

Chi Heng Foundation: 15 Years Together

2013 marks the 15th anniversary of Chi Heng Foundation, and the 11th year of its AIDS Orphan Program. On January 18–24, Chi Heng staff from 10 offices came together in Guangzhou for the 2013 Annual Planning Meeting.

The theme of this year's meeting was "Professionalism, Teamwork, and Growth". It started with a one-day workshop on leadership skills for the Chi Heng management team, led by volunteer trainer, Xue Qingfeng. In the following one and a half days, the whole team of staff received participatory team building training to assist them in improving upon their work.

Having shared their thoughts, reflections, and expectations for the future, Chi Heng Staff look forward to continuing their good work for many years to come.



Children Charities Carnival in Hong Kong

Chi Heng Foundation joined the Children Charities Carnival 2013 presented by Prestique Limited. The Carnival is a family event for children aged 2–10 to learn about love and care.

Chi Heng volunteers set up a stall at the Carnival on January 20th together with volunteers from Credit Suisse. The stall received many kids who made donations to Chi Heng and they received manicures, temporary tattoos, and animal eco bags whilst learning more about Chi Heng Foundation.

Chi Heng would like to express our gratitude to Prestique Limited for organizing such a meaningful event for Hong Kong children before the Chinese New Year, as well as to Credit Suisse volunteers for their support.



Charity Auction at BMMTEC

Chi Heng Foundation was invited to the annual meeting of BMMTEC on January 12th. It was the only beneficiary charity invited to share its work with BMMTEC staff and members. All the auction sales with matching donations from BMMTEC were donated to support the work of Chi Heng in providing educational sponsorship for AIDS affected children.



Volunteer Visit to Anhui & Henan

On Jan 5th, 18 students majoring in early childhood education from the University of Illinois visited Chi Heng's reading room in Fuyang County, Anhui Province. They interacted with local children affected by AIDS; completed a mural painting, sang songs and made cards together. The 18 students were also invited to the classes in the school where the reading room was located and had a wonderful day with the students there.



19 volunteers from Hong Kong visited Chi Heng sponsored children in Henan Province on January 25–27th. They brought school bags, winter clothes, hats, scarfs, stationery, and food as New Year's gifts, and played together with the children. They also encouraged the children to aspire to become contributing and valued members of society. In return, the children thanked the volunteers for their visit by performing a song and dance.



Free Coffee Making Class by Jonas Emil

David from Jonas Emil Coffee Roaster gave a free coffee making class to students at Shanghai Young Bakers (SYB) on January 21st. SYB students were excited as they learned to make coffee for the first time, as a complement to their bakery products.



David presented 3 types of coffee beans from different regions that have undergone different roasting processes. He also showed how to grind coffee beans. SYB students were excited to have the chance to smell and taste the professionally made coffee.

"I didn't know coffee making could be this sophisticated", said Wang Li, a baking teacher at SYB, "Both me and my students learned a lot about coffee culture today. Thank you so much, Jonas Emil!"

Next Winter Camp

20 students from Yunnan will join the Chi Heng winter camp in Kunming on February 18–23rd.

Chi Heng hopes that the winter camp will be an inspiring and eye opening experience for the children, as well as encouraging them to cope with the difficulties in life, by envisioning and making a better future.



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