

## YEC at the 3rd Global Issues Network Conference's NGO Fair

UNICEF was invited by the Chinese International School (CIS) to join the 3rd Global Issues Network Conference's NGO Fair which was held on 30 Mar 2010 (Sat). More than 700 students from around the world attended the conference aiming to know, care, and act about global issues that affect each and every one of us. YEC was given such a volunteering opportunity working with UNICEF to educate participants the work of UNICEF through presentations and interactive games.



A brief presentation was given at the Fair to promote the aims and works of UNICEF. Our members had prepared an interactive game named "Golden 72", where participants have to construct a given shape with wooden blocks (meaning rebuilding Haitian's home) within 72 seconds. The game aims to highlight the vital role of a quick response to humanitarian crisis. "Golden 72" referred to the crucial 72 hours that a person can survive under the most adverse solutions. By allowing participants to experience the fatal speed time running out, they will have quick feel of urgency to crisis relief, as well as the nature of UNICEF's emergency work that acts within 48 hours in response to crisis.



*"We believe that it is our obligation to help UNICEF putting children first. In the fair, UNICEF provided us with a well-established platform, we appreciated this very much and we look forward to another opportunity in the near future."*

*Ben Lo  
Chairperson*



## Climate Ambassador at Lingnan University

On 30 March, Jovita Ho, one of the five UNICEF Climate Ambassadors, attended the Green Campus Climate Change Forum hosted by Lingnan University to share her views on climate change as a teenager in Hong Kong.

She first introduced the Children Climate Forum Copenhagen, a meaningful platform provided by UNICEF for uniting children all over the world to discuss climate change relating issues. She then shared the experience to interact with and listen to children from less developed and high risk countries.



In the forum, she stated that sea transportation is one of the vital causes to the problem; however, it has not been addressed properly. Corporations owning those logistic businesses and cargo ships are taking advantage of establishing bases in developing countries at where no carbon emission target was implemented.

She lastly called on youngsters in Hong Kong to open minds up to realize the scenes behind climate change and the impact to the world children, and most importantly, to act now.

## Recruitment for YEC IT Team

As our world steps into a new era of cyber technology, UNICEF YEC must also revolutionize its policies. Therefore we are creating a whole new website to help enhance communications between our members. We would like to invite you to join us in establishing this new frontier by becoming a member of our YEC IT team. The team would consist of four passionate members who will be responsible for the creation as well as the maintenance of the site. If you are interested in helping us in driving YEC to this new course, please refer to the recruitment email which will be sending out at the end of April.

## Tears of the Child



Every second, a child in some part of the world is shedding a tear. Be it natural disasters, political turmoil or extreme poverty, many young sufferings go unnoticed and unheard. This section aims to bring to light many of these urgent crises our world faces today. We would like to introduce you the frontline of UNICEF's battle...

February has been a month of calamity for many in the poorest nations around the globe. Not only are Haitian children suffering the aftermath of the massive earthquake, but Chilean children were just hit by a magnitude 8.8 earthquake.

In Haiti, UNICEF kick-started a major immunization campaign for 500,000 children aged below seven in February. Children aged below seven will be immunized against measles, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough. UNICEF has also been working with partners in the field to ensure access to clean water and sanitation, provide education to restore normalcy of children and build shelters to ensure safety for children. Haiti is still urgently in need of funds to support the ongoing rebuild work. Hong Kong Committee for UNICEF continues its appeal for funds from the general public to help Haiti.

The Right to Survival - There are an estimated 129 million underweight children in the developing world today. (23% of the child population) One in four children in South Asia are underweight

The Right to Development - One in six children in developing countries is engaged in child labour.

The Right to Participation - Around 51 million children born in 2007 have not been registered. Two out of three children in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia were not registered.

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