

Voice it Out, Pass it On - Words from Chairperson

On behalf of the Executive Committee of UNICEF Young Envoys Club Session 2010 - 2011, I would like to extend our warmest greetings to all members, as well as our deepest gratitude towards our advisors for their everlasting support. We are committed in serving our members and assisting UNICEF in its work, uniting the Young Leaders and Young Envoys since 1996 and organizing various projects.

This year, our theme is "Voice it Out, Pass it On". It serves as our motto as well as our vision. "Participation" is one of the rights every child should enjoy. All children should be able to voice out their opinions and these will be beneficial to our community in understanding the children's views and needs. Our members are always passionate about advocating children's rights and raising voices of youth. We hope that this passion can be passed on to the other children and youths in Hong Kong. Therefore, we will run advocacy projects and actively take part in public relations events this year, so as to arouse public's attention on issues related to children's rights and youth. We will also organize a number of gatherings for our members to union together.

In addition, we are happy to have the Green Division newly established this year. They bear the mission of arousing eco-awareness and promoting environmental conservation.

Your participation and support are always crucial to our success in running the Club. We sincerely hope that we will be seeing you in our events in the coming year.

Alan Yip (YE 2008), Chairperson, UNICEF Young Envoys Club Session 2010 - 2011



MADE a difference - Sharing by Past Chairperson

We are not just working for our execution year, but a path directing the whole YEC to grow as a strong organization with a group of elites under thorough planning.

A year ago, my YE friends urged me not to apply the chairperson election as they believed that's a waste of time. I insisted as I was sure that our club could make big achievement if we were willing to put effort in managing it. Wish that the new executive members do hold the same belief as mine.

Making a difference is never an easy task but involves uncountable tears and hard work. It is glad that our club is growing healthily and begins to get a higher profile through projecting youth voice in society. The success of Pushing Forward Humanitarian Campaign showed us a clear view that "Advocacy" is something we can introduce to HK. Although being the leading force to initiate this is a tough task, it probably brings unlimited positive outcomes if our club is able to define it clearly and work out something powerful this year. I know we can do it.

I sincerely hope that our club will attain magnificent achievements in the bright future with the new YEC members and excos.

Ben Lo (YE 2008), Chairperson, UNICEF Young Envoys Club Session 2009 - 2010

Let's be green! - Introduction of Green Division

Worsening climate change has been a time bomb for developing countries where citizens, especially children, are under great threat from rising sea level and high temperature-led epidemics. Upholding the mission of Young Envoys to spread the message of children rights protection, the Green Division is newly established under the YEC this year. We are an assembly of enthusiastic and passionate UNICEF Young Envoys feeling responsible to make a change to the day-by-day worsening globe.

We are now drafting the work plan of an advocacy project which will be proposed to UNICEF in 2011, aim at promoting eco-awareness message to the general public.

The Earth needs your action and so do we. We surely need your enthusiastic support and participation in the future events!

Alvin Au (YE2010), Coordinator of Green Division



Canadian International School - CAS Fair

YEC were invited by Canadian International School to their CAS (Creativity, Action, Service) Fair on 17 Sept 2010. Three committee members of YEC (Alan Yip, Joanne Lai and Vicky Chiu) attended the fair and organized the booth. We set up some banners, organized a mini puzzle game and distributed leaflets about UNICEF and Young Envoys Programme, in order to allow the students to understand more about children's rights, UNICEF's mission and its work. Nearly a hundred of them showed their interest in being volunteers for UNICEF and wished to know more about our programmes, by leaving their contacts to us.



TVB interview

On 30 Oct 2010, four of our members (Ben Lo, Yuki Leung, Jeffrey Wong and Stephanie Cheung) were interviewed by TVB Jade's "Youth Nation" (激優一族). They shared their experiences as Young Envoys and why they are dedicated to the UNICEF family. Information of Young Envoys Programme 2011 and the "8.19 World Humanitarian Day Pushing Forward Campaign" were covered as well. Youth Nation regularly reports different youth-related issues and it is one of the most popular local youth television programmes in Hong Kong.



Exchange session with Youths

Themed with "Hong Kong's Climate Change Strategy and Action Agenda", the Exchange Session with Youths is organized to collect opinions from the younger generation on future prospects of local green measures. On 21 Oct 2010, several YEC members attended it and had a chance to chat with the guest Mr. Edward Yau, Secretary for the Environment.

Alvin Au, the coordinator of YEC Green Division, raised a question to highlight if the government has done enough in raising the awareness of people on eco-friendliness. Mr. Yau responded saying the government will proactively consider soft approaches in making Hong Kong a greener place.

The Earth is our common property not separated from you and me, and there is no excuse in procrastinating any green measures to save our adorable planet.



YE 2011 interview

It is time to recruit new blood for UNICEF Young Envoys! The Young Envoys Programme 2011 has received over 700 applications from secondary schools all over Hong Kong. Two rounds of interviews were arranged for shortlisted applicants on 13 and 20 Nov 2010 at Youth Square and head office of Hong Kong Committee for UNICEF (HKCU). YEC members were involved for both interviews.

For the first interview, some of us formed the panel of judges together with HKCU staff, while some others served as receptionists. Council members and working partners of HKCU were invited to be judges for the second interview. 60 successful applicants were then selected to be potential Young Envoys 2011. We wish all YE11 a happy journey with us and UNICEF!



Children's Rights Forum

On 19 Nov 2010, the Children's Rights Forum was successfully held by the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau. UNICEF was invited to take part in this forum and five of our members attended it. The forum focused on West Kowloon Cultural District Stage 2 Public Engagement Exercise and a Public Consultation of the Review of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance. We have been very involved in the forum and have raised a few questions on issues such as the culture of minorities, on youth participation, etc. Our opinions were acknowledged by the representatives and were given with informative and detailed feedback. Through this forum, we have achieved our motto this year, to "Voice it Out, Pass it on!"



Charity Run

In the morning of 28 Nov 2010, a number of YEC members woke up early at midnight and travelled to Hong Kong Disneyland Resort to help out in UNICEF Charity Run 2010. This year, the event again attracted an overwhelming number of participants and helpers to raise funds and support the global campaign "Unite for children Unite against AIDS." In fact, it was so touching seeing so many charitable participants, ranging from babies (in baby's cars pushing by their parents) to elderly, abled to disabled, unitedly joined and called for actions to protect children from the impact of HIV and AIDS. Though we were not runners, we actively and physically supported the event by taking different assigned roles such as crowd control, dealing with luggage management and supporting runners in different ways. It was an unforgettable experience and we hope to see you next year!



I was very touched when I saw blind people participating in the charity run. They not only came to encourage their friends, but also run with their own feet, with people guiding their way. I look forward to participating in the next charity run, seeing different kinds of people joining this meaningful event to unite for children, unite against aids.

(Rani Siu, YE 2009)

Our club is a brilliant one which composes of different years of talented Young Envoys. If you have anything to share, or get your contact changed, or enquiries towards our club, please feel free to send an email to unicefyec@gmail.com. We are most delighted to hear from you!