

CEL Volunteers Visit Heep Hong Society's Special Child Care Centre

19 June 2015 – CEL's volunteer team visited Heep Hong Society's Special Child Care Centre (Catherine Lo Centre) located in Wah Fu Estate. This centre provides professional training and education mainly to the children aged 3-6, with special needs such as autistic disorder, mental retardation and development delay, etc. Through volunteers' visit and games, the volunteers expressed their love and care to the children with autistic disorder, as well as gaining a better understanding of them.

To have a better preparation for the visit, tutors from Heep Hong Society have arranged a briefing and training session in advance for the volunteers to teach them the skills needed to interact with the children. On the day of visit, 15 volunteers from CEL took part in various group games with more than 20 children with special needs. It was full of fun and laughter during the visit, both the volunteers and children enjoyed themselves very much. In return, the tutors and children from the centre presented a hand-made thank-you card to the volunteers to express the gratitude for their love and care.

Moreover, China Everbright Charitable Foundation has sponsored the centre for its function to be held in coming October, namely "Perception with fun". Through various indoor group games in a sand playground, this activity aims to provide perception training to children with special needs, so as to strengthen their perceived response and the coordination of muscle development.

CEL is a corporation committed to corporate social responsibility. In the past few years, CEL has organised a number of volunteer services including a visit to elderly home, special children care centre, sheltered workshop, participation in Everbright Project's large-scale activity and "Sowers Action Challenging", as well as had the Parent-Child Visiting Program to Lifeline Express Eye-Train Hospital in Shandong. All these activities received good response and support from CEL staff. CEL will organise similar activities in the future and hope that these volunteer services can provide opportunities for its staff to serve the community in leisure time.



Everbright Charitable Foundation

Since 2009, the Everbright Charitable Foundation has sustainably sponsored a number of social service projects including: “The Everbright Project”, jointly launched with Caritas Family Crisis Support Centre to provide community services targeting Hong Kong’s middle class; “Project Companion – Professional Social Workers in Greater China Scheme”, jointly established with Social Workers Across Borders to train professional social workers in the Mainland; “Everbright Teachers’ Heritage Discovery Tour” organised by Hong Kong Federation of Education Workers to provide Hong Kong teachers travelling opportunities to the Mainland China cities for experiencing and learning China culture and history, as well as many other charity programmes. For details, please visit: <http://www.everbright165.com/CorporateSocialResponsibility/CECF>

Heep Hong Society

Established in 1963, the Heep Hong Society is a non-profit social service organisation providing professional training and treatment services to children with learning and developmental problems, including autism, Asperger syndrome, dyslexia and ADHD, from birth until the time they enter junior secondary school. The Heep Hong Society now has over 30 service units, including 14 special childcare centres, 12 early education and training centres, five parent resource centres, a healthy kids nursery school and a supportive learning project. Each year it helps over 6,000 families.

<http://www.heephong.org>