



## Voices of Members

UNICEF Young Envoys Programme was originated in 1996. Our club has now accumulated nearly 700 members of talented young envoys. Do you know what the club and activities were like back then? Let's hear what Vivian Leung, a Young Envoy 1996, has to say.

### I'm YE 1996

Yes! This is the year the UNICEF Young Envoy Programme established.

I found out about this programme like most of you. One day, I noticed a new poster on the notice board near my school's front door and quickly submitted the application form to UNICEF.

The interview took place at the Headquarters of Cathay Pacific, the sponsor of the programme. I was a bit nervous because the number of applicants was much more than I expected. The interview was short as I remembered. It went rough. I couldn't present myself confidently. However, I was fortunate enough to be chosen as one of the 30 chosen YEs.

Every decision and plan, from big to small, was a new challenge to every Young Envoy. In those days, we were thankful that Cathay Pacific provided transport and accommodation for us, and UNICEF staff was responsible for the arrangement of the trip to the Philippines and Thailand. There were no mentors, no orientation camp, no workshop, no school project and no social service for the YEs. At that time, the YEs had to face and solve difficulties by ourselves. We felt quite lost in times when things turned out not as we planned. This taught us to predict possible challenges and figure out some potential solutions hand in hand.

I am glad to have the opportunity to be a mentor of the new YEs. It is meaningful to guide them to reach their goal as a fully equipped UNICEF Young Envoy.



## Achievement of Young Envoys 2010

In April, Young Envoys 2010 Joint School Workshop 'Esperienza' was held by a group of YE 2010 on 14th April and 24th April. 60 participants of F.3 and F.4 from five schools including La Salle College, Diocesan Girls' School, Heep Yunn School, St. Mary's Canossian College and Maryknoll Convent School were inspired through activities on team building and social issues including school tracing, debates and lectures about children rights. The event aims at providing a broader exposure for the participants, and building up a higher reputation of UNICEF Young Envoys Programme. Some devoted YEC members were team leaders in this event.



## Reflection

*This brand new self-initiated school project is definitely a breakthrough. We all enjoy the preparation stage as well as the workshop itself. From the smiling faces and positive feedbacks, I'm sure all of us have learned and experienced something. (Victor Wong, Organising Committee, La Salle College)*

*We touched the sky; we reached that dream together; we, thirteen organizing committees, accomplished our mission as one, as a whole. Some foresaw the project as a failure, but we stood so tall, and I am glad that through the good and the bad, the organizing committee members supported each other. (Michelle Man, Organizing Committee, Diocesan Girls' School)*

# Appointment Ceremony of YE 2010

The appointment ceremony has always been a big day for Young Envoys. It was successfully held on 6th June 2010 in Wei Hing Theatre of City U. More than 150 participants attended the ceremony. 30 YEC members witnessed that precious moment while some of them even played a supporting role.



YE 2010 Group Photo



Mentor and YE 2010



## Voices of Youth Programme

On that day, 'Voices of Youth', an online children's radio program, is created by Hong Kong Committee for UNICEF (HKCU) as collaboration with the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (HKFYG), and is fully supported by Commercial Radio Hong Kong. It provides a platform for the YEC members to continue their mission in YE programme.

As the slogan says, **"To Explore, To Speak Out, To Take Action"**, we will listen and respect the voices of the youth and infuse them into all levels of society.

Its main goal is to empower children and realise children's right to participation. 'Voices of Youth' is going to be a permanent online radio show; it is the first ever children's radio programme fully-run by children. 16 YEC members were selected to be the radio hosts. They will be trained professionally and be in charge of duties from conducting researches and analyses, hosting the show to radio programme production.



First Training



Mentor Coaching



Commercial Radio



Social Worker Sharing



Workshop at CUHK



Column Writing

*Radio programs appear to be a piece of cake with just some funny discussion and guests to entertain the audience. When this comes to be our task, I realize this is absolutely a fallacy since lots of preparation work needs to be done. I am looking forward to the coming sessions.*  
(Vince Lee, Radio host, YE 2008)

*I am grateful to participate in the 'Voices of Youth' programme. We will be in accordance with the objective of UNICEF, to represent the adolescents in society to voice out our feelings, to promote a better community.*  
(Judy Chen, Radio Host, YE 2008)

*'Voices of Youth' is a very fresh and new platform for us to speak about what we think, about things we care. I expect myself to fulfill the duty by learning the skills of being a radio host devotedly and be well-prepared. Please support us and listen to our programmes in September!!:D*  
(Jessie, Radio Host, YE 2008)



## YEC Gathering

YEC Gathering was successfully held on 25th June 2010 at POM II Café in Mongkok. 45 participants enjoyed a delightful night there. It is highly agreed as a good platform for different years' YEs to interact and have fun together.



## Second Participation in Children Rights Forum



The Children Rights Forum (Section 13), organised by the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau, was held on July 2, in Queen Elizabeth Stadium, Wan Chai.

Two centre topics were mainly discussed: I) The third report of the HKSAR government in reference to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR); II) Prevention of Suicide. Six representatives from our club vividly expressed their views and opinions to the officials in regards to these issues. It was a rare opportunity for teenagers like us to engage in direct communication with the authorities.

Grab the chance, we hope to see you there next time!

## Upcoming event

### 1. "Pushing Forward" Humanitarian Campaign

Date: 19th August 2010 (Thursday)

Time: 3:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Venue: 1/F, Central Terminal Building of Star Ferry

An education and advocacy event through creating still images based on real photographs of emergency assistance carried out by UNICEF in recent earthquakes, mainly Haiti and Qinghai. This is a unique approach where volunteers can have fun, while contributing to promote the World Humanitarian Day on 19th August. If you are interested in being the actors or helpers, please send us the reply form found in our recruitment e-mail.



### 2. Recruitment of the next cabinet for Young Envoys Club

Young Envoys Club is a platform which enables all devoted and passionate past YEs to gather and do something meaningful to society, or even the world. We will send the recruitment package in July. Our election will be held on 28th August 2010 at the AGM. If you would like to bear the responsibility to lead the club, please pay attention to our news

### 3. Recruitment of 'Voices of Youth' survey interviewers

Period: 26th July 2010 – 9th August 2010

Time: AM: 9 – 1, PM: 2 – 5

Venue: Community centre serving children

Hosts of UNICEF 'Voices of Youth' programme is going to conduct a survey to know more about the problem of child poverty in Hong Kong. We would like to invite a certain number of YEC members as the interviewer in different community centres to help collect data from children from different backgrounds. If you are interested in this meaningful work, please pay attention and reply to our upcoming e-mail.

Our club is a brilliant one which is composed of talented YEs of different years. If you have anything to share, or you get your contact changed, please feel free to send us an email. (E-mail address: [unicefyec@gmail.com](mailto:unicefyec@gmail.com))

To make a difference