



Support! International Foundation

國際青年學融基金會

BREAKING BOUNDARIES, BUILDING BRIDGES

Academic Year Annual Report

2017-2018



**SUPPORT!
INTERNATIONAL
FOUNDATION:
WHERE YOUNG
PEOPLE TAKE
THE LEAD**

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LETTER FROM FOUNDER / PRESIDENT

The 2017/18 fiscal year was one marked with significant achievements as well as important transitions; a year defined by an unapologetic drive for the best programmes for our beneficiaries. Before I dive into highlighting some of our work, let me first offer my gratitude to our friends, team and board members. Our programmes benefit greatly from your support and perseverance.

On the education programming side of our organisation, we have seen unprecedented change and success, most significant of which was the introduction of our English through STEAM programme. Under the leadership of Vice President, Operations (Secondary Programmes) Sana Khullar and Vice President, Operations (Primary Programmes) Francisca Lam, one would find, in its new syllabus, the integration and consolidation of all the best elements of our existing programmes. This includes a signature year-end individual project in which students have the opportunity to plan, produce, execute and evaluate their own projects based on material learned from the preceding sessions. An exhibition at the end of the year will be hosted to celebrate the work of our students.

On the youth empowerment area, we have introduced a significantly larger number of events hosted. From our landmark Youth Leadership Conference, to our Leaders of Hong Kong Series, we have introduced more content that serves to inspire and motivate our city's young people. In addition to co-organising and co-hosting the Tidal Wave Series, a policy forum for youth, with KELY Support Group, we have welcome some of Hong Kong's most influential individuals. On our Leaders of Hong Kong Series, we interviewed such individuals as Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, CEO of The Hong Kong Jockey Club, and Bernard Chan, Convenor of the Non-Official Members of the HKSARG's Executive Council – events, I should note, that welcomed more than 110 participants each.

The most significant event of the year was the transition of the presidency. As a founder, the Board and I understood the importance of getting things right. Understanding that I would need to step down in August 2018, the Board took the active step to set up a Committee that would find our next President. After interviewing a significant number incredibly talented students, the Committee had to choose between three great candidates. The rest as they say is history, for we found the best-suited candidate in Alex Yu, then Vice President, Community Development. The Board and I are confident in his success.

Once again, I appreciate your strong support and hope to have your continued friendship. Thank you to our donors who have made our programmes possible. Please enjoy the read!

Joseph Wan
Founder and President

Who are we?

Support! International Foundation is a youth-led NGO that wishes to give back the youth community in Hong Kong.

Our dedicated youth volunteers strive to teach English to youth communities in need through interactive and fun programmes.

In addition, our organisation hosts youth events to empower youths by providing opportunities to them which are otherwise unavailable. Our goal is to create the leaders of tomorrow and equip them with the skills needed to make a difference.



Our Three Pillars



Mutual Learning

Every person in Support! is a learner. Our beneficiaries grow from our programmes, which include topics not present in their existing school curriculum. In turn, our instructors learn about themselves and about the students that they're working with, gaining a better understanding of the world.



Youth Leadership

Support! has young people in every role up the ladder, from instructors to leadership positions. As youth members of society, it is our responsibility to give back to the community that has done so much for us and make it an even better place for the future.



Communities In Need

With a non-political and non-sectarian stance on issues in Hong Kong, Support! values helping all those who are in need of it most. Very often, communities are under-served and are not given as many opportunities to flourish as they deserve. Support! aims to help different communities in Hong Kong by providing individuals with unique opportunities that are not normally available to them.

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Total Beneficiaries Impacted in the Academic Year of 2017-2018

Our programmes at Support! International Foundation can be broken down into two main areas, the first being education programmes and the second community development programmes.



programmes at a glance



Group discussions at the 2018 Youth Leadership Conference

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Our community development events are diverse, touching upon issues that currently pertain to youth in Hong Kong.

Our 'Leaders of Hong Kong Series' provides an opportunity for all youths in Hong Kong to meet and connect with influential industry leaders, free of charge and no strings attached. With this, we try to connect youths with lifelong mentors and hope to see youths be inspired by their stories.

Our 'Tidal Wave Series' are conferences hosted in partnership with KELY Support Group in which students gather to discuss and debate issues and policies pertinent to youths in Hong Kong.

Finally, our 'Youth Leadership Conference' is a social entrepreneurship competition which provides a platform for students to develop and pitch their own innovative service action plans.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES

Being divided into educational programmes for primary or secondary education programmes, our educational programmes are developed by the youth for the youth. Student volunteers aim to improve students' confidence and ability to work with both written and spoken English.

Support! partners with The Boys' & Girls' Club Association of Hong Kong ('BGCA') and Chun Wo Development Holdings Limited to provide BGCA's youths and the children of Chun Wo's construction workers with a quality, individualised and innovative English learning experience.

education and community outreach



A volunteer helping one of our beneficiaries with her worksheet during an excursion looking at ecological life in Hong Kong.

NEED

English is one of the most spoken languages in the world, and an exceedingly important one in our changing business landscape.. However, many schools in Hong Kong do not have a strong English programme, compared to the strong Cantonese or Chinese programmes. As such, many students do not have access to a quality English education, nor ample opportunities to learn English.

RESPONSE

The educational programmes we design aims to help our beneficiaries learn English through a more interactive way, such as through Film, Arts & Crafts, and Storytelling & Writing, whilst contextualising general English vocabulary and grammar. Their instructors are all youths themselves, who we hope will become the leaders of tomorrow. All volunteers are equipped them with a caring heart and empathetic ear.

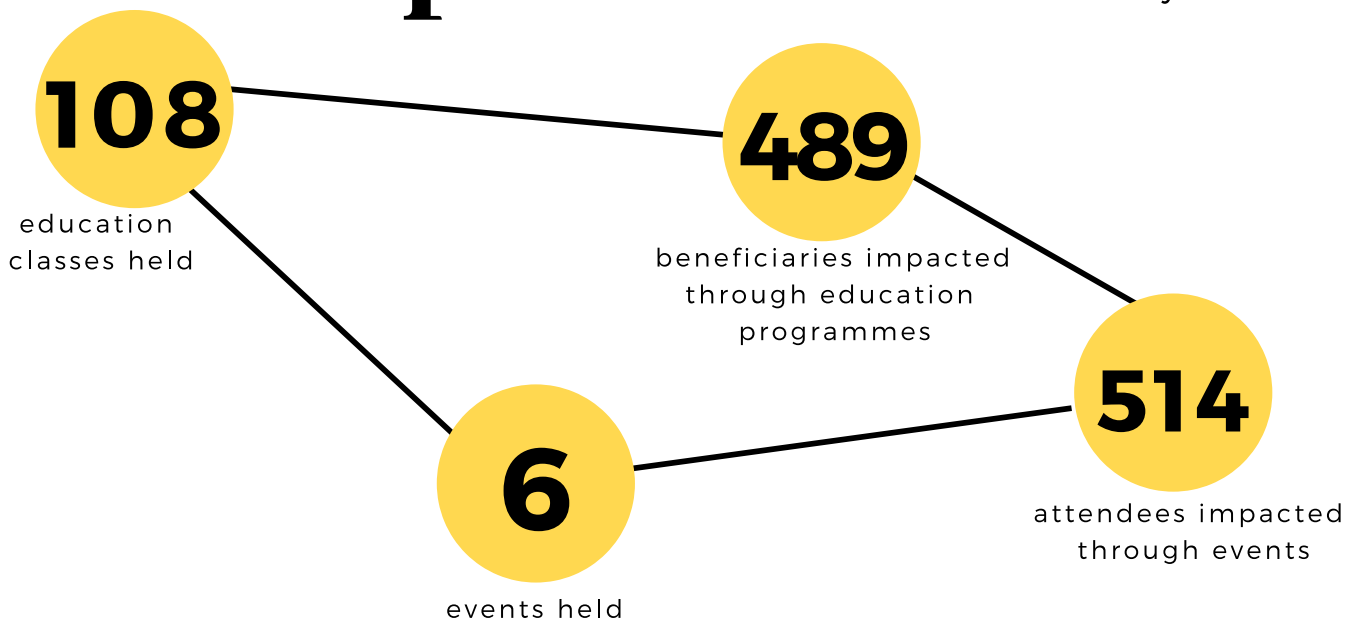


Our volunteers interacting with kids on an excursion.

EDUCATIONAL REACH

Our 2017-18 education programmes enabled us to positively impact 489 students across our 6 sites this year. While our beneficiaries range from primary school to secondary school, we all share the common goal of improving the students' self-confidence and English abilities. With the addition of our two new sites, we hope to impact more students in the next year,

Our Impact





About:

The Leaders of Hong Kong series is a series of talks by influential leaders in Hong Kong who have strived for change.

"Participating in LOHKS was an eye-opening experience. I was extremely inspired by the experiences of the guests, and it motivated me to further pursue my dreams and strive to change society. I couldn't believe that I, as a student, could have the chance to personally meet these leaders and ask them for advice personally."

- Zoe Lu

(Beneficiary of the Leaders of Hong Kong Series)

Leaders of Hong Kong Series



WINFRIED ENGELBRECHT- BRESGES

CEO OF THE HONG KONG
JOCKEY CLUB.

Shared his personal journey and
shared his thoughts on staying

innovative



BERNARD CHAN, NON-OFFICIAL CONVENOR OF THE HONG KONG EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

discussed topics ranging from Hong Kong's
political landscape to

**how to
pursue your passions**



JIM THOMPSON

FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN OF CROWN
WORLDWIDE GROUP.

Discussed how he founded his
business and the

**role of young
people in business**



LILY CHEUNG, FORMER PRESIDENT OF TRIP ADVISOR APAC.

Discussed Entrepreneurship and how
one should never be afraid to

**“stepping off your
mountain to
pursue another
view”**



"... CONFIDENCE IS KEY IN LEARNING"

JOANNA LAM | MAN KIU COLLEGE BENEFICIARY

Joanna's grandfather first came to Hong Kong in hopes of providing a better future for his family. Despite his wish, he struggled to find a voice in the community with his foreign Filipino background. Treated as a second tier citizen, he truly believed that education was the only way to emancipate his next generations.

Despite the family's economic background, education remained crucial to them. The legacy of pursuing education was continued by Joanna's father, and now, her sister, a physical therapy student at Duke University. At 17, Joanna's sister remains the greatest role model in her life and has sparked the avid learning personality Joanna encompasses during Support! lessons today.

Joanna had difficulties in expressing herself both academically and vocally back in Shenzhen, and therefore sought to find a more well-suited learning environment in Hong Kong. Determined to follow her sister's footsteps, she aspires to one day pursue the dream of becoming a lawyer in Canada. Understanding that this would require fluency in the English language, she joined our 'English through STEAM' programme.

Over the course of 3 months, Joanna has found in herself a voice. Her confidence in expressing the English language continues to amaze those around her, and she has only flourished further since. "Confidence is key", she says, as she chuckles humbly. Her enthusiasm and continuous participation during lessons not only showcases her rapid improvement, but goes to show that hard work, coupled with a willingness to seek help, bears sweet fruit.

Today, not only is Joanna a step closer to achieving her own aspirations, but has successfully lived out the wishes of her grandfather, and more.



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JOANNE FU | YOUTH DIRECTOR, YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

To me, being a part of Support! International Foundation extended to more than just an extra-curricular activity I dabbled in to fulfil my Creativity, Action, Service (CAS) credits for the IB programme or something I did to embellish my CV. My experience in Support! positively impacted my personal growth and altered my perception of our local community.

When I was first introduced to Support! by my peers at school, I was puzzled at how this established non-governmental organisation started off as merely a student-led initiative. Intrigued, I found myself signing up to become the Youth Director of the Youth Leadership Conference for 2018. Throughout my time at Support!, I was presented with unique opportunities that pushed me outside of my comfort zone, challenging me in ways an education in school could never have. Despite the hardships along the way, it was rewarding to physically witness the impact, we, as teenagers can have on other children and communities in need. It was during the YLC, when students were presenting their innovative service initiatives that I truly saw the real effect that Support! has. Watching youth wanting and willing to commit time and effort into making a change within our current local society was evidence of the success in the youth leadership exhibited by Support!.

However, if I had to pick one aspect in which Support! has affected my personal growth, it would be the environment of mutual learning, collaboration and encouragement created. In particular, the elegance and efficiency the YLT worked with. Right of the bat, I was amazed by the ambitious teenagers spearheading the operation of Support! International Foundation, proving to me the power that youth can have. I genuinely believe that Support! has empowered youth, like myself, to pursue the change that we hope to see within our society.

MEET THE YLT



Joseph Wan, President



Kerry Hsu,
Senior Vice President,
Operations



Harriet Kwok,
Senior Vice President,
Integrated Communications
and Engagement



Ian Chu,
Senior Vice President,
Policy



Katherine Yang,
Vice President,
Marketing and Management



Alex Yu,
Vice President,
Community Development

FINANCIAL REPORT 2017-2018

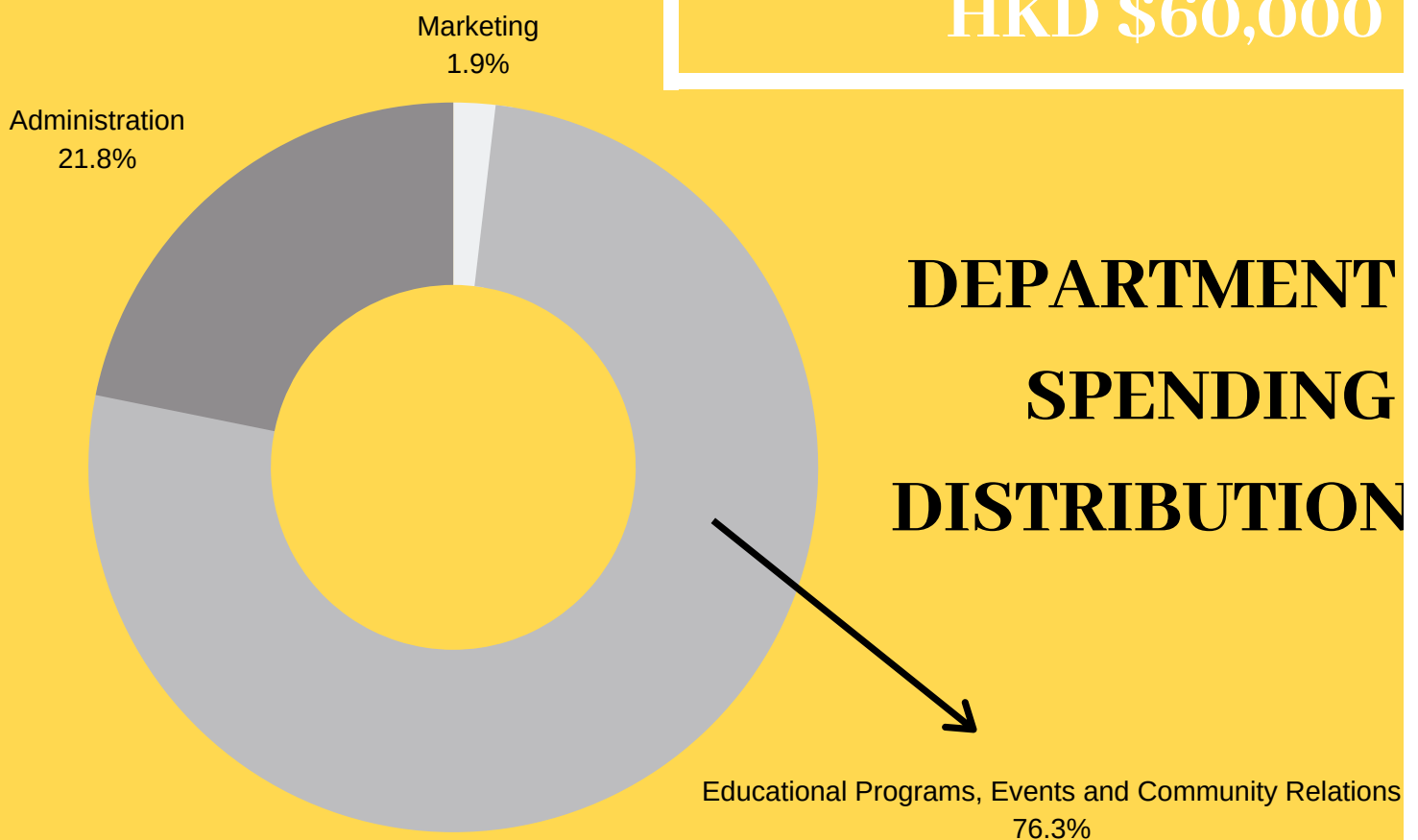
Our work would be greatly set back without your support, so from the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

We would especially like to thank Chun Wo for their continued support towards our Foundation, and expresses its gratitude towards all other current and future donors of Support!.

We are grateful for the support from our corporate donors, both for their financial support and their belief in our work. With their generous financial help, we were able to provide textbooks, stationery and classroom supplies to our students, so their time spent learning with us would be conducive. For our events, we were able to hold bigger events and reach out to more students, in an effort to inspire the next generation of Hong Kong's leaders."

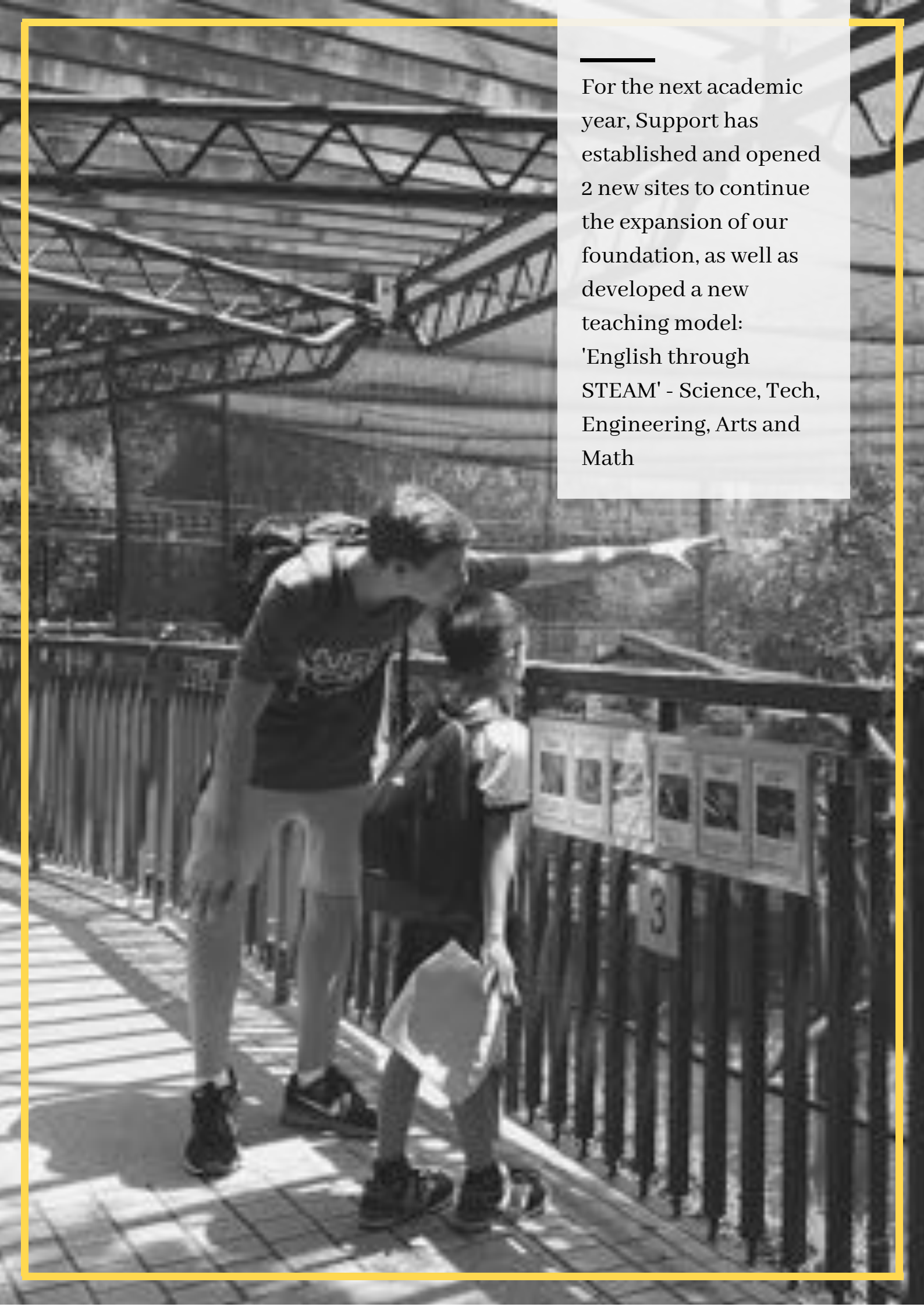
DONATIONS RECEIVED IN AY1718

HKD \$60,000



DEPARTMENT SPENDING DISTRIBUTION

For the next academic year, Support has established and opened 2 new sites to continue the expansion of our foundation, as well as developed a new teaching model: 'English through STEAM' - Science, Tech, Engineering, Arts and Math





Our beneficiaries celebrating after a successful class!

Support! has formed a relationship with the Little Flower's Catholic Primary School and will be opening a new educational site starting August 2018. The strengthening of our partnerships and development of new relationships has marked a period of momentous changes for Support! in expanding the organisation and impacting more beneficiaries in the local Hong Kong community.

Following the expansion of our organisation, the Foundation signed a Memorandum of Understanding with our long-time Primary site partner, The Boys' & Girls' Club Association of Hong Kong. With our new partnership, two new sites working with kids from BGCA will be added in the new academic year at Chinese International School and Renaissance College Hong Kong.



Some of our beneficiaries doing some arts and crafts.

new education sites

Looking ahead

**IN THE YEAR
AHEAD, SUPPORT!
PROMISES TO
CONTINUE
SERVING YOUTHS
IN HONG KONG,
AND TO INSPIRE
YOUTHS TO GIVE
BACK.**

As the Academic Year of 2017-2018 draws to a close, new and exciting opportunities begin to present themselves. Our strong team of dedicated volunteers, from Vice Presidents, to Youth Directors and Instructors have been working tirelessly to remodel the educational programmes, creating innovative curricula to challenge students and bring out their best, as well as to give them the easiest English learning experience. We call this model English through 'STEAM' (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math), where all our classes will teach English through looking at topics students are already familiar with or are curious about, such as global warming or art history. By learning English in a contextualised manner, we hope our students will be able to improve their verbal English more easily, instead of learning English through rote memorisation. Our primary beneficiaries will also take on this English through STEAM approach, but at a slower pace, focusing on the holistic English development of our students through three areas of study: storytelling, environment studies and arts and crafts.

We are also thrilled to be continuing to carry through our events, namely the Leaders of Hong Kong Series, the Youth Leadership Conference and the Tidal Wave Series. For the next academic year, our dedicated events team, also made up of hardworking youths, hopes to continue making a positive change in the lives of Hong Kong's youths, to empower them and give them a voice. We will be scaling up our Leaders of Hong Kong Series due to popular demand to 6-8 events per year.

Stagnation is the enemy of progress. For us to continue to serve Hong Kong and to inspire youths to give back, we will continue to work tirelessly to innovate and expand. We will continue working hard today to create a better tomorrow for all youths in Hong Kong.

Alex Yu

Upcoming President (2018-19 Academic Year)

Previous: Vice President, Community Development (2017-2018 Academic Year)

Looking to make a difference with us?



DONATE TO SUPPORT!



Any and all donations to Support! International Foundation will be dedicated to increasing the quality and quantity of the resources we use to run our programs and events. Donate now at: <https://www.supportintlfoundation.org/donate/>

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