



ACCESS HK

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Summer Newsletter 2008



Dear Friends of AccessHK,

The past academic year has seen a significant development in the history of Access HK. For the first time since our inception in 2001, we are now providing tuition services to underprivileged children in Hong Kong at weekends throughout the year. Access HK has moved from a charity focused on helping children during the summer vacation to one that provides all-year-round services to children in need.



Summer School 2008:
Tin Shui Wai Catholic
Primary School

Teach-an-Hour
70 recent graduate
volunteer lawyers,
bankers, accountants,
and others = a teacher
to student ratio of 1:3



TEACH-AN-HOUR

The new weekend programme, known as "Teach-an-Hour", was successfully held in October 2007 to June 2008. During the 9 months, Access HK recruited over 70 volunteers and ran free-of-charge tuition classes for 110 underprivileged children in Kowloon City and Tsuen Wan. Most of the volunteers are in their twenties who have graduated from overseas universities and come from a wide range of professions, including law, finance, accounting and the media. It is hoped that the volunteers will not only help the children improve their English language skills, but will also act as role models for these children who may not have had high career aspirations before joining the programme.



Classes with a teacher-to-student ratio of 1:3 were held every Saturday morning for children in Primary 1 to 5. The teaching philosophy is not much different from that of our usual summer programme, and that is, we hope that the children will walk away with not only better language skills, but also more confidence in themselves and motivation to pursue knowledge. We would like to thank Kowloon City Lok Sin Tong Primary School and Lok Sin Tong Lau Tak Primary School for co-hosting the Teach-an-Hour programme with us and all the volunteers for giving up their Saturday mornings to help these children. We understand that getting up early on a Saturday morning is no easy task for many of them who have a demanding career and a very busy schedule throughout the week.

✓ I'm here to make a difference



BLOOMBERG VISIT

On 21 June 2008, Access HK brought 40 children from Lok Sin Tong Lau Tak Primary School to the Bloomberg office to attend lessons on environmental protection. This is part of the "Best of Bloomberg" programme through which Bloomberg L.P. supports charities. We would like to thank Bloomberg for sponsoring the children's lunches and gift packs.



UPCOMING EVENTS – Summer Programme

Tin Shui Wai New Town is one of the most deprived areas in Hong Kong where serious family and social issues, including domestic violence, mental illness, and suicide, have occurred. This summer, some 30 volunteers of Access HK will host a free-of-charge summer programme for children in Tin Shui Wai. Friends of Access HK are most welcome to pay a visit to the school where the summer programme will be held:

Date: 16 July (Wed) to 2 August (Sat)
Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm daily
Venue: Tin Shui Wai Catholic Primary School
RSVP: Calvin Qiu 9669-8736



RECRUITMENT – Teach-an-Hour Programme

We treasure every one of our volunteers and believe their contribution would help us make a difference to the world. Please sign up to be a volunteer teacher in the Teach-an-Hour programme in the next academic year. More details are available on our website www.accesshk.org. An information session will be held for anyone interested in this programme, where you will be able to meet with current and past volunteers.

Date: 2 August (Sat)
Time: 8:30pm - 10pm
Venue: I-Lounge, 38 Stanley Street, Central (Tel:2868-4218)
For more information, please contact Quincy Tse on 91983989 or Clara Choi on 62810260



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Special thanks go to Miss Vivian Chung and Miss Sally Ng of Story Jungle, a private education centre, for providing pro-bono training to our volunteers and teaching resources for our summer programme which have helped our preparation for the programme immensely. More information about Story Jungle can be found on its website: www.storyjungle.com.