



Over the many years that I have been associated with the Federation, there are two aspects that never fail to amaze me. The first is the tremendous dedication and commitment of all the staff – those on the front line and those in the offices. Because of their willingness and passion to serve young people, numerous core services, programmes, projects and initiatives can be carried out. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly salute and thank all aspect who work in the Federation; none of our achievements would be possible without you.

The second aspect is the support we receive from our partners and friends in the community. It is no small measure of their trust in the Federation that they give so freely of their time, energy, resources and expertise.

I would particularly like to highlight three redevelopment projects where we have secured funding to enable us to provide much needed services to young people. The unflinching and constant generosity of The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust means that our Stanley Outdoor Activities Centre will be transformed from a day camp to a residential camp, providing more in the community the opportunity to benefit from the Federation's services while enjoying Hong Kong's natural beauty with overnight stays.

We are also deeply grateful to the Development Bureau for enabling us to secure the necessary capital costs so that The HKFYG Institute for Leadership Development can be established in the former Fanling Magistracy under the 'Revitalising Historical Buildings through Partnership Scheme'. The Federation has long held a dream of developing and we now see the Leadership Institute on the verge of completion.

Finally, I must draw special attention to the Youth Hostel Project on the site of our Tai Po Youth S.P.O.T. We all know how difficult housing is for young people, and for those in transition, this is only that much harder. Together the Home Affairs Bureau and Lotteries Fund have made this possible.

There are no words to express how grateful all at the Federation are for support in these projects. I have no doubt that they will become tangible legacies of the Federation's work.

I would particularly like to mention the various government departments and agencies, including the Labour and Welfare Bureau, the Social Welfare Department, the Labour Department, the Home Affairs Bureau, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the Development Bureau, the Education Bureau, the Financial Services & Treasury

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My job as President could not be carried out without the contributions and talent from all on the Council. My colleagues enable me with their wisdom, advice and friendship to do my duties and I am so thankful.

Ultimately, when I look back on the past year, I again realise that the Federation is all about people: people who serve; people who are served; people who support and people who believe. This is what makes this organisation so special and makes me grateful to be a part of it!

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