

As an international city, Hong Kong has achieved extraordinary economic progress. The Victoria Harbour nightscape with its glittering neon lights is the most symbolic of Hong Kong's achievements, which even overtakes the starlight above our heads.

Although Hong Kong people live a fast-paced life, there seems to be a force of power amongst the crowd that is always in support of the city, making it more united and beautiful. There is also a group of people in this crowd working tirelessly to help others, creating many warm and touching stories.

This is the power of volunteering.

Adult Volunteer (Hugh):

I have long working hours every day, but I still spend time to help people in need. I registered with the Hong Kong Community Volunteers as a volunteer.

With AVS Hong Kong Community Volunteers, there are many service opportunities available. You must be able to find one that suits you. In the AVS mobile app or web page, you can register for service based on your interest and schedule!

Volunteers can keep developing themselves through systematic service information, training, exchange and recognition. Thus, they will be able to provide quality volunteer services continuously to people in need. Volunteers with special skills can also choose to join the Volunteer Talent Bank ◦

Adult volunteer (Hugh Chan):

Helping others gives me much satisfaction. There is motivation to keep me volunteering until 80 years old.

Senior volunteer (KT Leung) :

After retirement, I started participating in the volunteer service at AVS Western

Garden Neighbourhood Elderly Centre. This is not just a gathering place for the elderly, but also a service base for senior volunteers! Look! Our volunteer team is getting ready to work.

Volunteers do not seek rewards. But showing appreciation to volunteers not only gives them affirmation and encouragement, but also works to promote the spirit of volunteerism and help raise recognition in the community.

To recognize the outstanding contribution of professionals and senior executives in volunteer service, AVS has launched the Leadership Bauhinia Volunteer Award.

The biennial Hong Kong Volunteer Award commends outstanding individual volunteers, team volunteers, and corporations through open nomination and selection by an independent judging panel. The Award serves to raise public awareness of the value of volunteering in Hong Kong.

Gathering the strength and experience of winners of the “Hong Kong Volunteer Award”, AVS founded the Hong Kong Volunteer Awardees Society for outstanding volunteers to share experiences and work together to serve the community.

Hong Kong Council of Volunteering is a joint committee composed of organizations from various sectors, with a view to building a cross-sectoral platform for exchange and collaboration, and launching the Professional Volunteer Service Accreditation Programme to commend professionals and senior executives who have contributed their professional knowledge and skills in serving the community.

Professional volunteer (Queenie Kwan) :

Volunteers can get a lot of learning opportunities at AVS. We realize that volunteering is not simply a job. It needs to work in a professional way and with good quality.

The Volunteer Training and Development Centre organizes various types of training for volunteers and volunteer leaders. It also provides volunteer service management courses for organizations, as well as professional consultation, references and teaching materials.

AVS has formulated the Hong Kong Volunteer Charter which states the values of volunteerism, the essentials of volunteering and the service environment.

Professional volunteer (Queenie Kwan) :

I strongly encourage young people to volunteer. Apart from building a healthy personality, it can bridge the gap between young people and society and strengthen their sense of belonging to the community.

4C Young Volunteer Leadership Project participant (Ben Hung) :

I am Ben. I have been participating in 4C Youth Volunteer Leadership Project for two years. I have also participated in other volunteer services before. However, "4C" is very different because it gave me opportunity to be the organizer of volunteer service to meet the needs of the society.

United Nations Volunteers (UNV) - Hong Kong Universities Volunteer Internship Programme participant (Jenny Mak) :

I am Jenny, I have volunteered in Laos for six months. UNV-Hong Kong Universities Volunteer Internship Programme not only gave me the opportunities of working in a different environment, but also let me learn how to understand others with empathy and from their perspectives. I can say that the half year living in Laos has helped me grow rapidly and broadened my experience, knowledge and vision.

IAVE Youth Volunteer Conference participant (Bridget Ngan) :

I am Bridget. I participated in IAVE World & Youth Volunteer Conference held in Mexico. I shared volunteer experience with youth volunteers from Mexico and countries from other parts of the world. Since every country has its own culture and needs, the volunteer services derived are also different. I see many young people overseas would treat volunteering as their own career, with the full support of their government and society. Hong Kong may take this as reference.

Volunteering creates mutual benefits; it brings people happiness, growth and development. It also makes our society more cohesive, warm and beautiful. Let's take this step together to become volunteers!

It is the mission of the Agency for Volunteer Service to play a pivotal role in the promotion and development of quality volunteerism for building a caring community. We may not be able to make the starlight shine everywhere, but we can bring the light of volunteers to shine on corners where the neon lights can't reach. May we expand, promote, and spread the power of volunteerism to create beautiful and touching stories one after another.

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