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YOUTH S.P.O.Ts

The objective of the Federation's 22 Youth S.P.O.Ts (Spaces for Participation, Opportunities and Training) is to foster the holistic development of young people under the age of 35. The S.P.O.Ts comprise 16 integrated Team Centres, 3 Children and Youth Centres, 2 Youth Centres and Youth S.P.O.T. 21.



During the past year, the 22 Youth S.P.O.Ts provided a wide range of learning opportunities and challenging experience by identifying and responding to the individual and collective needs of young people. These included a special focus on Strengthening Classroom Learning, Extending Educational Opportunities, Social Exposure and Development as well as Connecting Young People. By the end of the reporting period, the Youth S.P.O.Ts had a total of 338,350 members, with a total attendance standing at 3,097,830.

Social Exposure and Development

Social Exposure and Development allowed young people to learn about social issues, ranging from the global to the local, by widening perspectives and horizons through training and various kinds of presentation and community actions. Over the past year, a total of 380,183 people participated.

"NEIGHBOURHOOD First" Youth Radio Drama

With the subsidy and help of the Community Involvement Broadcasting Service (CIBS), a pilot project organised by RTHK, enabled the Youth S.P.O.Ts to produce its first radio drama programme which emphasised hope could be found in the neighbourhood. Over 30 youth participants from four Youth S.P.O.Ts made recording to show their neighbourly sentiments, and to help the audience recall their own passions for their neighbours. A book entitled "*NEIGHBOURHOOD First: Radio Programme*" setting out the script, lyrics and relevant information, was published in July 2014 in order to share this experience with others.



Spread our Love to Community Project

Eight Youth S.P.O.Ts joined hands in providing training for over 100 young people throughout the year and facilitated them to present their thoughts and passions towards communities by producing short videos.

Strengthening Classroom Learning

During the year, a series of learning support services were provided to help young people consolidate classroom learning and improve their learning effectiveness, hence building up learning confidence, with an attendance of 259,161.

Learning Master Programme

The Learning Master Programme was developed by professional English teachers and frontline workers which aimed to improve the learning motivation of young people through Neuro-Linguistic Programming. The programme was co-organised by six Youth S.P.O.Ts to provide after-school learning support for primary and junior secondary school students.

Supporting Service to Students

For children with different study needs, provision was made for After-school Care Services, Homework Tutorial Support Services, as well as personal development and extracurricular activities. Families-in-need were supported with subsidies to join the services.

Community-based Projects

With the support from university volunteers, HKFYG Leadership 21 and Principal Chan Free Tutorial World, 11 Youth S.P.O.Ts provided free Neighbourhood-based tuition to disadvantaged students. About 130 students were matched with 120 volunteer tutors. This one-on-one tuition service effectively helps students who lack means, but still require help in their studies.



Web-based Community Classroom

A self-learning programme to facilitate students to learn on their own, this programme offered a series of videos on different subjects and topics, including English, Chinese, Economics, Maths, as well as information about studying abroad. These videos can be watched at the Federation's M21 School Net, M21 Community Net and also at our M21 website.

Extending Education Opportunities

Since 2011, 11 Youth S.P.O.Ts have jointly developed a series of extended education and enrichment courses, called "UP" series, promoting the concept of PACE: Progressive, Adaptive, Connective and Extended learning. The aim was to provide a wide variety of high quality learning activities in language, visual arts, music and adventure-based training. 1,690 UP courses were organised with a total attendance of 33,380 as of the end of March. Other than the "UP" series, total attendance to all services of Extending Education Opportunities reached 354,197.

UP Theatre Dance Performance

The UP Theatre Dance Performance was held on 20 October 2013 with around 1,000 performers and members of the audience.

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UP Stage Putonghua Speech Competition

The UP Stage Putonghua Speech Competition was held on 16 March 2014 and nearly 100 primary school and kindergarten students participated.

UP Gallery Exhibition

The UP Gallery Exhibition was held on 28 and 29 June 2014. Installation Art products and paintings by 2,130 youth were exhibited in the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, attracting over 1,000 visitors.

Connecting Young People

In order to encourage youth participation in sports, The HKFYG Cup was established, designated for five different tournaments, including Five-a-side Football, 3-on-3 Basketball, Ice Hockey, Dragon Boat Race and a Canoe Race. More than 1,400 young people participated in these events, with a total attendance of 810,901 for all these services for Connecting Young People.

World Cup 2014 @ Youth S.P.O.Ts

During the World Cup 2014, a series of football related activities were held in Youth S.P.O.Ts, including decorating the centres appropriately, producing a series of "Football Gladiator" video clips over the M21 Community Channel. The Final also had a community feel with the match being watched publicly at the HKFYG Jockey Club Sai Kung Outdoor Training Camp. A five-a-side football tournament was held in July to conclude the entire football season!



S.P.O.T. Sound Music Series

Promoting the uniqueness of bands, at midnight on 31 December 2013, a S.P.O.T. Sound Concert was held in HKFYG Tai Po Lions Youth S.P.O.T., bringing young people together to celebrate the New Year. This was followed by a further 13 S.P.O.T. Sound Concerts and workshops, as well as a S.P.O.T. Sound Camp held in the summer for those interested to learn more about playing in a band. All these efforts were broadcast through 13 video clips on the Youth S.P.O.Ts Music Channel of M21.

Other Significant Events

M21@Youth S.P.O.Ts

M21@Youth S.P.O.Ts stations were set up in all 21 Youth S.P.O.Ts, serving as satellites of its media services and connected with M21's major platforms with local communities, broadcasting live information, current affairs and educational programmes. Each Youth S.P.O.T. was also equipped with basic equipment to facilitate staff and youth members to make their own production, including, micro-movies, trailers, community programmes. Two community programmes were produced as well: "Community News Magazine" and "18•21".



M21 MULTIMEDIA SERVICES

M21 is both a multimedia web and a physical hub, with ten broadcasting channels covering programmes on current issues, school life, happenings in the community, music, environmental issues, travelling, variety shows, entertainment, culture and lifestyle and employment. All the programmes are produced by young people.

Three Core Services – Creative Production, Media Academy and Media Counselling

Through its three core services, young people are provided with all-round media training, as well as interactive broadcasting platforms for new media creation. Encouraged to be imaginative and innovative, they are able to unleash creativity in expressing ideas and aspirations, sharing dreams and hopes for the future. More than 250 young people are part of the M21 Youth Production Team.

Broadcast Platforms

M21 has established a wide broadcast network. Apart from M21.hk, there are M21 set-top boxes in 120 primary and secondary schools and 21 Youth S.P.O.Ts through which students and the general public can view M21's productions. In addition, the broadcast network is extended to different media and community platforms such as Asia Television Limited (ATV), 200 clinics, 50 Café de Coral shops, 170 Japan Home Centre outlets and Hong Kong Airlines in-flight entertainment system. On social media, M21 has its own YouTube channels and Facebook fan page.

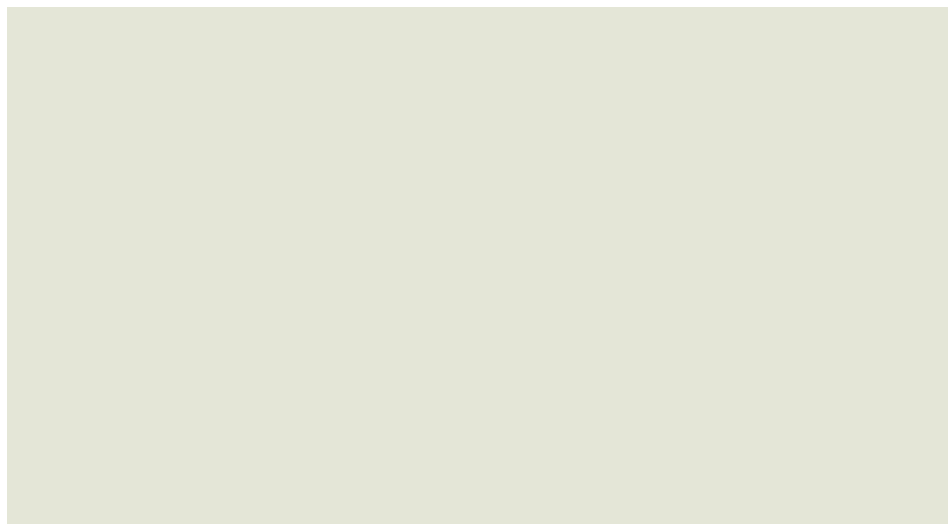


Public Policy Online@M21

M21 held a series of Youth Sharing Sessions on public policy with the Chief Executive, Mr. C.Y. Leung, GBM, GBS, JP and other Principal Officials, including Mrs. Carrie Lam, GBS, JP, Chief Secretary for Administration; Mr. John Tsang, GBM, JP, Financial Secretary; Mr. Rimsy Yuen, SC, JP, Secretary for Justice; Professor Anthony Cheung, GBS, JP, Secretary for Transport and Housing and Mr. Matthew Cheung, GBS, JP, Secretary for Labour and Welfare. Topics covered included the Policy Address, the Budget, poverty, political reform and long term housing strategies. Most of the sharing sessions were direct broadcasts, the purpose of which was to increase young people's interest and knowledge in current affairs, and to offer them the opportunity to express their opinion.

M21 "It's All About Youth" – My Favourite Chinese Songs Award Ceremony 2014

In order to show support to Hong Kong's creative songwriters, musicians and recording industry, M21 held its first music award ceremony with the support of *re:spect music magazine*. There were over 250 shortlisted songs and albums, with more than 70 favourite singers, bands and music groups that the public could vote for. 35 awards were given to 22 winners, either individually or in groups.



M21 Travel – The Young Traveller

"Go out and explore the possibilities of life!" was the theme of this project to encourage young people to step out their comfort zone and see the world. *The Young Traveller* has introduced travel initiatives, such as the Travel Exchange and Travel Mission, which give participants the opportunity travel free as they complete different tasks.

Travel Exchange provides an experimental experience for young people to work overseas and *Travel Mission*, which is sponsored by the SOCAM Development Limited, encourages travel with a social mission, such as Protecting the Earth, Caring for Children, Sustaining Happiness and Revolving Innovation. All the young travellers design their own travel plans and have thus far been to Cambodia, Japan, the Maldives, Myanmar and Russia, as well as Mainland China.

M21 Webisode – The Mans are OK

With sponsorship from HSBC, the M21 Youth Production Team produced a light-hearted sitcom series with an underlying message about life at home called *The Mans are OK*. As a webisode production and training programme for Southern District, it comprised of 13 five minute episodes reflecting the reality of family life.

Co-create HK – Very Hong Kong Video Competition

Young People captured "Very Hong Kong in the Eyes of Young People" with their video cameras over 21 hours. A total of 50 production teams were chosen to make five minute videos.



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M21 x ICAC Youth Micro Film Scheme

M21 and the ICAC co-organised the *Youth Micro Film Scheme: Integrity* to promote the value of integrity.

M21 x Hong Kong Electric Smart Power Campaign *Be Green Be Happy Short Movie Competition*

Under the theme “Starting Your Low Carbon Life on School Campus”, the *Be Green Be Happy Short Movie Competition* was co-organised by M21 and Hong Kong Electric, aimed at enhancing younger children’s awareness in protecting the environment and valuing resources. In addition, the short movies were used to promote a low carbon life to other students and the public.



M21 x Zonta Say NO to Violence against Women Micro Film Project

The Project, which will continue until October 2014, aims at sponsoring young and talented film producers to create micro films focusing on the theme of “Say NO to Violence against Women”. The films will be broadcast on online platforms and in public media to raise public awareness of violence against women.



“Kai Tak Fantasy” International Ideas Competition – *A Place for You Video Contest*

As the Managing Organisation of the *A Place for You Video Contest*, which was a sub-programme of the “Kai Tak Fantasy” International Ideas Competition, organised by the Energizing Kowloon East Office, Development Bureau, M21 encouraged the public to convey their vision and place-making ideas via video-based submissions.

The 5th Healthy Internet Video Contest

Since 2009, the Office for Film, Newspaper and Article Administration (which was previously called the Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority) and M21 collaborated to organise the *Healthy Internet Video Contest* to ensure the public understands the Control of Obscene and Indecent Materials Ordinance. The theme of the 5th Contest was *Tick Your Choice* and workshops on writing screenplays, editing films and acting were organised for almost 500 participants.



The 3rd Inter-school Internet Knowledge and Safety Quiz

To raise awareness about online safety and promote IT knowledge, the 3rd Inter-school Internet Knowledge and Safety Quiz was again supported by the Education Bureau, Office of the Government Chief Information Officer and new supporters: the Internet Society Hong Kong and Association of IT Leaders in Education. Eighty secondary schools joined the preliminary round with teams of three students. Eight schools were selected to go to the final.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES



Since its establishment in 2003, the Youth Employment Network (YEN) has acted as a bridge for youth to smoothen the transition from school to work by conducting programmes in schools, to offer advisory services to strengthen their ability in forward planning, to improve their employability skills, while at the same time, exploring work opportunities and encouraging the business sector to employ young people.

Over the past year, YEN cooperated with government departments, the private sector and other NGOs to offer various services.

Employability Enhancement

Life Banking Project: targeting senior secondary school students and focusing on school to work transition, this year saw over 28,881 students from 106 secondary schools participating in a series of activities, workshop and seminars. In response to the increasing need of career counselling in secondary schools, a pilot project with funding from The March of Social Engineers programme under the Li Ka Shing Foundation was launched. 85 cases from four secondary schools were handled.

Hope for Success supported by “Prudential Hong Kong Limited”, this is a programme which promotes the concept of planning and pursuing dream-careers to secondary school students through planning career paths. 500 students from 65 schools participated, with 50 finalists receiving scholarships to implement their plan with guidance from social workers.

Burberry Create Hong Kong 2013 Internship Training: With support from the Burberry Foundation, YEN launched an internship training programme for students having completed their Diploma of Secondary Education (DSE). The programme included two creative training workshops and a seven-week internship training for the 18 students selected to participate.

Project Bridge: funded by The Keswick Foundation, in February 2013, YEN launched a three-year project to provide one-stop support services for 400 young people aged 15 to 24 (unemployed youths and secondary school students) who had been assessed or suspected of having specific learning disabilities. This past year, there were 108 cases with an employment rate of over 80%.

Youth Employment and Vocational Training Programme: Under the coordination of the Labour Department and the Employees Retraining Board, YEN attended 230 cases of unemployed youth between the ages of 15 and 24, and conducted 16 training courses on employment skills for about 184 participants.

Employment Creation

Employer Network: Formally launched in 2004, the Network uses the Internet and email to bring notice of job vacancies to young people. Liaising with the business sector, over 120 job vacancies were created with related on-the-job training provided. Employers this year included:

- The Airport Authority of Hong Kong
- Ocean Park, Hong Kong
- Hair Do Designing
- Speedy Group

The Youth Career Expo: YEN organised two large-scale Youth Career Expos. These expos served as “One-stop-shops” and 1,000 young people were able to access information and assistance.



Supporting Entrepreneurship

With endorsement from Youth Business International (YBI), the Federation launched Youth Business Hong Kong (YBHK) in July 2005 to assist young people to start their own businesses and become entrepreneurs by providing seed money in the form of interest-free loans. Would-be entrepreneurs are also allocated business mentors who provide specialist and professional advice and training, as well as linking up young people with wider business networks. During the reporting period, YBHK received 88 business proposals applying for support, with 11 being approved with a total loan amounting to HK\$380,000.

The Federation is one of the participating NGOs of the Microfinance Scheme, operated by the government-owned Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited, to help those eager to start their own business, be self-employed or fulfil self-enhancement through training with loans and related support. A total of six cases were approved in this financial year with a total loan amounting to HK\$1,450,000.

Supported by Barclays, YBHK received a grant to conduct entrepreneurship training to more under-served youth. Entrepreneurship seminars and sharing by entrepreneurs were organised in tertiary institutes to expose them to alternative options to traditional employment. YBHK also extended the “Youth Entrepreneurship Course” to offer training to equip young people with essential skills for setting up businesses, which was listed as one of the Entrepreneurial Courses by the Microfinance Scheme.

As a strategic partner of Entrepreneur Day organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, YBHK provided handy tips and up-to-date information in how to start new businesses. The “Entrepreneur Arena” was conducted once again with overwhelming support, providing an exciting platform for young people to pitch their business ideas to the public. YBHK’s youth businesses also benefited from free booths to showcase their products and services which attracted over 13,500 visitors. Thematic talks by youth entrepreneurs and on-site consultations helped visitors learn more. Participation at the World Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) Expo also presented YBHK to the worldwide visitors.

To further promote the entrepreneurship in Hong Kong, YBHK successfully collaborated with TVB to launch a TV programme “I am A Boss”. With YBHK encouragement, six YBHK supported youth businesses joined the programme to promote their business and obtained a total of HK\$550,000 as start-up seed money.



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Youth Social Enterprises

Project Dance Studio, sponsored by the Home Affairs Bureau, aims at providing professional dance training for young people who want to work in the entertainment industry. This year, Project Dance Studio organised advanced tutor training for 20 participants with seven graduates becoming dance teachers at Youth S.P.O.Ts, schools and other NGOs. The Studio also organised a dance camp and a school project, "Sparklers", which provided experiential learning opportunities for hundreds of secondary school students.

The HKFYG Organic Farm, of over 160,000 square feet, is located in Yuen Long. Set up in 2010, the Farm promotes healthy living and environment and is the only local farm with a USDA organic certification. Over the past year, the Farm produced around 44,000 cabbages of seasonal crops. The Farm also serves as an educational platform and invites young people to try their hand at planting and harvesting and served around 28,226 visitors this year.

ORGANIC 21, is a café located in the Central District adjacent to the historic Police Married Quarters (PMQ). The café provides creative and healthy organic food, some of which come from the Federation's Organic Farm. Since its opening, the café has been steadily growing in popularity. The retail store next door sells organic food stuff and other products sourced from all over the world. The aim of both the café and the shop is to promote an organic life style. In addition, ORGANIC 21 hires young people living in the WL Residence nearby, providing them with job opportunities as well as training in the restaurant and retail business.



Café 21, managed and run by a group of young people, provides quality food and beverages, ranging from brewing signature coffees to epicurean cooking. This year, Café 21 partnered with ORGANIC 21 as well as the Organic Farm to offer retail sales of organic produce to a wide range of customers. Café 21 is also available for party catering services and the premises can be rented for seminars, training and private parties.

Jade Art, set up in 2014 with support from Mrs. Lisa Cheung of "Lisa's Collection", is a unique jewellery shop in PMQ in Central. This social enterprise aims to nurture the appreciation of Chinese craftsmanship and tradition. Each piece of fashionable jewellery is made from a rare, valuable artefact. Courses are provided for young people to learn the art of making jewellery from antiques, enabling them to be future Ambassadors of Chinese culture.



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LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Since April 2000, Leadership 21 has been providing comprehensive leadership training for young people aged between 15 and 34, in order to ensure that there is a pool of high-quality leaders for the development of Hong Kong in the 21st century. Over the past 14 years, Leadership 21 has provided almost 1.1 million training hours for more than 110,000 local secondary school and university student leaders. In addition, the Basic Certificate Course for Head Prefects is now an accredited leadership training course for secondary school students under the Qualifications Framework. As part of the expansion of its operations, the Federation is in the process of establishing The HKFYG Institute for Leadership Development at the site of the former Fanling Magistracy to provide more systematic and comprehensive leadership training which will further cultivate talented youth leaders for the future.

“Hong Kong 200” Leadership Project

This ten-year training project began in 2006 with support from the All-China Youth Federation. Every year, the project brings together 200 young leaders who receive intensive leadership training in Hong Kong and on the Mainland. Over the past eight years, 1,600 young people have been nurtured to expand their horizons, develop their talents and strengthen their sense of responsibility. This summer, participants will undergo a diversity of local training activities to learn and apply means of social innovation. They will also go to Guangzhou to implement social service projects in collaboration with mainland university students and NGOs.



Summer School for Effective Leadership

For the past seven years, and in collaboration with The University of Hong Kong, the *Summer School for Effective Leadership – An Overture to Global Leadership* has been held. This year's nine-day programme welcomed as guest speakers, Mr. Simon Peh Yun-lu, Commissioner of the ICAC; Mr. Stephen Fisher of Oxfam Hong Kong; Dr. David Wong Yau-kar of Business and Professionals Federation of Hong Kong as well as Mr. Chong Chan-yau from EL2100.

In addition, a new programme entitled the *Summer School for Effective Leadership – The Art of Public Speaking* was started in collaboration with The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Speakers at this six-day programme included, Mr. Kelvin Cheung from UnLtd Hong Kong; Mr. Vivek Mahbubani, 2013 Hong Kong Spirit Ambassador; Mr. Yang Kwong-yue, 2nd Place Winner of Toastmasters International 2011 International Speech Contest and Mr. Philip Yeung, former speechwriter to the President of HKUST.

Hang Seng Bank – Leaders to Leaders Lecture Series

Since 2004, together with The University of Hong Kong, the Federation has been jointly organising the “*Leaders to Leaders*” *Lecture Series*, solely supported by Hang Seng Bank. The theme chosen for this 10th Anniversary year was “Emerging Trends in Asia”. The six guest speakers for the year included Dr. Law Chi-kwong, GBS, JP (Chairperson of Community Care Fund Task Force, Commission on Poverty), the Hon. Mr. Justice Bokhary, GBM (Non-Permanent Judge, The Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal), Mr. Francis Ngai Wa-sing (Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Social Ventures Hong Kong), Prof. Gabriel Matthew Leung, GBS, JP (Dean of the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong), Ms. Ada Ho Ching-ying (Director, L plus H Fashion and L plus H Creations Foundation) and Mr. Antony Leung Kam-chung, GBS, JP (Group Chief Executive, Nan Fung Group).



VOLUNTEER SERVICES

The Youth Volunteer Network (VNET) was established in 1998, with the aim of promoting youth volunteerism in Hong Kong. Thanks to continued support from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, VNET provides young people with a variety of opportunities to give back to the community.

“I am a Volunteer” Campaign

To engage young people in volunteer service and solicit support from the public and schools, VNET launched the ‘I am a Volunteer’ Campaign in response to the two global events of volunteerism, namely the Global Youth Service Day and International Volunteer Day.

2013 Global Youth Service Day

To increase awareness about environmental issues, a “Volunteer Experiential Day” was held to engage 100 volunteers and 400 participants to learn and participate in waste reduction, food recycling and organic vegetable planting projects. Interviews with environmental concern groups and tips on how to be green were shared and posted on specific webpages, with the message “Go Green”.

International Volunteer Day

VNET encouraged non-profit organisations to become Service Opportunity Providers (SOPs) and to upload their services, especially those related to neighbourhoods, onto the Federation’s new search engine, “easyvolunteer.hk”. Nearly 8,000 visits were recorded during the online promotional period.



Heart to Heart Project

For the ninth year, the Federation carried out the *Heart to Heart Project*, which builds up cross-sector collaboration between schools and the commercial sector. A total of 225 schools signed up and 127 companies supported 121 school volunteer service projects, which contributed 2,589,364 service hours.

NEIGHBOURHOOD Teams

In view of promoting social inclusion and mutual help in the community, 2,430 youth volunteers from 112 NEIGHBOURHOOD Teams cared for over 36,000 neighbours.

Easyvolunteer.hk

To make use of the internet, VNET launched “easyvolunteer.hk”, an online platform which provides one-stop service delivery. By also including volunteer matching, training archives, sharing platforms and a bonus point scheme, this proved to be popular. The soft launch was held in November 2013 and promotional emails were sent out to over 20,000 registered volunteers and nearly 100 affiliated organisations.



Volunteer Training and Exchange Opportunity

Training for schools, corporate volunteers and volunteer leaders

VNET delivered talks for students of Buddhist Wai Yan Memorial College, and provided Service Learning Programme to students of La Salle Primary School and YMCA of Hong Kong Christian College. VNET was also invited by the “Associacao De Beneficencia Sin Meng” to introduce value of volunteerism and service planning for youth volunteers in Macau.

In collaboration with other Federation service units and corporates, two tailor-made induction courses for NEIGHBOURHOOD Teams leaders were initiated and 61 corporate volunteers from nine Heart to Heart Companies were trained to be storytellers for children.

Dongguan Volunteer Programme

Jointly operated with the Dongguan Zhongguo Community Service Centre, VNET organised a four-day “Dongguan Volunteer Programme” from 6 to 9 June 2013. A total of 33 volunteers conducted teaching classes, a birthday party as well as home visits for 562 children whose parents worked long hours. VNET received positive response from participating volunteers, who reported a better understanding about recent development in China and had deeper reflection over the lives of migrant workers from rural areas into the city.

Publications

Report on Zhongshan Sanxiang Youth Volunteer Leaders Training Programme (e-book)

The report consolidated the learning experience and reflections of the participating volunteers. An E-version of the report is also available on the website of VNET.

Awards

Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award

Two of the Federation’s outstanding youth volunteers, Ms. Chan Mei-ting and Ms. Wong Lok-yin, won the Outstanding Youth Volunteers 2013-14 awards from the Social Welfare Department.

Top Ten Highest Service Hours Award

The Federation’s dedication to promote youth volunteerism in Hong Kong has won recognition from the Social Welfare Department, ranking fifth in a territory-wide “Top 10 Highest Service Hours Award 2012” presented by the Steering Committee on the Promotion of Volunteer Service under the public organisation category.

Service Statistics

In the past year, VNET has received 10,937 new volunteer registrations, constituting a total of 179,483 registered volunteers. Volunteers contributed a total of 770,912 service hours in which 28,680 active VNET registered volunteers devoted their passion and time. There were also 2,589,364 hours contributed by schools from the *Heart to Heart Project* and over 1,500 volunteer training programmes were offered with the attendance of 62,855.



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YOUTH AT RISK SERVICES



Through existing outreaching social work teams and youth support scheme, the HKFYG Youth Crime Prevention Centre (YCPC) provides five categories of services: prevention education, crisis intervention and professional assessments, counselling and treatment, multi-disciplinary collaboration, and advocacy, focusing primarily in three areas of concern: youth crime and deviance, sex-related issues and drug abuse. There were 4,570 cases dealt with and 498 programmes organised during 2013-14 with a total attendance of 105,598. There were also 125 professional volunteers from different sectors who gave their time as advisers, partners or trainers.



Prevention Education

There were more than 47,000 visits to the **Youthlaw website** and 1,727 downloads of the **Youthlaw Apps** thus indicating that people were seeking help and information on issues of deviance and delinquency. Volunteers and professionals helped **YouthVoice** produce 21 radio episodes which discussed the criminal ramifications of deviant behaviour, while also promoting positive messages on lawful and anti-drug, as well as sexually appropriate behaviour.

116 Education and Identification Workshops and Programmes were conducted focusing on young people to enhance law abiding values, increase awareness on self-protection and understand the consequences of risky sex and taking drugs.

Project iSmart, is the first youth technology crime prevention programme in Hong Kong organised by the Hong Kong Police and a non-governmental agency. The project provided information about how to avoid falling prey to criminals and the danger of being entrapped online. Short films with real case studies are uploaded to the Youthlaw App.

Extreme Sports Law-Abiding Campaign – Using extreme sports and engaging 39 young people in Tseung Kwan O, valuing the law was promoted, with 350 neighbourhoods joining in promoting the same message.

Crisis Intervention and Professional Assessments

YCPC Hotline 81009669 provides hotline services with crisis intervention, dealing with crime and deviancy, as well as sex and drug related issues. Crisis assessments were conducted on 340 youths cautioned under the Police Superintendent's Discretionary Scheme in six police stations this year.

“Project R” has been a first programme jointly organised by the YCPC and Hong Kong Police in the New Territories South District, focusing on juveniles aged 10-17 who are already either under arrest or investigation. Granted support by The Keswick Foundation for next three years, Project R has already served 330 arrested young people this year.



Counselling and Treatment

Youth Crime and Deviance

Professional counsellors handled 3,275 criminal and deviant behavioural cases this year, while 623 street gang or triad-related cases were served by two projects: the **Sanshou Anti-Violence Project** funded by the Social Welfare Department and **Project Fire** funded by “Love Ideas • Love HK”. Both the projects provided skills training, adventure-based activities, and mock court activities to enhance individual worth and instil values in the participants.

E.Positive – Youth Gang Counselling Scheme: this year saw 51 programmes serving 828 young people by providing cognitive behavioural counselling, social skills training, and positive life activities.

Two projects under the **Youth Violence Project – Life Decode** and **Project Teens** – served 26 youth providing them with the skills to manage anger and solve problems in order to stop violent behaviour.



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Anti-theft Counselling Projects which included the **Cross-over Anti-theft (CAT) project**, **Project i-Step** and **Project Loving**, were available for young shoplifters by offering counselling.

Two mentorship programmes, **Project X** and **Project Friends**, in cooperation with 40 students from Lingnan University and The Chinese University of Hong Kong, served 40 young offenders cautioned under the Police Superintendent's Discretionary Scheme. The university students acted as mentors and role models.

Midnight Training conducted various kinds of career skills training classes in the midnight, in order to enhance the young night drifters' motivation and abilities on job seeking and skills. 130 youths participated in 18 training classes.

Sex-Related Issues

623 youth cases with sex-related issues had been served. **LoveSim Workshop**, **Project Love 4S**, **Art Counselling Group** had been carried out to provide skill training, arts programmes and visitation for 106 at-risk youths to cultivate appropriate sex and love values, enhance self-protection awareness and impulse management skills, and understand the risks of compensation sex and related issues.

Drug Abuse

This year 672 cases were dealt with.

Project IAPT (Improving Access to Psychological Therapies), sponsored by Beat Drugs Fund and in cooperation with Kwai Chung Hospital, provided comprehensive psychological assessments with low and high intensity modules, as well as clinical psychological services for 39 young drug abusers, 389 at-risk youth and 60 parents over the course of the year.

A **Three-hour Anti-drug Workshop** was carried out for 347 young offenders, with the use of multimedia and story writing as part of the therapy.



Advocacy and Service Development

Turning Point – Youth Improvement Award - On 22 August 2013 eight young people, who managed to overcome extremely difficult obstacles as part of their recovery from deviant and other behaviour, were recognised for their efforts. They stand as models of encouragement to other at risk youth.

A **Study on Cyber-crime and Cyber-deviance among Adolescents in Hong Kong** was conducted.

The book **“Gang Days: Six Reflections by Former Gang Members”** was published. The book set out real stories over three decades, illustrating the changing culture and behaviour of youth gangs, concluding with suggested preventive education and treatment strategies for helping young gang members.

WL Residence (WLR)

The WLR provides short term residential services with life planning guidance and career skills training for youth aged between 18 and 24 year olds. This year, 24 youth were served.



New Initiatives

The main focus of the Youth Crime Prevention Centre in the coming year is to produce a CBT counselling manual on youth gangs, and also to develop risk assessment tools and counselling packages focusing on youth violence. With sponsorship from “Love HK Your Way”, a simulation supermarket will be used as part of a treatment for young shoplifters.



COUNSELLING SERVICES

To assist young people face their differing challenges at various stages of their development, the Federation offers the following services:



Student Support Services

Student support services are offered to the students from kindergarten to secondary school and are also available for teachers and parents.

Guidance and Counselling through School Stationing

Through the Student Guidance Team, stationing school social work services were provided to 28 primary schools and four kindergartens. In total, 485 cases were handled, dealing with emotional, behavioural, psychological and family problems. There were also 12,988 consultations and 1,125 activities arranged for students, parents and teachers.

School stationing services were also rendered to 36 secondary schools. Of these, 20 schools were served by ten Youth S.P.O.Ts and the remaining 16 were served by the School Social Work Unit. A total of 1,534 cases were handled while 8,380 consultations and 1,301 sessions were offered to students, teachers and their parents.



Enhancement Services for Students' Learning

Services for Students with Special Educational Needs

The HKFYG Jockey Club Student Support Centre was sponsored by The Community Chest of Hong Kong to launch Project Easy II – Dyslexic Students Counselling Service. Over the year, ten training and five therapeutic groups were organised to help dyslexic students acquire effective learning skills and improve their emotional and behavioural problems. Seminars, workshops and mutual support groups were also held to equip teachers and parents with practical techniques in handling special learning difficulties.

Through the Student Guidance Team 13 primary schools benefited from individual training and courses for students with dyslexia, autism or attention deficit hyperactive disorder. Courses were also organised for the parents.

Counselling and training groups were offered to secondary school students with special educational needs. Experiential activities were provided to dyslexic students to build up their self-confidence and motivation to study while counselling groups were organised to those afflicted with Asperger's syndrome, and Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder.

Other Learning Experiences

About 500 sessions of "Other Learning Experiences" were held, covering four areas: "Moral and Civic Education", "Career-related Experiences", "Community Services" and "Arts Education".

Value Education

Learn to Love – Love and Sex Education in Schools

In order to help students build up positive values about love and sex education, the Quality Education Fund sponsored this project for 15 months. This project organised a special curriculum on the topic for primary and secondary students, as well as talks and sharing sessions for parents and teachers. In total, 521 sessions were held for 2,497 students, 416 teachers and parents from 20 primary and secondary schools.





Enhancement Services for Developing the Resilience of Students

Healthy School Programme in Tai Po District

As a result of its effectiveness in promoting anti-drug message to students, the Healthy School Programme in Tai Po District was extended for two more years. In total, 125 programme sessions which comprised of visits, talks, workshops and services were organised for students from two secondary schools.

Life Planning Service for Senior Secondary Students

To help secondary students set up life plans and to enhance their motivation in achieving their goals, a series of talks on higher education and career planning were offered. Along with vocational aptitude tests, simulation games and interview workshops, students from 20 secondary schools were assisted through 134 programme sessions.

School-based After-school Learning and Support Programme

Different experience and exposure for enrichment were provided for underprivileged students from three secondary and ten primary schools.



Understanding Adolescent Project (Primary)

This project offered a variety of activities to develop the resilience of students from 49 primary schools.

Counselling Services for Cyber Youth

As cyber safety issues become a greater concern, along with internet addictive behaviour, the Youth Wellness Centre (YWC) launched the "Smart Netizon" Forum Theatre Training and Performance Show from September 2013 to March 2014. With support from the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education, a series of developmental groups and theatre training were offered to 40 active internet users, which culminated in a stage show on 30 March 2014 demonstrating new challenges encountered in the cyber world.

The YWC continues its close collaboration with schools and continues to organise developmental groups, educational talks, board-games and volunteering activities. Over the past year, 1,868 consultations and 505 programme sessions with 8,894 participants were recorded.



Media Counselling

Media Counselling Centre

The Media Counselling Centre provides immediate support to youth in crisis by means of hotline and online counselling.

Hotline Services

Youthline 27778899 remains committed to provide an immediate and convenient channel for young people to express their concerns and emotions through the telephone. This year, there were 476,202 incoming calls registered, with 43,929 cases handled. The top three concern of young people were issues related to mental health, emotions and schooling.

Infoline Service

Infoline, a 24-hour free telephone service, consistently provides counselling messages and useful information to youngsters. It aims at helping primary school students develop positive attitudes and enhance their coping skills and callers are also encouraged to share their thoughts by leaving messages in the voice box. Over the past year, a total of 257,259 callers listened to stories and performances on Infoline.



Online counselling

Sponsored by the Lotteries Fund, “uTouch” online outreach counselling service aims at identifying, connecting and rendering services to online youth at risk aged from 6 to 24 with emotional, behavioural and addiction problems. A help-seeking app “Something” was launched to provide convenient help. From April 2013 to the end of March 2014, 6,207 caring messages were left for online youth at risk with 1,374 of them successfully engaged.

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To help candidates sitting the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) cope with stress and help them plan for higher studies, a series of mock interviews and trial classes were held. Through talks and workshops, 9,204 DSE students and their parents participated. The DSE channel with videos was set up and social workers and volunteers offered immediate assistance through hotline and online services.



Youth Assessment and Development

The HKFYG Youth Assessment and Development Centre (YADC) provides early identification, assessment and training to children with learning difficulties, speech delay, developmental needs or emotional disturbances up to 18 years old. Apart from assessments, the Centre also offers diverse programmes and training in order to develop children’s multiple intelligence and enhance their learning and social skills.

From 2013 to 2014, the Centre received 706 enquiries from parents and schools. Clinical assessments for 86 children offered by educational psychologists, speech therapists, and occupational therapists were conducted, focusing on such problems as lack of concentration, poor social skills, poor sensory integration, or difficulties in emotional control. A further 1,757 children attended the Centre’s training, developmental and interest classes. Parents too were catered for through the “Smart Parents” talk series held in January and February 2014.



EDUCATION SERVICES

The Federation runs two non-profit making kindergartens-cum-nurseries, one non-profit kindergarten, one aided primary school and one Direct Subsidy Scheme secondary school, all with the same vision for quality education. The HKFYG Continuous Learning Centre continues this passion by encouraging lifelong education and providing young people with an inspiring learning platform outside formal education.



Pre-primary Education

A new Quality Review (QR) Framework was introduced by the Education Bureau (EDB) in 2004 to ensure and maintain the quality of pre-primary education. Kindergartens have to meet the prescribed standards established in the QR Framework to continue participating in the Pre-primary Education Voucher Scheme (PEVS). EDB has started another 5-year review cycle and we are proud and pleased that HKFYG Ching Lok Kindergarten (Yaumatei) had successfully passed the recent external review. Reviewers commended our strategic implementation of picture book approach, the all-around self assessment scheme, the smooth curriculum transition, the good social development of students, the flexible use of classrooms and the school-based parent-child reading activity book that greatly helped to promote parent-child reading.

Our 3 kindergartens continued the implementation of picture book approach, which found to be a great way to arouse children's imagination, creativity, curiosity, critical thinking, language development and most importantly, nurture a reading habit at a young age. Several workshops were held to enhance teachers' teaching skills in developing picture book activities. To increase the picture book resources, HKFYG Ching Lok Kindergarten joined the Bookcase Library Programme partnered by Bring Me a Book Hong Kong and sponsored by Hyatt International. A launch ceremony took place at the school on 10 April 2014. Over 30 volunteers from Hyatt hotels came to read to the children. It was encouraging that students were more motivated to read books on their own after adopting a picture book approach.

Primary Education

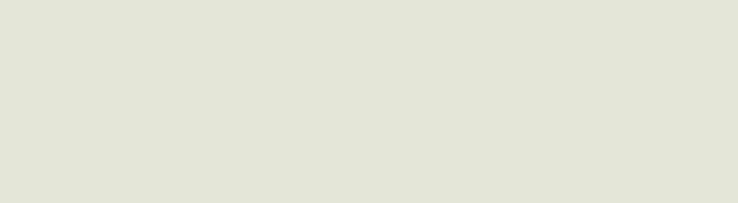
The HKFYG Lee Shau Kee Primary School (LSKPS) emphasises developing students' language proficiency and towards this end, senior students were provided with a school-based writing workshop tailor-designed according to their levels of English. This arrangement was able to maximise their individualised potential in English writing. Students were also encouraged to put into practice what they had learnt.

For the past four years, the HSBC Volunteer English Teaching Programme has been conducted with an average of 20 native English speaking volunteers coming in on Wednesdays. The volunteers provided English speaking learning opportunities for different levels of students through storytelling, games and individual presentation.

The school also organised "Having fun in Stanley". This involved taking students to Stanley, ordering lunch, making a pizza, and interviewing English speaking tourists so as to improve their English communication skills.

To further refine teachers' pedagogical skills in linking Chinese reading to writing, LSKPS has participated in the "Mainland – Hong Kong Teachers Exchange and Collaboration Programme" for the past two years. The success of this programme has resulted in the EDB inviting the teachers to share their experience with other local schools, based on their professional and collaborative teaching with Mainland experts.





Secondary Education

The HKFYG Lee Shau Kee College (HLC) aims to promote academic excellence and nurture students of impeccable character. Regular reviews and adjustments in curriculum design and pedagogy are carried out as HLC identifies the learning styles and needs of students, while arranging suitable learning experience for them. HLC students are assigned teacher mentors who ensure regular progress.

HLC emphasises unleashing the potential of all its students. The Talent Pool Scheme and Extended Programmes provide gifted students different opportunities for advancement, by encouraging them to take part in competitions, visits and conferences, ambassador schemes and leadership training. This year, students gained a number of distinctions in International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). Students from Business, Accounting and Financial Studies (BAFS) beat 300 teams to be awarded 2nd Runner Up in The Accounting and Business Management Case Competition. The students also did well in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE), with a pass rate of over 90% in all the four core subjects, with the pass rate in English standing at 100%. Over 85% of students were eligible for applying to continue their education at tertiary level.

HLC expanded the scope of Technology Education to nurture generic and life skills by introducing Technology Day to S1 students. The knowledge context focused on “Technology and Living” and supported by life-learning experience through an education camp, HLC is moving towards a balanced and holistic Technology Education curriculum framework.

Continuous Education

The HKFYG Continuous Learning Centre maintains its programme by offering a variety of quality assurance courses and has gained a reputation for excellence and high standards. This year, the following courses have been accredited under the Qualifications Framework and proved to be very popular: the “Certification in Playgroup Tutor Training” and the “Certification in Clinic Assistant Training”.

Another popular course was the “Advanced Mediation Training”, offered since 2010 and which resulted in the publication of *Understanding Mediation: A Guide Book to Theories and Cases*.



PARENTING SERVICES

The Parent-child Mediation Centre and the Family Life Education Units in Tai Po / North District, Kowloon City, Yuen Long, Eastern / Wanchai and Tsuen Wan / Kwai Tsing continued to adopt and promote mediation as an effective way of conflict resolution. The professional services offered included mediation services, talks, workshops and family activities to help parents and children develop a sense of responsibility and mutual respect, to establish two-way communication.

Service Highlights

Parent-child Mediation Service

Nearly 100 parent-child pairs benefited this year from learning the principles and skills of mediation.

Parent and Family Life Education Programmes

The Centre organised 141 mediation related programmes in which 7,013 participants acquired effective skills on parent-child conflict resolution. Moreover, 174 family life education programmes were provided to 7,154 parents and adolescents to build up positive ways of parent-child communication.



Internet Programmes

In order to connect with more parents online, the Centre collaborated with M21 to produce a phone-in programme, "Chit-chat on Parenting" from December 2013 to January 2014. Focusing on six parenting topics, including "Ways for Conflict Management", "How to reward good exam results?", "Is courtship a death penalty?", "Is money the answer?", "How to handle children's untidiness", "Are smartphones the cause of all troubles?", were covered. One video featuring a real life story entitled, "A story in my city" was produced as well. All these internet programmes attracted more than 1,300 viewers.

Other Collaborative Programmes

Supportive Network for Mainland Women Immigrants

With funding support from BOCHK "Caring Hong Kong - A Heart Warming Campaign", a two-year project was implemented from September 2011 to August 2013 in Kwun Tong and Wong Tai Sin. The aim was to establish a mutually supportive network for new arrival women and strengthen their personal and parental competencies. During these two years, nine primary schools, five kindergartens and four NGOs joined and a total of 997 programme sessions were organised, with a total attendance of over 15,500. More than 700 woman immigrants were connected, out of which 310 were characterised with social withdrawal symptoms. Through participation and sharing, 165 women joined as volunteers who contributed more than 3,000 service hours in total. Some mutual support groups were also formed.

Parental Education Talk Series

The Federation continued to co-organise the territory-wide parental education talk series with the Vocational Training Council for the 9th year. Three talks were held with over 1,700 attendants.



Peak Project

Sponsored by The Peak Tramways Company Limited, a family programme was organised before Christmas. Nearly 100 parents and their children from deprived families joined the trip to the Peak. Through different family games and activities, both parents and children learned various tips like speaking positively, listening and laughing more, as well as showing more appreciation to family members.

Noah's Ark Tour

Funded by and with volunteers from HSBC, 42 low income parents and their children went on a tour of "Noah's Ark" on the first Sunday in April. It was a wonderful day out with lots of moments to share and treasure. Both volunteers and participants found it extremely rewarding and enjoyable.



Publication

The Family with Conflicts

In order to promote the concept of mutual sharing and compromise between parents and children, a book was produced in collaboration with Tobi Wong, a young artist. In *The Family with Conflicts*, there are 48 scenarios of parent-child conflicts in a family with parents and three children ranging in age from 5 to 14. Some reflective questions and concrete parenting tips were provided as well to enhance skills of conflict management and parenting.



CREATIVITY EDUCATION AND YOUTH EXCHANGE

The Federation promotes creativity as a major foundation stone, not only for knowledge acquisition, but also for practical effect.



The HKFYG Centre for Creative Science and Technology (CCST)

Since its establishment, CCST has been endeavoured to provide a series of hands-on science learning programmes for young people to embark on a journey of science exploration. In 2013-14, more than 46,000 students and teachers took part in 214 programmes, including workshops, seminars, competitions and local and overseas exchange studies.

A "1+1 Science Tip-Top Talent Scheme" was newly introduced in this year with five science talents from secondary schools provided with research funds and matched with scholars from local universities as mentors to extend their science capabilities.

The Hong Kong Odyssey of the Mind Programme (OMP)

Now in its 19th year, 2014 saw 603 students in 67 teams joining in the local competitions. Creative programmes included, the 'Odyssey Pin Design Competition', the 'Odyssey T-shirt Design Competition', 'Team Parade cum Competitions', 'Art Jamming', and the 'Creativity Challenge', all of which resulted in great creativity and problem solving skills among students.

Remarkable results were achieved by Hong Kong teams at the World Finals held in the United States over the past years. Congratulations to Buddhist Wong Wan Tin College winning the World Championship in the 2014 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals.



The Hong Kong FLL-cum-Jr. FLL Robotics Tournament (FLL)

Partnering with The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Semia Ltd., the Hong Kong FLL-cum-Jr. FLL Robotics Tournament was held in February 2014. Under the FLL theme of "Nature's Fury" and the Jr. FLL theme of "Disaster Blaster", over 500 participants from 40 primary and secondary schools and youth organisations designed and built robots or models. The students also researched and created innovative solutions to prepare, cope and rebuild after natural disasters.

Carmel Secondary School and Tai Po Old Market Public School (Plover Cove) were crowned the Championship in the Secondary Division and Primary Division respectively. S.K.H. Kei Fook Primary School won the Jr.FLL Champion's Award. Winning teams will represent Hong Kong at the FLL World Festival in America in April 2014.

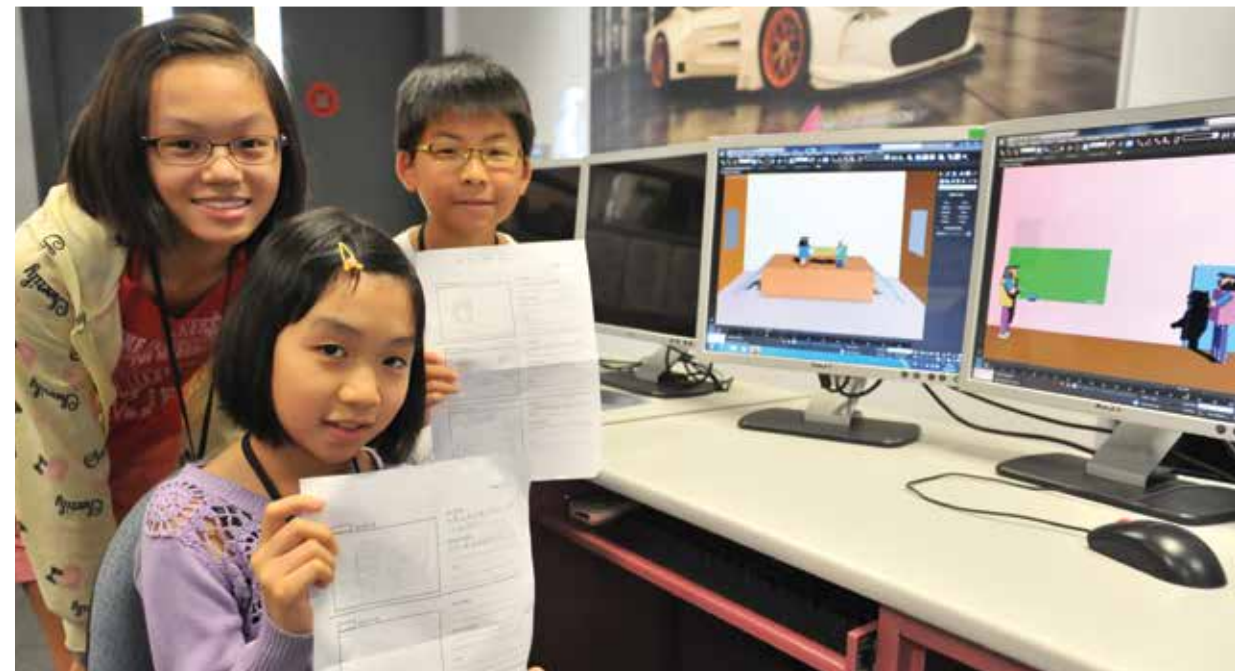
The Hong Kong Student Science Project Competition (SSPC)

Jointly organised by the Federation, the Education Bureau and the Hong Kong Science Museum, under sponsorship from the Innovation and Technology Commission and venue sponsorship from Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, SSPC was launched in May 2013. The theme was "From Theory to Practice • Develop Science Potential" and was to encourage students to apply their knowledge creatively and practically. This year's SSPC had 254 teams from 97 secondary schools participating and the four champion teams were sponsored for an exchange tour to Japan.



The Hong Kong Green Mech Contest

This year, the Hong Kong Green Mech Contest was held at the Tsuen Wan Discovery Park Shopping Centre with about 300 students from 46 schools. Teams applied green energy concepts, plus knowledge of physics, chemistry, and mechanics to create models with different stages and the nine winning teams will represent Hong Kong at the World Green Mech Contest to be held in Taiwan in August 2014.



LEAD Project

Learning through Engineering, Art and Design (LEAD) had an active year.

LEAD's Publication Goes International

Two English books about Scratch programming, translated from the original LEAD's publication *Easy LEAD Programming: The Scratch Musketeers* proved to be so popular and was ranked first on the Bestseller's List in the United States by Amazon in the programming related category. Published by the No Starch Press, they were a hit with young people, parents and teachers alike. Nearly 28,000 copies were sold by the end of 2013 and translations into Czech, Slovak and Korean have also been published.

LEAD Creative Class

With continuous sponsorship from the Hung Hing Ying and Leung Hau Ling Charitable Foundation, and support from Education Bureau, the programme expanded its inter-school "Scratch Collaborative Learning" project to seven mainstream and special needs schools, emphasising learning through design and coding on curriculum-related Scratch educational games. The programme also conducted 42 workshops on Scratch and Tinkercad 3D design software, serving 955 students from 30 schools, together with three ICT training workshops for 109 teachers from 61 schools, facilitating the integration of ICT concepts and software into school curriculum.

EWeek Hong Kong 2013

LEAD continued to partner with IBM China/Hong Kong Ltd on *EWeek*, a signature programme of the US National Engineers Week Foundation. The localised programme acted as a catalyst for problem-solving and collaboration by young people with seminar, hands-on activities and contest on engineering, promoting STEM concepts to over 2,700 students from 18 secondary schools.

LEAD @ Hong Kong Science Museum

LEAD was invited by the Hong Kong Science Museum to collaborate with the Dinosaur Model Making Family Workshops at the largest-ever dinosaur exhibition to be held in Hong Kong. Called *Legends of the Giant Dinosaurs*, the exhibition featured workshops on Saturdays from November 2013 to March 2014. A total of 455 participants learned about dinosaurs and geometry to create their very own 3D dinosaur models with 4DFrame, a multi-discipline learning tool approved by the Ministry of Education, Republic of Korea, and introduced to Hong Kong by LEAD in 2012.



Other Learning Experience (OLE) Tours for Secondary Students

The Youth Exchange Unit continued to provide school-based study tours to the Mainland and overseas for students, in particular, secondary students. With support from the Commission on Youth - Community Participation Scheme for Organizing Exchange Tours to the Mainland, eight trips were organised for 290 local students and 20 students from Sun Yat-Sen University in Zhongshan, to learn more about the needs of migrant workers' children and provide various kinds of voluntary services for them. During the service trips, the students had deep discussions on the subject. This enabled them to propose policy and service ideas which were subsequently presented at a Report Back seminar with academics and sponsors as commentators.

Exposure Series

Three trips to Taiwan and Korea around the theme of "Art, History and Environmental Conservation" were arranged for 68 students from two schools, along with 37 youth from another youth organisation. The participants explored art, cultural and environmental programmes in Taiwan, while traditional culture and the subject of peace were taught in Korea. A further



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12 students were engaged in an exchange programme with Australian youth leaders at the South Australian Leadership Training Tour sponsored by the Sir Robert Black Trust Fund, where youth participants stayed with host families.

Programme at Wudang

Sponsored by The Dragon Foundation, the third Wudang trip was successfully held last July, with 39 students from six colleges and 22 secondary schools. They were selected out of 112 nominations from 46 schools. During the 13-day trip in Wudang, the participants learnt martial arts and Taoist thought. They also demonstrated their strengthened physique during the Report Back session on 22 February 2014.

SAT Reception Programme

The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Reception Programme was organised six times this year serving a total of 229 Mainland students. Apart from arranging accommodation, meals and transportation for participants, they also joined the exchange programmes with the local youth.



2014 HKFYG Jockey Club Hong Kong International *a cappella* Festival

Celebrating its 5th anniversary, the 2014 HKFYG Jockey Club Hong Kong International *a cappella* Festival delivered 37 exhilarating events in a condensed three-week period in March and April 2014. World acclaimed *a cappella* groups including *The Idea of North* from Australia, *Musae* from US, *The Sons of Pitches* from UK and *JarnzQ* from Japan, together with ambassadors *Robynn and Kendy* and *Justin Lo*, and the Federation's very own *Hong Kong Melody Makers* and *Hong Kong Youth Dance*, plus students-singers and *a cappella* performers in Hong Kong all joined together to give everyone a wonderful experience. More than 20,000 people attended the musical and educational concerts, theatrical production and workshops. The Festival was generously supported by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust.



a cappella Education

Continuing on the great success of *a cappella* education, The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust agreed to sponsor exclusively the HKFYG Jockey Club *a cappella* Education Programme spanning from 2013 to 2016. Programmes include in-school workshops and demonstrations for students; training, performing and socialising platforms for *a cappella* singers and educators; along with supporting services like a library and equipment rental.

In addition to events and services, "app-cappella" mobile app featuring *a cappella* news updates and rehearsal tools was also developed under the programme.

Hong Kong Street Dance Camp 2013

To raise the profile of street dance and enrich the diversity of dance culture in Hong Kong, the Federation and The Hong Kong Arts Development Council co-presented the biggest international street dance camp in Hong Kong from 6 to 8 December 2013 at the Federation's Sai Kung camp. The camp invited internationally renowned Hip Hop creator, Loose Joint who represents the Elite Force Crew from Brooklyn, New York. Other overseas masters such as Ken Swift, Terry Wright, Shan S., Tony GoGo, Jr Boogaloo and Nahoko Wright also joined hands to deliver professional training and a seminar to the campers with 20 local top dance tutors were invited to be the group leaders. The three-day camp attracted over 200 local and overseas participants. All street dance lovers had the opportunity to share their passion and enthusiasm.



HKFYG Hong Kong Melody Makers

In January 2014 The Melody Makers, began their 9th season with an educational concert called, "*a cappella* Time Tunnel". In addition to various other performances and participation in concerts and events, The Melody Makers junior chorus toured Taipei in July 2013 where they performed with other professional groups. The Melody Makers were also invited to take part in the Shenzhen Bay International Fringe Festival in November 2013.



Hong Kong Youth Theatre

Hong Kong Youth Theatre staged its premiere performance at Youth Square on 7 April 2013. "Backpacker" and "Grassroots" were two original created plays written by the talent members. The theme of the two plays reflected the attitude of youngsters on love, lifestyle and a sense of belonging towards community.

Tsuen Wan Indoor Sports Centre

The Tsuen Wan Indoor Sports Centre is a joint venture of the Hong Kong Housing Society and the Federation. Entirely self-financing, the centre provides high quality facilities and a wide range of sports, recreational and cultural activities for the public. Over the past year, the courses and training activities organised had an attendance of 19,176.

The objective of the Centre is to promote a healthy life style, and encouraging youth to try a wide range of courses and training activities. Some of which are highlighted below:

Music and Dance Training: In order to develop talent and creativity, a wide range of musical and dancing activities, including a series of "Music with U" was offered.

Adventure Training: This emphasised on Climbing Courses for children and young people, as well as high quality adventure training. The annual Sports Climbing Competition was also held.

Growth Enhancement Training: This is to offer different training courses to strengthen integrated competence and potential. Volunteers also received training to help them improve as helpers and instructors.

Jockey Club Sai Kung Outdoor Training Camp

The Phase III Redevelopment construction work was completed in August 2013, with the addition of six Dormitory Blocks, a Canteen Block with restaurant and café, a Sky Garden, a Platform Deck, a Lounge and Gift Shop. The interior and exterior decoration works then took place. In order to harmonise the Phase II and Phase III dormitory blocks, the external walls of Phase II were repainted, and interior renovation of guestrooms and replacement of worn out TV sets were carried out. In the landscape design, the aim was to enhance the campsite's natural and green environment by preserving the precious native "Incense Tree" in its original place, planting young trees along the slopes, hanging container-plants along the railings of the footpaths and creating a green roof at the Sky Garden. The plan is to continue to cultivate a green environment and lifestyle.

There were 76,852 campers over the 2013-14 period, and with the expansion of camp capacity to 460 bed spaces and 250 day campers, it is hoped that over 150,000 campers will use the camp in the coming year.

Lamma Youth Camp

Located on a hill top, the Camp offers a series of unique adventure training programmes, conducted at the adjacent outdoor area. An adventure instructor training course was organised, providing intensive training for participants who then went on to become adventure programme instructors in the Camp. With funding support from the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, an improvement project for the pump-house was completed in early 2014 to ensure a steady water supply. The Camp also assisted in hosting the NEIGHBOURHOOD First Reunion Lunch of the Islands District before the Chinese New Year for those from Lamma Island.



Tai Mei Tuk Outdoor Activities Centre

The Tai Mei Tuk Outdoor Activities Centre, located near the main dam of Plover Cove, is well protected by the surrounding mountains and is an ideal venue for water sports training. Taking advantage of this privileged location, the 1st HKFYG Canoe Competition was held in October with about 80 young people participating. Apart from the regular water sports activities, special activities are also organised with a newly equipped Dragon Boat. This includes a Dragon Boat fun-day, Rower Certificate Course and event organisation training course. With a number of participants passing the assessment course to become Dragon Boat instructors, more certificate course will be organised in coming year.

Stanley Outdoor Activities Centre

The Stanley Outdoor Activities Centre, situated along the beach in Stanley Bay, is a good place for enjoying leisure pursuits, as well as experiencing water sports and group life. Land-based and sea-based activities were organised throughout the year and the "Stanley Bay Challenge" continued to be the most popular programme. This two-day programme mainly targets youngsters who are required to walk on a trail and complete a couple of tasks with a set time.



Zhongshan Sanxiang Youth Training Centre

The Centre, located at Sanxiang Town of Zhongshan City at Guangdong Province, is a unique camp operated in mainland China. Apart from organising study tours for secondary students to understand the local industry as well as provide voluntary services to underprivileged school children, small group leisure tours and individual traveller packages were also introduced. In line with the new packages, the Centre offers a one-stop service, including arrangement of transportation, accommodation and meals which most campers found user-friendly. The Federation will continue to explore places of interests and activities in Zhongshan city and create new package programmes for different categories of campers.



RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

The Youth Research Centre continues to provide up-to-date analyses and information about topical and relevant issues related to young people through its research activities. Reports are published and distributed amongst government officials, policy-makers and other related bodies, as well as to the general public. Information is also disseminated through the Internet. It is hoped that consistently updated information will help assist in the formulation of youth policies and in the planning of youth services.

Youth Trends in Hong Kong

Youth Trends in Hong Kong 2013 is a compilation and analysis of statistical data and research findings about Hong Kong youth, reviewing the ways in which population, education, employment and social participation are affected by changing the social and economic environment. Some problems to emerge are those related to Internet safety, attempted suicide, drug abuse and youth criminality. In addition, this publication includes a survey of “Indicators of Youth Values”.



Youth Study Series

There were three **Youth Studies** this year.

Number 48 was entitled: *A Study on Employment Difficulties and The Way Out for Young People*. With the youth unemployment rate remaining around two to six times higher than the overall labour force and the number of economically inactive young people not pursuing any studies not decreasing under improved economic conditions, the Study looked at Senior Secondary School leavers. It assessed their employment difficulties and explored possible employment policies and measures by gathering data through 20 case interviews and a random-sampling telephone survey with 525 young people, in addition to interviews with a number of employers and employment experts.

Number 49, entitled, *The Daily Needs and Financial Pressures of Young People with Government Loans*, focused on those under the age of 30 who had taken student loans from the government by exploring their daily needs and financial pressures through an online survey with 727 tertiary students, 20 case interviews and interviews with experts and scholars.

The Learning and Developmental Needs of Cross-Border Students was Study Number 50 and looked at the number of Hong Kong children living in Shenzhen commuting for school in Hong Kong. This number has grown four-fold to more than 16,000 in the last decade, from 3,567 in 2002-03 to 16,356 in 2012-13. Data of this Study were gathered through self-administered questionnaires filled by cross-border students, 16 in-depth case interviews, as well as interviews with experts and scholars in the field.

Youth Poll Series

Five territory-wide random sampling telephone surveys were conducted during the year. The “Very Hong Kong” survey was part of a project entitled “Co-Create Hong Kong” launched by M21. A total of 558 young people aged 15 to 34 were successfully polled about their views and impressions of Hong Kong. The other four surveys, targeted at young people aged 10 to 24, were a component of the “Youth and Information Technology” Poll Series. Another two surveys for this Series will be conducted in the following financial year.

Publication Date	Topic
September 2013	The “Very Hong Kong” Survey
October 2013	Youth and Information Technology - A Survey of e-Learning by Youth
November 2013	Youth and Information Technology - A Survey of Mobile Phone Use by Youth
December 2013	Youth and Information Technology - A Survey of Online Consumerism among Youth
January 2014	Youth and Information Technology - A Survey of Online Privacy among Youth



Journal of Youth Studies

The *Journal of Youth Studies* provides a forum for professional discussion on youth topics, in order to advocate better legislation and policies for youth services. The Journal is circulated to government departments, policy-makers, education institutes, social service organisations, youth academics and experts, as well as university libraries in Hong Kong, Mainland China, Taiwan, Macau, Singapore and other countries. The Journal is also indexed in international databases, including the PsycINFO and EBSCOhost. This year, the Youth Research Centre has published two issues:

Publication Date	Serial No.	Title
July 2013	32	Population Policy: Nurturing Young Talent and Increasing Productivity
January 2014	33	Building Governance Capacity: Obstacles and Solutions for the HKSAR Government



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Studies on Current Youth Issues

Entitled *Conflict between Hong Kong Parents and Adolescents*, this Study focused on the views and experience of young people and parents with regard to parent-adolescent conflicts in today's society. It aimed at providing possible solutions for reducing parent-adolescent conflicts, and thus improving parent-adolescent relationships. Data was gathered through an online survey on more than 800 young members, aged 12-24, of the Federation, and self-administered questionnaires filled by more than 200 parents.

Professional Publications

The Federation continues to facilitate exchanges of knowledge and information amongst practitioners, experts, academics as well as those who are interested in youth work, through its publications. By partnering with young writers to establish a **Youth Reader Series**, the hope is to build direct connectivity with the authors' peer group.

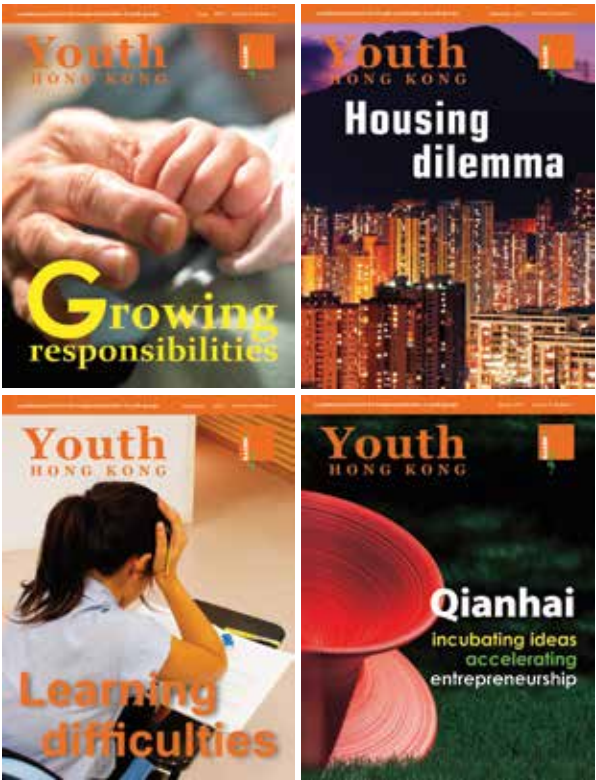


Youth Hong Kong Magazine

Youth Hong Kong is a quarterly magazine in English with a short Chinese synopsis for major articles. Each issue has a theme related to young people on a wide range of subjects as population policy, learning difficulties, housing dilemma and youth entrepreneurship seen through from Hong Kong perspective. Topics are explored through analytical articles, interviews, statistics and discussions, followed by feature articles by young writers. With a circulation of 12,000 copies, the magazine is distributed to Federation partners, educators, social workers and professionals, locally and overseas. An online version is also available at youthhongkong.hkfyg.org.hk.

Youth S.P.O.T. Magazine

A Chinese language magazine, *Youth S.P.O.T. Magazine* with a circulation of 35,000 copies, is published bi-monthly. It features a wide range of topics which are of interest to young people and those who want to know more about their lifestyle and thoughts. The magazine also serves as a platform for young people to share their stories and experience. The online version can be viewed at youthspot.hkfyg.org.hk.



In 2013-14, there were a total of 11 publications, including:

Professional Series:

- *Your First Job-tionary*
- *Building Effective Volunteer Teams*
- *My Hardship : My Detour*
- *Practitioners' Sharings of Online Counselling*
- *Gang Days : Six Reflections by Former Gang Members*
- *Understanding Dyslexia – a Guide for Teachers and Parents*
- *English Public Speaking – 8 Steps to Become a Champion*
- *Youth Trends in Hong Kong 2013*
- *Tension in the Family – Sharings of Parent-Child Conflicts*

Youth Reader Series:

- *Work Hard, Play Hard - Working Holidays in Six Countries*
- *When Genius Cat Encounters Love*

In 2013, the Federation also participated in the publicly acclaimed Hong Kong Book Fair.

