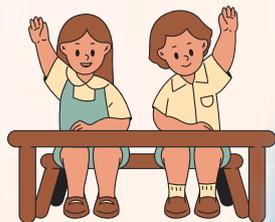




2023 Summer Mentoring Programme & Book Fair Day

The City University of Hong Kong School of Law Students' Professional Development and Public Service Programme ("PDPS Programme") has collaborated with the Christian Family Service Centre ("CFSC") in organising an annual Summer Mentoring Programme and Hong Kong Book Fair Visit for domestic violence children victims and underprivileged children living in Tin Shui Wai in the past few years. This year, apart from CFSC, the PDPS Programme also collaborated with the Association for the Rights of Industrial Accident Victims ("ARIAV") to include children whose parents had died or injured at industrial accidents in this event. This event aims to foster the children's love for reading and their acquisition of knowledge but more importantly to give these children a good time with the support of a loving mentor. Additionally, the event raises awareness about the challenges facing by these children and families and hopefully nurture in the student volunteers a commitment to serve those in need.

Event Highlight



A total of 44 children participated in this event, with 30 from the CFSC and 14 from the ARIAV!



As the children have limited resources, they seldom travel outside their community, let alone to the Book Fair at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. The affection and care showered by the volunteers made the visit even more memorable for the children.



The children were given some money to purchase the books they like.



Pre-Visit Orientation Meetings:

Online Orientation Session for Volunteers Organised by ARIAV

For the event to be carried out smoothly, ARIAV organised an online orientation on 8 July 2023 for students who would be escorting the children participants to the Book Fair. The volunteers were briefed on the characteristics of the children and the dos and don'ts when providing care and interacting with the children.



First Meeting with Children from the CF&C

The volunteers and children participants first met on 9 July to get to know each other better. The volunteers played games with the children to break the ice! This event aims at helping the children bond with their mentors who will be accompanying them to the Book Fair. The ambience was brimming with happiness as laughter reverberated throughout the gathering.



The snacks made children's eyes brighter!



The volunteers and children bonded very quickly!

Book Fair Visit:



The young bookworms gathered for this fascinating yearly feast!



The long-awaited Book Fair visit was held on 9 July 2023. Each child was accompanied by a student volunteer to various stalls managed by publishing houses. The volunteers offered book recommendations and helped the children pick interesting and suitable books. The kids grabbed the chance to purchase back-to-school stationery and supplies as well.



The warm atmosphere and excitement of the event were captured.

The mentors and mentees also took this opportunity to have lunch together at a Chinese restaurant after visiting the Book Fair. The children could not wait to share the books that they had bought with each other. Some even started reading right away while waiting for their meal. A photoshoot marked the end of this meaningful event. Though it is always hard to say goodbye, the sweet memories created are in everyone's heart.

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