





Special Programmes and Projects

HKFYG Youth Hostel PH2



In March this year, the Federation started to operate The HKFYG Youth Hostel PH2, the city's first affordable accommodation for working young people under the Government supported Youth Hostel Scheme. PH2, located in Tai Po, provides 76 single units and two double/disabled units. It also provides tenants a venue to build up their social networks, implement their career trajectories and develop their financial plans. During their residence, the young people can experience a diversified learning journey, equip their life skills and prepare for the future.



HSBC Future Skills Development Project



Funded by HSBC, the Federation launched a unique two-year project, The HSBC Future Skills Development Project, in 2019. The Project assists young people from primary and secondary schools and tertiary institutes to those in the work place, by nurturing their skills and competencies for the future.

Based on the top ten future skills suggested by the World Economic Forum, the Project highlights both theoretical and practical aspects of knowledge under three main themes:

- **Financial Capabilities** which saw the Youth Employment Network help promote concepts of financial planning to enhance financial management skills and increase knowledge under the Savvy Planner Workshops, Future Skills and Career Talks.

- **Future Skills for Employment** promoted team dynamics, intercultural communication skills and critical thinking through The HKFYG Leadership Institute. An HSBC Financial Dialogue Series and high level exchanges in countries along the Belt and Road initiative were part of this component.
- **Innovation and Technology** by which the Creative Education Unit helped develop digital competencies and creative thinking among young people through The Hong Kong Creative Maths and Science 4D Frame Competition and A.I. Future Tense - InnoTech Solutions Pitching.

Brand-new programmes were introduced to facilitate learning during the pandemic. These included “Line to Take”, a Speaking Studio Online Learning Series which enabled participants to master online meetings and interviews; a Collaborative Problem-Solving System and other online platforms for sharing experiences.

Since its implementation, the Project has involved over 45,000 young people from over 100 primary schools, 200 secondary schools and ten universities. In spite of the challenges caused by the protests and pandemic, there were still over 700 classes, workshops and competitions held. Evidenced by an independent impact assessment, the Project was proven to have had a significant and effective impact on improving participants’ financial capabilities and career identification skills.



NEIGHBOURHOOD First



NEIGHBOURHOOD First is a community building project which incorporates leadership training, volunteer services, online connectivity and district collaboration. Young people formed over 100 NEIGHBOURHOOD Teams and carried out various kinds of activities over the year.

NEIGHBOURHOOD First uKitchen

Community Kitchens were set up in nine Youth S.P.O.Ts in order to help young people enhance their skills and interest in cooking and serve the needy with delicious food. With the support of the Social Welfare Department, Lee Kum Kee and volunteer chefs, over 300 youth volunteers were engaged. Total attendance of service recipients amounted to 1,000.

NEIGHBOURHOOD First Round Table

Ten senior NEIGHBOURHOOD Team members were invited to form a Round Table. This provided an opportunity for the young leaders to plan and execute promotional campaigns on the 10th anniversary of NEIGHBOURHOOD First, which continues to promote a culture of caring and harmonious neighbourhoods, as well as team spirit of the young leaders.

NEIGHBOURHOOD First Reunion Lunch

Despite the unavailability of open venues to hold a large gather, the annual NEIGHBOURHOOD First Reunion Lunch was held on 11 January 2020 at different Youth S.P.O.Ts and schools.

Young people joined hands with volunteer star chefs to prepare handmade Neighbourhood Buns for participants, particularly the disabled, lonely or underprivileged. There were over 3,000 neighbours and guests from the 18 districts to celebrate Chinese New Year with 1,117 members of the NEIGHBOURHOOD Teams.

NEIGHBOURHOOD First Rice Giving Scheme

Since 2010, The Au Bak Ling Charity Trust has supported the NEIGHBOURHOOD First Teams to hand out rice packages to underprivileged families and singletons. More than 5,400 households benefit every month.



Run for Wellness



Supported by the HSBC 150th Anniversary Charity Programme, the HKFYG Run for Wellness 2019 cum Wellness Carnival was held last October at Kai Tak Cruise Terminal.

Around 2,500 runners joined in, enjoying the space to relax and rejuvenate, especially with the challenges of the social unrest in the background. Runners were required to carry a backpack, symbolising their willingness to shoulder and share young people's load.

The Wellness Carnival contained various wellness zones by the harbour, including Chill Zone, Yoga Zone, Art Zone, and the Big and Mini Athletic Zones, which saw 4,000 people join in.



Skills for Tomorrow Expo



As the world keeps changing and with new technologies emerging, it is essential for the young to keep pace. This is especially so during the pandemic. As a result, the Federation conducted a survey to explore how young people see their future and suggested six essential future skills, namely Wellness Management, Digital Skills, Life Planning, Innovation and Problem Solving, Resilience and Crisis Management and Communication and Cooperation. To have these skills is not just for employability, but a necessary part of daily life, balancing hard and soft skills through practical knowledge and value education.

In late June 2020, a 'Skills for Tomorrow Expo' was organised in both M21 and The HKFYG Leadership Institute. There were over 40 activities, including financial planning board games, start-up exhibitions, unmanned shop displays, e-sports tournaments and a global village on health equity. Online and offline programmes attracted almost 1,600 participants who enjoyed a wide variety of programmes about STEM education, media literacy and leadership skills. Guest speakers included Mr. George Chen, Head of Public Policy, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Mongolia of Facebook, Mr. Joseph Chan, Founder and CEO, AsiaPay Limited, Mr. Simon Crockett, Career Services - Asia at University of Chicago Booth School of Business (Hong Kong), Mr. Albert Wong, Chairman of Association of I.T. Leaders in Education, Mr. Chu Ka-tim, Vice Chairman, Hong Kong Association for Computer Education, Professor Donna Chu, Associate Professor, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, as well as Mr. Sammy Leung, renowned TV anchor, and other industry experts. The Expo introduced different professions to young people as they shared skills needed in the future.



The Dragon Foundation

Since 2000, The Dragon Foundation has brought together ethnic Chinese young people from around the world, nurturing their sense of identity, building networks and offering opportunities to develop their potential to be leaders. The Foundation has so far connected young people from across 39 countries/regions through various leadership training programmes. Managed by a Board of Directors, the Foundation's Secretariat support is provided by the Federation. The following events were conducted in the year of 2019-20:



Dragon 100

This annual flagship programme, Dragon 100, selected 100 outstanding ethnic Chinese young leaders from 19 countries/regions for an eight-day exchange tour and forum from late July to early August 2019.

The theme for 2019 was "Innovation and Sustainability". Led by Ms. Annie Tam Kam-lan, GBS, JP, Director of The Dragon Foundation, the delegation spent three days in Hong Kong and five days in Chengdu, Sichuan. Through a series of talks, meetings and visits in both cities, they closely observed and learnt about the cities' economic, financial, and commercial development, as well as the local history and culture.

Dragon Care Action

Sponsored by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust COVID-19 Emergency Fund, and with the cooperation of various social service units, youth leaders delivered disinfectant packs to around 1,000 elders and families in different districts. This helped lower their risk of contracting coronavirus if they had to purchase related products outside the home and lightened their economic burden.

"Dragons Love Mom" Online Concert

To spread the message of love and care, The Dragon Foundation organised the "Dragons Love Mom" online concert on Mother's Day at the Peak Galleria. Guest performers included singers Lowell Lo, Joyce Cheng, "King of Busking" Judas Law, gymnast Angel Wong and karateka Jimmy Lee. Fencer Vivian Kong shared her story about her mother. All the messages were to spread positivity across the globe during the pandemic.

DragoNation

DragoNation is the alumni association of The Dragon Foundation. It was established in 2008. This year, the DragoNation Committee held the DragoNation Day online as a result of the pandemic. 11 alumni ("Dragons") shared different topics to over 60 Chinese young leaders around the world through virtual interactions.

Dragons and their friends also organised Tai O Historical Hiking Tour and Tsz Shan Monastery Mindfulness Tour, which connected alumni and youth in Hong Kong.

