

SERVICE 100

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Service is a core value of HKU. The University has a long tradition of contributing to the community. As one of the main themes of HKU centennial celebrations, Service 100 reaffirms HKU's commitment to building a better world. Students, staff, alumni and friends will engage in hundreds of community service projects worldwide, mobilising the HKU Family locally as well as across the globe.

Under Service 100, HKU students will continue the initiatives for the improvement of the human conditions. This summer, they will organise and participate in a wide range of service activities to eradicate poverty, combat HIV/AIDS, promote gender equality, ensure environmental sustainability, advocate social harmony and world peace, locally as well as across the globe.

Service 100 Summer Programmes 2011

Construction of Emergency Houses in Chile

Chile

July 14 – 24, 2011



In the southern part of Chile, winter is particularly harsh. Due to constrained resources, a lot of local households fail to have access to government housing and lack a shelter against the adverse weather conditions.

Concerning about the living conditions of these residents, a group of devoted students in Chile initiated a project to help build some emergency houses for these families in winter since 1997. Till now, over 3,100 students have been involved in the project to build more than 400 houses. Moreover, they have been improving the design of these emergency houses, collecting food donations, and recruiting volunteers to participate in the project.

This summer, over 200 volunteers across Chile and the world, including 8 from HKU, will take part in this project in four towns (Melipeuco, Los Sauces, Lautaro and Ercilla) in southern Chile. They will live in public schools near the families and build the houses. It is expected that around 15 houses will be built for these families this summer.

Go2Africa

Ghana

Group 1: May 28 – June 21, 2011

Group 2: July 5 – 31, 2011

Founded in 2009, Beyond the Pivot is a student group which believes that HKU students should “think beyond, act beyond” the current living zone. It aims to establish a platform for volunteers to engage in community projects to improve the living standards and level of education, health care and culture preservation of the service areas.

In addition to voluntary teaching, the Go2Africa project will include a latrine construction project and a mosquito net donation programme. By building latrines with simple, existing materials for the villagers, the volunteers hope that the hygienic conditions in the villages will be improved, and that the breeding of pests and spread of malaria will be contained. After the construction, volunteers will deliver basic lessons about hygiene and teach the local people on how to use the latrines.

Mosquito is the dominant channel to spread malaria in Ghana; however, scarce resources and inconvenient transport result in high price of mosquito net in the villages. In view of this, HKU volunteers launched the mosquito net donation programme in 2010 to bring 150 mosquito nets from Hong Kong for distribution to the villagers, especially women and children. This programme will be continued this summer.



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"Turning Slumdogs into Millionaires" Vocational Skill Transfer Programme

India

Group 1: June 6 – July 15, 2011

Group 2: July 10 – August 19, 2011

"Impact For Peace" is set up with the hope of gathering enthusiastic volunteers from all walks of life and around the world to work for the empowerment of women and children in developing countries, especially in Central Asia, as well as the promotion of world peace.

With an exploding population that grows at 1.5% per year (Wiki, 2009), India is expected to surpass China in 2025 with an estimate of 1.6 billion population. Massive and widespread unemployment at 8% (Census, December 2007) means that the chance for getting a stable job by less competitive secondary school graduates and illiterate women is slim.

In view of this, HKU students launch this project which is aimed at alleviating the unemployment problem and uplifting the living standard of the underprivileged individuals through transferrable job skill training. By teaching basic knowledge on computer software and hardware, simple health care, tailoring, leather work and machine repairing, it is hoped that the unemployed secondary school graduates and women will be able to earn a living for themselves and even support their families.



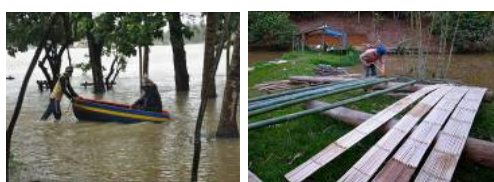
Step To Embrace People in Sri Lanka (STEPS)

Sri Lanka

May 21 – 30, 2011

26 years of civil war and the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami have inflicted deep wounds upon the Sri Lankan people, who are yet to recover till today. Under the International Humanitarian Service Leadership Programme of the Hong Kong Red Cross, Project STEPS was initiated to serve the underprivileged ones in Sri Lanka, and enable students in Hong Kong to learn about the concept of humanitarianism in practice and to motivate others to contribute to the humanitarian causes in Sri Lanka and around the world.

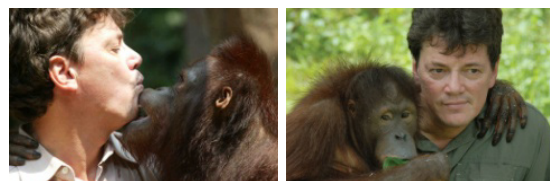
With the vision of operating as a long-term and sustainable service project and training programme, HKU students work to assist the local NGO partners in providing useful and valuable service for the local community. This summer, the project will focus primarily on two areas: provision of medical service and artificial limbs for victims of landmine, and flooding protection measures through both knowledge transfer and material support.



Sustainable Development Project in Indonesia

Indonesia

June 12 – July 13, 2011



With the expansion of human population and deforestation, the primary production systems and natural habitat for the wildlife are being destroyed. The Sugar Palm Factory in Tomohon, North Sulawesi, Indonesia, is part of the reforestation project run by the Masarang Foundation, a non-government organisation (NGO) specialising in environmental conservation through the active participation of local people. By planting sugar palm trees, the project turns degraded land into healthy forest, creates a new habitat for animals and improves health and water supplies for the community.

HKU volunteers will engage in a 3-week fieldwork in the remote part of Eastern Kalimantan and Sulawesi, Indonesia. They will work with the local experts to conduct research on biomass, reforestation and wild life preservation in Indonesia, work at the sugar palm factory and teach villagers to use traditional know-how in a better way so as to strengthen the local sustainable agricultural systems. Through field work and site visit, students will enhance their knowledge on forestry, nature conservation, plant propagation, land rehabilitation and biodiversity.

Chiang Rai Orphanage Home Improvement Project

Thailand

Group 1: June 1 – 14, 2011

Group 2: June 15 – 28, 2011

Living at high altitude near the Thai border with Burma, the Akha are a hill tribe of subsistence farmers known for their artistry. The Akha generally live in bamboo huts with thatched roofs raised on low wooden stilts in hilly area. The Akha women are famous for their "long neck" as a result of the practice of placing bronze rings around their necks since the age of 5.

In this project, a group of 18 HKU students will spend a meaningful summer in the northern part of Thailand to help rebuild a demolished orphanage home, organise teaching and design activities for the Akha orphans. The orphanage is located 50 km from the Chiang Rai airport and hosts 26 students aged between 4 and 16. Student volunteers will take part in the local agricultural and hygiene improvement projects with the Akha people. By staying with the local villagers, they will develop a thorough understanding on the Thai culture and hardship of the people there.



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Bridge to China (Wu Zhi Qiao Project)

Yunnan, China
August 8 – 15, 2011



Originated from a joint-university bridge-building project and by the synergy of professionals and students from various universities in Hong Kong and the Mainland, the Bridge to China, also known as Wu Zhi Qiao Project (無止橋), was launched in 2005. The Project aims at building bridges in remote villages to improve the livelihood of the poor in rural areas with urgent bridge-building needs and inspire students to appreciate, respect and preserve local culture and ecological environment.

To jointly celebrate the centenary of HKU and Tsinghua University, a group of 15 HKU students will engage in the Bridge to China project to build a bridge in a remote village near Lijiang in Yunnan province. Currently, there is only a temporary foot-bridge in the village, which is always torn by the flood after heavy rainfall in summer. Through this joint initiative, the new bridge will bring convenience to the villagers and enable students to build a “spiritual bridge” with love, appreciation and mutual understanding.

China HIV/AIDS Awareness Project 2011

Henan, China
June 11 – 26, 2011



The latest epidemiological data indicate that, globally, 2.7 million people were newly infected with HIV in 2008, whereas AIDS-related mortality was 2 million. The figures show that HIV remains the world's

leading infectious killer. More than that, AIDS is not an isolated problem; poverty, poor education, gender inequality and lack of access to medication create a breeding ground for its spread.

Hong Kong Alliance Against AIDS (HKAAAIDS) was initiated in 2006 by a group of HKU students with the main goals of promoting the awareness of AIDS within local communities and universities, and combining efforts of individuals and societies to fight against this global threat. The China HIV/AIDS Awareness Project 2011 aims to serve the underprivileged people affected by AIDS in Mainland China. It will consist of a voluntary service trip to a school for AIDS orphans in Henan province and a series of pre-trip and post-trip activities.

Ying De Group Summer Service Trip

Guangdong, China
June 9 - 11, 2011

The Ying De Group is a registered NGO in Hong Kong which aims to help children in Ying De, Guangdong, China, to obtain basic learning opportunities. The parents of most of these children are factory workers in cities who fail to provide adequate care for them. Through service trips, the Group hopes to bring care and love to these children and help them build up self-esteem and self-image. It also offers subsidies to students to pay tuition fee and improves their study environment through fund-raising activities.

The Group organises trips for Hong Kong students every year with the aims of raising their awareness of the deprivation and limitation of Chinese children in poor families and villages. In the 3-day service trip this summer, HKU volunteers will design some experiential activities for the local children, visit their homes and join some farming activities. Through these activities, participants can gain a deeper understanding on the living environment of the poorer part of China and enhance their reflection over the issue of poverty.



Yonder Narnia Programme

Yunnan, China
May 22 – June 4, 2011

“Yonder Narnia” programme aims to help children in a primary school in Lijiang, Yunnan develop a good habit of self-study and reading through 3 sub-programmes: a “Reading Week” project, daily teaching and basic medical training.



Hello!Neverland

Hainan, China
May 23 – June 5, 2011



Despite its economic prospect in recent years, a large part of Yunnan is still poor and backward. Volunteers in this project will visit and engage in service activities at different schools in the rural areas of the province.

Launched for nearly 2 years, this project has been very welcomed and served as a good example of service project for local volunteers in Yunnan.

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SinCere

Sichuan, China

May 25 – Mid June, 2011

A group of 18 volunteers will take part in this programme to help organise lectures and learning activities for the orphans in Sichuan who survived the 5.12 earthquake. The project team will also conduct research to understand the lives and needs of these orphans, which will provide useful information for the local NGOs to develop more appropriate service programmes for them.

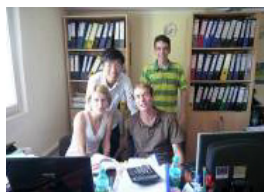
Developmental Traineeship Exchange Programme

All around the world

6 weeks to 18 months throughout the year



AIESEC, the world's largest youth-run organisation, is an international platform that enables young people to explore and develop their leadership potential so as to impact the community in a positive way. AIESEC-LC-HKU, set up in 1967, is the oldest local committee of AIESEC Hong Kong which provides leadership experiences, international internships and global learning environment for its members.



The Developmental Traineeship Exchange Programme focuses on community service trips which let participants go to different countries of their own choice and take part in the planning and implementation of local projects related to global issues such as education, fighting against HIV/ AIDS, poverty, corporate social responsibility and climate change. Over the past years, students have been sent to Romania, Poland, Malaysia, India, Ukraine, the Czech Republic, Mainland China and more.

In a minimum of 6 weeks, participants are expected to be immersed in the local culture and have adequate time to launch projects and bring about impact on society that they are serving.

Volunteering in Tibet

Tibet, China

May 23 – June 10, 2011



Initiated by a group of 7 HKU students from Hong Kong, Mainland and overseas, the project aims to serve the orphans in Tibet. The Project is co-organised with the Jatson Chunmig Educational Corporation for Tibetan Children Limited.

Besides books, stationery and sun protection items, students will bring two laptops which were acquired by donation to the orphanage. They will also engage in teaching activities and organise various workshops to boost the knowledge of the orphans. It is expected that students' contribution will make positive impact on the orphans and bring them happiness and a brighter future.

Karate Class for South Asian Students in Hong Kong

Hong Kong

Sept 2010 – June 2011

The project was initiated by the HKU Karate Club, which was founded in 1969 and has had more than 4000 members since its establishment. Members of the Club have been actively participating in various karate competitions, local & overseas, with excellent achievements, such as the USFHK Karate Championship and 5 successive overall championships in the past years.

By providing Karate training for about 30 South Asian students in a primary school in Hong Kong, the project aims to help promote social harmony in local society. By joining the class, children can build up their confidence, improve their concentration, observation, discipline and body coordination. For HKU students, they can increase their intercultural understanding, as well as to strengthen their communication and leadership skills.

