



Voices of Youth (VOY)



The new batch of VOYs are about to start their own sessions of broadcasting this coming July! After series of training hosted by social workers, professional DJs from RTHK as well as mock production meetings, they all got more familiar with the production and planning of the programme and we are sure that they will achieve high quality broadcasting in upcoming episodes.

Indeed, some of them even have their first trial-out during recent episodes, contributing to discussions in the programme. I guess if you are the audience of VOY, you may have identified a couple of new voices in our newest episodes! Moreover, we are currently planning on a special episode on introducing schooling needs of children with emotional problems and the episode will be on air in the end of the month. We have put extra effort in the episode; so please stay tuned and check it out!

Contact YEC now if you want to be part of VOY!!

Young Envoys Programme 2012

Retreat Day

The retreat day for Young Envoys 2012 was held successfully to evaluate on the performances of Young Envoys throughout the entire programme, namely orientation camp, drama workshop, advocacy project, etc. In the beginning, mass games were played to warm up the atmosphere. Young Envoys were divided into groups of two to draw out the appearance of their friends. Then, each of them had a chance to speak up and had a brief evaluation on their feelings towards the Young Envoys family. Lastly, they sat in circles with their respective group mentors to chit-chat as well as discuss whether their expectations and hopes made at the very beginning of the programme have been achieved.

It was a time to reflect, repent and improve. The retreat day was utmost inspiring as it revealed the efforts and contribution of Young Envoys and motivate them to continue to promote children's rights. Most importantly, it prepared them for the appointment ceremony!

School Projects

The School Project conducted in my school consists of two parts. The first part emphasises on understanding facts. We had distributed over 900 leaflets about UNICEF's work and United Nations *Convention on the Rights of the Child*, with a film-sharing section organised to let students get the messages. Aiming to summarise what we had gone through and ensure students got the key messages, a radio drama was also performed after all.

The preparation for all these had taken me much time. It also let me down when facing bans from teachers. Yet it has given me a lesson to learn time management and to persevere with what we fight for in spite of obstacles and failures. Hopefully, Young Envoys can become the supporting team of UNICEF.



Game stall



Radio programme

Ivan Cheung



You can learn more about Nicholas' school project [here](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2naQWc0PLKg&feature=youtu.be) (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2naQWc0PLKg&feature=youtu.be>)

In a modern city like Hong Kong, there are many students who do not know what poverty means. Since these students are not poor people at all. In view of this, I have designed a "Poverty Camp" for my schoolmates in order to let them know what poverty means and experience being poor. In the "Poverty Camp" students will have their own roles, such as daughter, father and grandmother and they have to sell paper bags to make a living. On one hand, I encountered some problems during the promotion in my school. Therefore I learnt how to make the promotion a more successful one. On the other hand, when I introduce the game to my schoolmates I felt so nervous, since there were totally 120 participants in this poverty camp. After that I comprehended I must be more confidence and gain more experience on event promotion.

Nicholas Wu

Joint School Projects

2012 Hong Kong Joint-school Children's Rights Public Speech Competition



Unbelievably but realistically, the 2012 Hong Kong Joint-school Children's Rights Public Speech Competition was favorably held on 12 May 2012 by a group of enthusiastic Young Envoys, me, Mandy Lau, Nicholas Wu, Janny Ng are some of the main leaders of the competition. As the leader of the committee, I am not going to deny that holding a joint-school speech contest was absolutely a tough challenge, I could not even imagine the workload before I began to organise. Confirming the venue, compromising the schedule being on-time, holding conferences and briefing sessions between the committee and helpers, designing certificates and trophies... I have to admit I felt exhausted and frustrated at first, but fortunately, many other committee members lent me helping hands, we cooperated successfully and got through those hard times together as one. It was definitely a bitterly-sweet and indelible memory that would never fade away.

Angel Wong

Click.Rights Photography Contest

This year's Young Envoys organised the Click.Rights Photography Contest to raise awareness of our rights as children. We had teenagers all over Hong Kong "clicking" their cameras away and sending in snapshots adhering to the theme of "Right to know. Know our rights. (我知我的權)". Using Facebook as an interactive platform for our competition, our messages reached more than 9500 people, successfully meeting our aim of organising the contest.

This project, being a wonderful opportunity to learn about leadership, management, organisation, cooperation and problem-solving, greatly benefited all the members of the Click.Rights Committee. Best of all, we found that we students could actually make an impact to push forward incredible changes.

Thanks must be given to Project Officer Mr John Ku, who gave us advice throughout the different stages of the project and to UNICEF HK for the valuable opportunity.

Siu Yau King

Mentor's Evaluation



At the orientation day, the first task of mentors this year was to blend in with the new Young Envoys and to pretend to be one of them. "Hi! I am in form five and will have DSE next year." Slowly I got familiarised with my group mates after the ice-breaking games. My group went through the streets of Shamshuipo and made a hand strap with the silvery "YE" characters as our group accessories.

From the orientation camp onwards, the new Young Envoys had to experience difficulties, accept failures and learn to listen and cooperate through various challenges.

After trainings → workshops → trainings → school projects → trainings → advocacy project, the new Young Envoys were finally appointed. Witnessing the change from a newbie to a Young Envoy is very rewarding.

Danny Kwok (YE03)

Appointment Ceremony

To affirm the competence of our new members, the appointment ceremony was held on 26 May 2012. It was like a milestone of the journey of each Young Envoy's mind, as their vitality and passion shown in the past one year were being recognised. Given its great significance, all Young Envoys have put a lot of perseverance and vigor on the ceremony. No matter in the backstage preparatory works or the performance on the proscenium, they just wanted to perform their best.

The appointment ceremony was held in Kwun Tong, nearly 300 people joined the ceremony. One of the highlights was that some of the Young Envoys wrote a song representing them. The drama and the video rememorized the itinerary they have gone through. Finally, Young Envoys took a group photo all together with their certificates and white roses given by YEC. The new members of YEC are now ready to fulfil the mission of child right advocates!



YE12, Keep your passion burning!

YEC Theme Song

We are thrilled to have received five amazing entries for the theme song, and we strongly believe that you should be involved in the selection of the new theme song.

Here we are introducing to you the great composers from our YE family!

Believe in Zero — Unite for Children by Siu (YE12)

Stand side by side, work hand in hand, give heart to heart to make the Zero start. Have passion, help and love, and we will make a difference.

This world will become a better place if only we would all unite for children.

Let's Believe in Zero —
Unite for children.



I Believe Music by Natalie Wan and Jason Yu; Lyrics by Charles Wong and Natalie Wan (YE12)

This song talks about a dream of a group of teenagers, who are working hard to serve children in the world. They believe that they can create an ideal world which does not have wars, violence, hunger and conflicts for the children to grow happily and healthily. They believe that this dream will come true.



We Are YE by Vera Yung (YE11)

「就算這光陰雖短 離別去 今天心火永續燃燒 永續燃燒！」
沒錯，即使我們作為每一屆青年使者都只得那一年共同努力的時光，
但我們從未忘記，我們的心火會永遠燒下去，
希望這首歌可以再讓你燃起當年的心火！



***The One World* by Jerry Tam (YE07)**

Simba and I are delighted to present to you our every special composition. Making a song of ours for good reasons had been something in our mind since two years ago. We hope to appeal to both tastes, those interested in the softer side of music and also those in the up-beat or hip hop genre, thus we have made the song more of a R&B style with raps. We hope to stress the importance of love and unity. Striving through the path to helping the needy might make us feel lonely at times. But it is the sense of obligation and faith that makes us stand still. Go blues Young Envoys!



***Glisten* by Venus Yiu (YE04)**

In this age of having much more natural disasters than anytime we had in our history, it's time for us to put down our hatred and weapons, and unite together to seek for world peace. This is a simple yet dynamic song to lead our journey to fight for lights in the dark and tell the world that we're determined to make our dreams glisten.

The voting will be held on UNICEF Young Envoys Clubs facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/unicefyec>) from 25 June to 1 July 2012. The candidates' works will be uploaded soon. You can cast your vote on songs that you would like to support, by leaving a comment with your YE session year and your name.

Please seize this precious opportunity to choose the new theme song that belongs to all of us!

For more updates about the Young Envoys Club, stay tuned to our eNews!