



**SPECIAL PROGRAMMES
AND PROJECTS**



CHINA WEEK 2015 : DIPLOMACY – YOUTH DIPLOMAT EXPERIENTIAL PROGRAMME

China Week this year was co-organised with the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China (PRC) in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and supported by Education Bureau. The theme was diplomacy and the aim was to improve the understanding of young people in Chinese history and culture, while also providing them with an opportunity to assume the role of a Chinese diplomat.



Over 200 secondary and tertiary students participated in the “Youth Diplomacy Academy”, where they met with personnel from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the PRC in the HKSAR, and experts in the fields of media and international relations. The “24-hour Diplomatic Crisis Simulation Competition” was subsequently held with over 150 students having to deal with a simulated diplomatic crisis in the real world as representatives of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. They were required to give an official response to the crisis scenario within 24 hours. Winners will be entitled to a one-week sponsored visit to the Beijing PRC Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



GLOBAL YOUTH ENTREPRENEURS FORUM

The Global Youth Entrepreneurs Forum (GYEF) has become a key entrepreneurial event organised by the Federation on an annual basis. With The Dragon Foundation and sponsored by The Victor and William Fung Foundation, the GYEF was firstly launched in 2014, an event officiated by the Financial Secretary, the Hon. John Tsang, GBM, JP. GYEF 2014 was attended by 400 participants from 22 countries and regions.



With this aim, to bring together hundreds of young entrepreneurs from Hong Kong, the Mainland and around the world to engage discussions on trends of global entrepreneurship, ideas sharing and exchange entrepreneurship experience, the second Forum was held in 2015. This year, 1,000 participants, including young entrepreneurs, students and of course speakers and experts, came from 20 countries and regions including Singapore, India, Israel, the UK and the US.

The 2015 Forum was again sponsored by The Victor and William Fung Foundation, as well as The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, and was a joint collaboration with the Authority of Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone of Shenzhen, The Dragon Foundation and The Shenzhen Youth Federation. The Secretary of Financial Services and the Treasury, Professor the Hon. K.C. Chan, GBS, JP, spoke to the theme, “Growing Entrepreneurship – What Next?” Mr. Peter Wong, JP, Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive of HSBC spoke about opportunities in the Pearl River Delta at a Luncheon Seminar, while Plenary Dialogues covered a range of topics presented by established entrepreneurs from around the world.



The two-day forum provided a perfect opportunity for startups to experience firsthand the opportunities available both in Hong Kong and on the Mainland with a full day's visit across the border to visit the China (Guangdong) Pilot Free Trade Zone by visiting the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Youth Entrepreneur and Innovation Hub.



HKFYG JOCKEY CLUB “TEN THOUSAND GALLOPING HORSES, UNITED WITH ONE HEART” INSTALLATION ART EDUCATION PROJECT



Thanks to sponsorship of The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, the Federation hosted an art installation and education project, entitled “Ten Thousand Galloping Horses, United with One Heart”. Based on the famous “Galloping Horse” by Master Xu Beihong, models made of cardboard in 3D were then decorated by 10,000 young people. Local artists and designers also decorated eight-foot tall fiberglass horses. All these decorated horses were exhibited at the Shatin Racecourse, which had the honour of winning a Guinness World Record for the “Largest Display of Sculptures Made from Recycled Materials”.



The exhibition later moved to the Discovery Park Shopping Centre, as well as to The Hong Kong International Airport and The International Financial Centre (IFC) Mall. The Education Programme included a series of community art and animation workshops, as well as an art seminar.

NEIGHBOURHOOD FIRST

NEIGHBOURHOOD First is a community building project which incorporates leadership training, volunteer services, online connectivity and regional collaboration. Young people formed over 100 NEIGHBOURHOOD Teams which carried out various kinds of activities in different communities. Since the project began in 2011, over 136,000 people have been served.



NEIGHBOURHOOD First Reunion Lunch

The annual NEIGHBOURHOOD First Reunion Lunch was held on 7 February this year. With the kind support from the 18 District Councils, the Officiating Guests, including the Hon. Mrs. Carrie Lam, GBM, JP, Chief Secretary of the HKSAR, other government officials, community leaders and celebrities, it was hosted by members of 100 NEIGHBOURHOOD Teams at over 1,000 tables in the 18 Districts, together with over 12,000 neighbours to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

NEIGHBOURHOOD Day

Under the theme, “Neighbours bring Happiness”, NEIGHBOURHOOD Teams were encouraged to visit 1,000 families on NEIGHBOURHOOD Day, which was 21 December. Just before the Winter Solstice, they cheered their neighbours up with dances, making fancy balloon shapes, magic tricks and homemade food and games.

NEIGHBOURHOOD Rice Giving Scheme

Every month, thanks to funding support from the Au Bak Ling Charity Trust, NEIGHBOURHOOD Teams visited and delivered rice packages to underprivileged families. A total of 3,684 families or individuals benefited.



NEIGHBOURHOOD Teams

Units in the Federation formed over 100 NEIGHBOURHOOD Teams and with support from the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF), The Hong Kong Jockey Club and other partners, the Teams have organised a wide range of programmes and services.



ODE TO JOY CONCERT OF TEN THOUSAND

A “first-of-its-kind” large scale youth-oriented music outreach and education programme was launched in June 2014. Over 150 schools, Youth S.P.O.Ts and community choirs underwent training and practices with school teachers, aided with online teaching material designed by the Project’s Artistic Director, Mr. Chiu Tsang-hei and Chorus Master, Mr. Alex Tam.



Tchaikovsky as well as a *cappella* renditions. Choral works were performed in Cantonese, English, German and French, by young people, adult choirs and professional artists, together with the live performance by Global Symphony Orchestra conducted by Mr. Mak Ka-lok. At various points, the audience joined in as well. A special arrangement of “Ode to Joy” was also sung, with the famous tenor, Mr. Warren Mok. This successfully broke a Guinness World Record for “the most people singing together for a live radio broadcast” certified by official witnesses, Professor Gabriel Leung, Mr. Raymond Young and Mr. Chiu Tsang-hei.

The whole Concert was broadcast live on RTHK Radio 2 and RTHK TV31, with videos uploaded to YouTube. The Concert was a critical success and highly acclaimed by schools, celebrities, educational institutions and musicians. 1,000 copies of the Concert DVDs were also produced and distributed.



On 6 December 2014 at The Hong Kong Coliseum, the “Ode to Joy Concert of Ten Thousand” was held with the Hon. Mrs. Carrie Lam, GBS, JP, Chief Secretary for Administration, as the Guest of Honour.

The Concert was a multimedia event that included choral singing, ballet and animation, done in six sections with classical songs and music by Beethoven, Bizet, Mozart and



QIANHAI SHENZHEN-HONG KONG YOUTH INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEUR HUB



The Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Youth Innovation and Entrepreneur Hub (E Hub) is a collaborative project of the Authority of Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone, The Shenzhen Youth Federation and The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups. E Hub was opened in December 2014 with Mr. Hu Chun-hua, Secretary of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee and the Hon. C.Y. Leung, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, as Officiating Guests.



Occupying a site area of 58,000 square metres, E Hub is a new exciting start-up base for global youth entrepreneurs aged between 18 and 45. Using a market approach for charitable purposes, under the monitoring of a Steering Committee formed by the three parties, E Hub provides comprehensive facilities including one-year rent-free office space and Exhibition and Entrepreneurial Service Centre, to gather international talents. The one-stop services including mentorship and financing, as well as the special preferential policies will enable ambitious entrepreneurs to further expand their scale. Youth Business Hong Kong has already recommended 20 start-up companies to establish their businesses in E Hub, grasping the boundless opportunities in the China (Guangdong) Pilot Free Trade Zone.



THE DRAGON FOUNDATION

Since 2000, the commitment of The Dragon Foundation has been to bringing together young people of Chinese origin from around the world to nurture their sense of identity, build networks and offer opportunities as they develop their potential to be leaders. Through various leadership training programmes, the Foundation has so far connected young ethnically Chinese people from across 37 countries or regions. Managed by a Board of Directors, the Foundation is provided secretariat support by the Federation.



Dragon 100 and Global Youth Entrepreneurs Forum

This annual flagship programme of the Foundation selected 100 outstanding ethnic Chinese young leaders, nominated from 22 regions around the world to participate in an eight-day forum and exchange tour. Led by Mr. David Lan, GBS, ISO, JP, Director of the Foundation and sponsored by The Victor and



William Fung Foundation Limited, the delegates attended the Global Youth Entrepreneurs Forum co-organised by the Foundation with the HKFYG on 13 October 2014 and met with 300 other young entrepreneurs. They then travelled to the Pearl River Delta Region with support from the Guangdong Youth Federation and Shenzhen Youth Federation, they visited the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone, Shenzhen Das Intellitech Co. Ltd., Guangzhou Saliat Stemcell Science and Technology Co. Ltd., the Guangdong Museum and Shenzhen OCT LOFT. Delegates also participated in a dialogue session with Professor Tim Pang from The Guangzhou Academy of Chinese Culture and joined small group discussions with young entrepreneurs in Guangzhou to explore entrepreneurial opportunities on the Mainland.



Golf Tournament at Mission Hills Golf Club 2015

With support from Mr. Tenniel Chu, Programme and Fund Raising Committee Member, the Mission Hills Golf Club once again sponsored the venue for a Charity Golf Tournament. The Hon. Jeffrey Lam, GBS, JP, Non-Official Member of the Executive Council of HKSAR Government, Mr. Peter Wong, JP,



Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd., Mr. Michael Wong, JP, Director of Marine Department, Mr. Frederick Ma, GBS, JP, Honorary Professor, School of Economics and Finance, The University of Hong Kong, and Mr. Robert Chan, Chairman of Hong Kong Economic Journal Co. Ltd. were the Officiating Guests. Many companies supported the Tournament by being Team Patrons and through advertisements and in-kind sponsorship.



DragoNation

DragoNation, the Alumni Association of the Foundation was established in 2008 and aims at sustaining connections among those who have participated in Dragon programmes and annual gatherings and community service actions are organised. On 30 May 2015, the DragoNation launched an open forum on Social Innovation which had sponsorship from China Light and Power Ltd (CLP Ltd) and The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) Business School. Speakers included: Dr. K.K. Tse (Founder, Education for Good CIC Ltd), Prof. Wu Po-chi, Adjunct Professor, Business School, HKUST as well as six successful social entrepreneurs and angel funders.

