



Special
Programmes
and Projects



Dialogue Sessions with Policy Makers

Organised since 1997, the youth dialogue programmes are part of an on-going series of communication between youth and prominent government officials, and have been extremely popular.

This year, the following sessions were held:

On 27 April 2009, the President of the Legislative Council, the Honourable Jasper Tsang Yok-sing, GBS, JP exchanged views on the functions and powers of the Legislative Council with over 400 young people at the HKFYG Building auditorium.

On 1 March 2010, the Financial Secretary, the Honourable John Tsang, JP came to talk with over 1,000 young people after the Budget presentation. They met at the Run Run Shaw Hall of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine.



Study Tour to World Expo in Shanghai

A six-day Study Tour to visit the World Expo in Shanghai was co-organised by The Dragon Foundation and the Shanghai Youth Federation. The journey was made all the more exciting because the participants travelled from Hong Kong to Shanghai by train, leaving on 29 June and returning on 4 July 2010. A Departure Ceremony was held at the piazza outside Hong Kong Coliseum. Apart from visiting the Expo and learning about sustainable living from across the world, the young participants also learnt about the rapid development in Shanghai. They also visited local museums and had a dinner with 84 local secondary school students. All the participants also had the honour to meet with the Honourable Henry Tang, GBM, GBS, JP, the Chief Secretary, outside Hong Kong Pavilion, and to attend a sharing session conducted by Mr. Peter Wong, JP, Chief Executive Officer of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and Mr. Vincent Lo, GBS, JP, Chairman of Shui On Group.



480 lucky senior students – chosen from 2,400 applications – from more than 270 secondary schools took part, each nominated or supported by their respective schools. For more than 90 per cent, this was their first trip out of Hong Kong, even to visit the Mainland, with most coming from low-income families. The students were also accompanied by 20 members of Youth S.P.O.T.21 who were taking part in a video competition, as well as 100 youth volunteers who served mainly as sub-group leaders.

All the participants went through a series of pre-tour talks and trainings, which also included a speech by Mr. Paul Yip, Chairman of Hong Kong Policy Research Institute Limited.

The trip was made possible by a subsidy from the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries, along with support from the Commission on Youth and the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education, as well as generous sponsorship from The Dragon Foundation, Sa Sa International Holdings Ltd., Prince Jewellery & Watch Co., Hopewell Holdings Ltd., Hopewell Highway Infrastructure Ltd., Shui On Group, Frankie Dominion (Holdings) Ltd., Mission Hills Group, Gloria Ng Charitable Foundation Ltd., Wai Hung Charitable Foundation Limited, Victoria Educational Organization, Gale Well Group Ltd. / L & T Charitable Foundation Ltd. and Manulife (International) Ltd.

Summer Youth Programme

Over 3,500 programmes and activities were organised by the 22 Youth S.P.O.s and other service units. Five thematic programmes, with the theme "Summer School", were especially designed. These included, the taking of 500 students by special train to the Shanghai World Expo 2010; the Summer School for Effective Leadership 2010, co-organised by The University of Hong Kong; the HKFYG · Mission Hills Junior Golf Tour 2010; a LEAD Project and a Forensic Science Day Camp.



The 12th Coming of Age Ceremony

Since 1997, the Federation has organised the Coming of Age Ceremony. The age of 18 signifies the rights and responsibilities of young people entering adulthood, as well as indicating that society's recognition and trust upon every new generation. This year, on 18 October 2009, over 400 young people actively participated in various events under the theme of "Making a Pledge", organised by the Federation's 21 Youth S.P.O.Ts. The 11 district programmes included orienteering, birthday parties, day camps, community performances and even overnight hikes.



The Dragon Foundation

Since 2000, The Dragon Foundation has been committed to nurturing young people of Chinese origin worldwide to be leaders of tomorrow. Each year, the Foundation organises series of programmes focusing on the exchange of ideas, while also building global networks. A Board of Directors manages The Dragon Foundation and The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups administrates the Secretariat.

Global Citizenship Programme

The *Global Citizenship Programme* is about broadening the global perspective of young people, while also inculcating in them a sense of responsibility to the community. Participants are primarily sent on exposure trips to New York and Geneva, but this past year the Programme was expanded to include Bangkok as well. A group of 30 outstanding university students were selected to visit Bangkok, the regional headquarters for many United Nation agencies and international organisations. The trip was a week long and also comprised a two day orientation and training in Hong Kong.

The Bangkok programme offered the opportunity for students to see how what they had learnt in the classroom was manifested in action through the work of the regional offices of the UNEP, UNDP, UNICEF and the Asian Development Bank. The students were able to also learn about regional leadership, as they examined case studies of the

1997 Asian financial crisis at its epicentre. They also looked at the impact of the current global financial crisis on the UN along with its response to the challenge.

The Commissioning of the *Global Citizenship Programme* took place on 24 June 2009, in the presence of Sir T.L. Yang, GBM, JP, Chairman of the Board, along with other Directors, panel judges and representatives from the different universities. Dr. Rosanna Wong spoke about the Vision and Rationale of the *Global Citizenship Programme*, while Dr. Lawrence Wong addressed the issue of Allocation of Resources in Communities. The Head of the Judging Panel, Mr. David Lan, GBS, ISO, JP laid out the expectations the Programme had for the participants. Mrs. Ann White, Director of China-Hong Kong, Institute of International Education and Miss Diana Tsui, Director of Corporate Social Responsibility of KPMG were also invited to meet our delegates.

Ms. Suratchaya Palawongse, Consul of the Royal Thai Consulate-General in Hong Kong, spoke about "Recent development of Thailand and its unique role in the ASEAN and international issues" as part of the pre-departure training. Present at the Opening Ceremony in Bangkok were Mr. Alex Mavro, Chair-Corporate Social Responsibility Committee, The American Chamber of Commerce in Thailand and Dr. Naruemon Sawanpanyalert, Deputy Director, Bureau of Medical Technical Department, Department of Medical Services, Ministry of Public Health.

Dragon 100 Young Chinese Leaders Forum 2009

The Foundation's annual flagship programme, *Dragon 100 Young Chinese Leaders Forum*, was cancelled due to the outbreak of Human Swine Influenza in both Hong Kong and the Mainland China.

Lecture Series for Youth Leaders

Since 2000, the Foundation has invited internationally renowned individuals to share their experiences and expertise through the *Lecture Series for Youth Leaders*. Previous speakers have included Nobel Laureates, distinguished scientists and artists. This year, world famous gymnast, Dr. Li Ning was the guest speaker. His inspirational speech covered his humble origins to world acclaim. Over 500 young people had the privilege to hear him on 22 January 2010.

Global Film Series

In cooperation with the US Consulate, the *Global Film Series 2009* was launched. Members of The DragoNation helped organise the programme. They also helped select films dealing with numerous global issues, including poverty, climate change and education. Guest speakers, usually experts, engaged the views after the screenings.



A Million for The Dragon: Christmas Charity Sale 2009

The Dragon Foundation held its third Charity Sales on 28 November 2009. The sale of jewellery, replicas and originals of Chinese artefacts was again sponsored by Lisa's Collection. The sales helped raise over HK\$2 million for future activities.

Connectivity – The DragoNation

To connect the worldwide network which has been created over the past ten years, the Alumni Association of The Dragon Foundation, "The DragoNation" was officiated on 30 May 2008. The mission of the Association is to maintain a sustainable network of alumni to encourage service to the community, strengthen youth training, promote Foundation activities and recognise the contribution of outstanding Chinese youth.



The DragoNation supported all the three fundraising events of the year, as well as the *Global Citizenship Programme*, *Lecture Series for Youth Leaders*, and the *Global Film Series*.

In November 2008, DragoNation initiated "Dragons in Action", a community service project and launched the *Young Dragon Programme* (YDP) to create ripple effect to the community. The YDP is based on mentoring outstanding secondary school students and encouraging them to contribute to the community, while also providing leadership training. Students have been focusing on environmental protection and fair trade issues, which they have taken back to their schools.

Currently there are 800 members in 15 countries/regions who make up DragoNation. Their network includes the US and Australian Consulates General, the Wong Tai Sin Youth Development Association, the Hong Kong Union of Youth Leaders, the Hong Kong Outstanding Students Association, the Hong Kong Youth Exchange Promotion United Association, the Guangdong Youth Exchange Promotion Association and many other NGOs.



"The Founding of a Republic" Charity Film Premiere

"The Founding of a Republic" was shown as a Charity Film Premiere on 20 September 2009 in the presence of the Honourable Donald Tsang, GBM, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Mr. Peng Qinghua, Director (Minister) of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in Hong Kong and Mr. Lü Xinhua, Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in Hong Kong. The funds raised were for flagship programmes.

The largest ever group of Dragon volunteers were co-opted to assist. In total, HK\$400,000 was raised.

The Dragon Foundation Mission Hills Golf Tournament

With the support of Mr. Tenniel Chu, Programme and Fund Raising Committee Member, Mission Hills Golf Club kindly consented to hold a Charity Golf Tournament. Community leaders, professionals and celebrities took part in a closely contested tournament as they competed for various awards. The Honourable Ambrose Lee, IDSM, JP, Secretary for Security and Mr. Peter Wong Tung-shun, JP, Chief Executive Officer, The Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited Asia-Pacific were invited as the Guests of Honour. The players enjoyed the tournament, which was followed by dinner and prize giving. There was also a performance by the HKFYG Hong Kong Melody Makers. The very successful tournament helped raise over HK\$600,000.

