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Chi Heng students in Hong Kong for the 2013 Standard Chartered Marathon

On the 24th of February, 6 Chi Heng sponsored university students ran the 10km leg of the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2013. All the students completed the race within 2 hours.

Coming from the provinces of Henan, Anhui and Yunnan the students spent the weekend having a classic Hong Kong experience, thanks to our supporters. Friends of Capital Group took them out for a typical Hong Kong feast, and for their very first ferry ride whilst long time supporter Shui On Group gave them a tour of their construction site, topped off with a dim sum lunch.

Chi Heng would also like to thank the Hong Kong Outstanding Students' Association for holding a sharing session with the students on the different educational systems between Hong Kong and the mainland. The Chi Heng students enjoyed the time with Hong Kong students their own age, and were very curious about the lifestyle differences.

Vancouver Veggie Dinner draws a sold out crowd

The Chi Heng Canada Veggie Dinner held on 21st Feb, 2013 at the Continental Seafood Restaurant in Richmond, Greater Vancouver was a success. The restaurant was packed to capacity, with 50 tables sold out well in advance. Attendees included many long time Chi Heng supporters, as well as newcomers who we hope to see more of in the future. Mr. Chung To gave an update on Chi Heng's work; actively engaging in the donation drive. Many auction items were donated; some were used in the silent auction, whilst others were successfully sold in the live auction during the dinner. Auction proceeds made a nice addition to funds raised from dinner ticket sales. Good comments about the flavour and variety of the vegetarian food and about the event itself were received, and attendees were encouraged to bring their friends to the next Chi Heng Veggie Dinner. With these veggie dinners proving quite popular in the last few years, more of these are to be held in the future and will accommodate more guests.

Passion & Love Charity Dinner

Chi Heng Foundation Hong Kong hosted a Spring Charity Dinner on Feb 24 at Regal Hong Kong Hotel to celebrate the Year of the Snake with our supporters. As a highlight of the evening, 6 university students who ran the 10KM race of Standard Chartered Marathon earlier that day also joined the dinner to express their gratitude to all our supporters and share their encouraging life experience. The special performance that night was Cantonese opera performed by 3 young children from Sing Fai Cantonese Opera Promotion Association. Everyone at the dinner was impressed with the talents of these young children. There was also raffles and silent auction. It was a fun and heart-warming evening enjoyed by everyone.

Power of the Dream – Chi Heng Winter Camp 2013, Kunming

20 primary-school and middle-school students from Yunnan province took part in the winter camp of Chi Heng Foundation from February 18 to 23. The theme of the camp: 'Power of the Dream' was realized through four main activities, namely college campus tours, art counseling, sightseeing and business enterprise visits. Little campers were amazed by the campus of Yunnan University and the wildlife park. They were brought to Walmart, and then to the Coca Cola factory to learn the history of this best selling beverage. In order to learn what it is like to manage and to work as a team, the camp also took the students to the boardroom of Wyndham Grand Plaza, and the backstage of Changshui Airport. During the camp, young campers had a unique experience at the Gold Rubic's Cube Centre where they were offered an opportunity to try on the uniforms of various occupations and to have a mock session of that job. Seeds from which their futures will grow were possibly planted during the camp. Most of them also had their first laser war game during the camp which they thoroughly enjoyed.

"The camp has broadened my horizon and motivated me to work harder" said Lin, one of the campers from Yunnan. "I would like to travel further and to help others as a volunteer someday in the future."

College Applicants Interview for Financial Assistance

Chi Heng staff from the Zhengzhou office, together with Mr. Chung To, Chairman of Chi Heng China finished the four-day long interview process for college applicants from February 3 to 7. As the third interview for school year 2012-2013 came to a close, over 100 college students-to-be applied for financial aid, which made the total number of applicants this year 218.

Chi Heng Beneficiaries Reunion Season

Vocational School Students Reunion

A series of events were organized respectively by four project teams from central China region between February 3 to 6. Over 90 students from vocational schools shared their lives and aspirations with each other. The reunion, designed to better understand the mentality of Chi Heng students should lead to improved communication and collaboration between all parties.

College Students Reunion

From 4 February to 7 February, Chi Heng hosted at four project locations reunions for college students. 230 beneficiaries who are currently in college were brought together under the theme of Share love, Grow together. The reunion sparked a social network where students can meet new friends and share their lives. The Chi Heng teams celebrated Chinese New Year with a banquette and traditional 'red packets'. The philosophy of "Pass it on" was also emphasized throughout the reunions.

Affected Children and Youth Gathering

A special gathering was organized for 22 HIV affected children and youth, including a newly married couple. Mr.Chung To, Chairman of Chi Heng China sent his best wishes and New Year gifts to the attendees. Many of the participants in this gathering have just joined the family of Chi Heng. It is equally important to give them mental and emotional support besides sponsoring them financially. The gathering was a channel through which to pass the warmth of the Chi Heng family.

Come visit AIDS affected students and families during Easter in Yunnan

Chi Heng's Voluntourism trips are organized for individuals, companies or schools to explore "the other side of China", and for participants to help the local communities.

Between 29 March and 3 April, an Easter Voluntourism program will be organized to visit AIDS impacted children and families in Yunnan for the first time. It is designed to promote awareness of the plight of AIDS-impacted children, to facilitate interactivity between people from different backgrounds, while generating funds to finance CHF's scholarship programs and develop local employment in the long-term. This March 29 – April 3 come visit AIDS affected students and families for Easter in Yunnan.

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