

Photo exhibition: Volunteerism from Generation to Generation

The following is issued on behalf of the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education:

The selfless acts and brave deeds of late volunteers Mr Wong Fuk-wing and Mr Andy Tsang Man-kit have moved the hearts of many. The Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) has organised the "Volunteerism from Generation to Generation" photo exhibition to pay tribute to their volunteer work while also highlighting the importance of volunteering to society, and to try and encourage more people to join in.

The CPCE is also implementing various measures to promote volunteer work and proclaim the positive values and benefits of serving the community.

At a press briefing to introduce the committee's work today (January 13), the CPCE Chairman, Mr Joseph Lee, said, "Mr Wong Fuk-wing and Mr Andy Tsang Man-kit's whole-hearted devotion to volunteer services fully demonstrated Hong Kong people's selfless love. We should learn from their altruistic spirit of caring for the disadvantaged."

Mr Wong Fuk-wing posthumously received the Special Administrative Region Government's Medal for Bravery (Gold) while Mr Tsang Man-kit was awarded a Certificate of Commendation from the Secretary for Home Affairs, to honour their acts of profound benevolence and distinguished service to the needy and unfortunate.

The "Volunteerism from Generation to Generation" photo exhibition includes touching photos of Mr Wong Fuk-wing and Mr Andy Tsang Man-kit. A short film featuring interviews with Hong Kong volunteers will also be shown to commend those who participate in volunteer work.

In addition, the CPCE and Radio Television Hong Kong has jointly produced a TV programme - "Volunteer Work". The programme will be broadcast on ATV Home Channel at 8pm every Saturday from January 1 to March 26. Each episode will follow a Hong Kong volunteer working abroad and record the difficulties they encounter in different cultures and societies. The programme hopes to ignite audience concern for less fortunate people in other parts of the world.

The committee has also published features in its periodicals to share stories and experiences of Hong Kong volunteers. An interactive exhibit showcasing the sharing of volunteers and their family members was also set up at the Civic Education Resource Centre's Gallery. The CPCE will also support the Agency for Volunteer Service in setting up the Hong Kong Institute of Volunteers to recognise the outstanding contributions of volunteers and promote the development of professional volunteer services.

Mr Lee said, "Our main theme in the year 2011-12 is 'Cherish yourself and your family, Love Hong Kong and your country', and the committee will focus on fostering the embracement of the civic core values of 'respect', 'responsibility' and 'love'. We hope to help cultivate a positive attitude towards life and encourage more people to participate in volunteer services."

The committee will also allocate funding for the Community Participation Scheme to help more community organisations to further promote volunteer services.

Co-organised by the CPCE and the Hong Kong Volunteers Association, the "Volunteerism from Generation to Generation" exhibition will be held until April at the Civic Education Resource Centre, 7/F, Youth Square, 238 Chai Wan Road, Chai Wan, Hong Kong. The exhibition is open from 9am to 9pm from Monday to Friday and from 9am to 6pm on Saturdays and Sundays. It will be closed on public holidays.

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