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Project *WeCan*

Newsletter

FEATURE STORY

A New Phase of Project WeCan

Project WeCan (PWC) is a Business-in-Community initiative to provide underprivileged secondary school students with resources and care to empower them to pursue higher studies and promising careers.

Starting from this September, the number of schools being supported in 2014/15 has increased three folds, from 14 to 44, representing a substantial 30 per cent of all lower banding schools in Hong Kong.

On 30 September, Project WeCan Founding Patron, Mr Peter Woo joined Consul General of France in Hong Kong & Macau, Mr Arnaud Barthélémy and Partners to unveil a new page of the project at the Project WeCan 2 Thank You Reception.

In recognition of the Partners' generosity, Mr Woo thanked the partners for not only supporting the schools with a generous donation, but also providing volunteer and programme support.

With phase 2, PWC has been expanded to the community, with 11 corporates, the French Consulate, and two more universities joining the project to assist disadvantaged students.

Our ultimate goal is to benefit 150,000 students in over 150 secondary schools under PWC. With more partners joining, we can make a difference to thousands of lives.

FAST FACTS

Project WeCan

Phase 2

14 Schools

The number of schools being supported in 2014/15 has increased three folds.

Phase 1 Phase 2 $12,000 \rightarrow 40,000$ Students

Representing a substantial 30 per cent of students in all lower banding schools.

Phase 1		Phase 2		
2011-2014		2014/15		2015/16
1 Comp	4 anies	11 Companies	+	2 Companies

44 Schools

1 Consulate

3 Universities









OUR PARTNERS



Project Flame @ CityU

Project Flame held an information and welcoming session for over 100 CityU students who signed up to serve two Project WeCan schools.



Sponsor Orientation Session

On 12 September 2014, an Orientation and experience sharing session was held to brief corporate sponsors on the Project WeCan model.

WeCan/ PolyU Collaboration

The Polytechnic University of Hong Kong (PolyU) pledges its support for Project WeCan (PWC) by providing expert service and care to 10 PWC schools starting in 2014/15 school year through its Office of Service Learning.

The announcement was made in a ceremony at the PolyU campus on 28 August 2014. Professor Timothy Tong, President of PolyU and Mr Stephen Ng, Chairman, Project WeCan Committee witnessed PolyU faculty and students pledged to provide their services to PWC schools.

Through Service-Learning, PolyU students apply their professional



Professor Timothy Tong and Mr Stephen Ng joined PWC school Principals to officiate at the ceremony

knowledge in a wide range of community services aiming help people in need, and also enhance social responsibility and problem solving skills.

WeCan Partners & Schools

Partners

- AIA
- Bluebell Hong Kong Limited
- **BNP** Paribas
- Coach Hong Kong Limited
- **DBS Bank**
- Elegant Watch & Jewellery
- Emperor Watch & Jewellery
- **Grosvenor Limited**
- Harbour City
- Harriman Property Management Limited
- I.T Limited
- i-CABLE
- Lane Crawford
- LWK & Partners (HK) Ltd
- Marco Polo Hotels
- Midland Holdings Limited
- Modern Terminals Limited
- Pacific Club
- Parfums Christian Dior Hong Kong Limited
- Plaza Hollywood

- Prince Jewellery and Watch Company
- Standard Chartered Hong Kong 150th Anniversary Community Foundation
- Times Square
- Wharf Limited
- Wharf T&T
- Wheelock and Company
- Wheelock Properties

Consulate Partners

Consulate General of France in Hong Kong and Macau

University Partners

- City University of Hong Kong
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Schools

- Buddhist Mau Fung Memorial College
- Buddhist Wong Wan Tin College
- Caritas Fanling Chan Chun Ha Secondary o
- Caritas Tuen Mun Marden Foundation
- Catholic Ming Yuen Secondary School
- CCC Fung Leung Kit Memorial Secondary o
- CCC Kei Heep Secondary School
- CCC Rotary Secondary School

- HKTA The Yuen Yuen Institute No.3 Secondary School

- Lai Chack Middle School

- Lee Kau Yan Memorial School

- Secondary School
- Lok Sin Tong Yu Kan Hing Secondary
- Man Kiu College
- Nam Wah Catholic Secondary School
- - Po Chiu Catholic Secondary School
- Rhenish Church Pang Hok Ko
- Semple Memorial Secondary School The Salvation Army William Booth
- - Ming Chan Lui Chung Tak Memorial
- TWGHs Kwok Yat Wai College

- Yan Oi Tong Chan Wong Suk Fong

HKSS Student excels in academics



Hong Kong Sea School Form 6 graduate, Vincent Luk, has become the first student in the school's history to have been granted admission to the HKIED's Bachelor of Education (Hon.) programme, after successfully completed an intensive in-school tutorial programme funded by Project WeCan.

CTMMFSS Campus TV Opening

With PWC funding, Caritas Tuen Mun Marden Foundation Secondary School launched its Campus TV this academic year. The school hopes the students can understand different social issues, improve their communication abilities, broaden their horizon, nurture their sense of belonging and help them become knowledgeable and responsible citizens.



School Corner

The Odyssey of the Mind Programme allows me to widen my horizon and acquire more knowledge outside classrooms. It also provides me with opportunities to take responsibility and nurture creativity.

BWWTC's student

BWWTC garnered world-class recognition



Buddhist Wong Wan Tin College (BWWTC) was crowned as World Champion in Technical Problem with their "The Not-So-Haunted House", Division II, as they joined five other Hong Kong teams to Iowa, United States to participate in the 35th Odyssey of the Mind World Finals in May 2014, where they beat 65 teams from around the world competing in that category.

The students spent months of hard work to prepare for the competition, including translating the whole performance into English. All the effort paid off with the impressive result!

Partner's Programme

Le French May 2015 Preview Cocktail

The first consulate partner of Project *WeCan*, Consulate General of France in Hong Kong and Macau invited students from its partner school TWGHs Yow Kam Yuen College to perform at the Preview Cocktail of Le French May on 22 October 2014. This is just the beginning of a series of activities in this partnership – students will also be invited to visit the Consulate General and participate in educational events including workshops and meet-the-artist sessions during Le French May, in this school year.





Elegant Table Tennis Tournament



A long-term partner of Project WeCan (PWC), Elegant Watch & Jewellery, organised its 3rd Elegant Table Tennis
Tournament to promote the sport among youngsters in the region. Two PWC schools also sent teams to join. On 18
October 2014, Elegant Deputy CEO, Mr Noel Wong joined PWC Committee Member, Mr Garmen Chan, at the Opening Ceremony.



Joint-school Teachers'
Development Day at Cotton
Spinners Association
Secondary School

Dates of TDDs:

10 Oct - Ng Yuk Secondary School

17 Oct - Cotton Spinners Association Secondary School

31 Oct - Po Chiu Catholic Secondary

School

7 Nov - HHCKLA Buddhist Ching Kok

Secondary School

21 Nov - Lok Sin Tong Yu Kan Hing

Secondary School

Joint-school Teachers' Development Days

This year, five Teachers' Development Days (TDD) would be held for about 2,200 teachers from 44 schools.

Organised by the Quality School Improvement Project of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, the event provides an excellent platform for Project *WeCan* participating schools to learn from each other and share best practices in the concurrent plenary sessions on various topics related to teaching, including teaching methods, counselling and management.

In addition to professional development, the TDDs also promote the overall well-being of teachers with interest classes ranging from Chinese medicine and therapy, to hair styling and glass sculpture.

The participants who attended the sessions left high spirited and were greatly inspired. We hope they will in turn inspire their students!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

From September 2014:

Company Visits to over 15 companies

From October 2014:

Screenings of "My Voice My Life"

November/ December 2014:

Briefing Sessions on 2015 Young Innovators Bazaar



Pilot Programmes on Innovation

To foster students' creativity and develop their potential, Project *WeCan* launched three pilot programmes, namely Mobile Apps, 3D Printing and Micro Movie this academic year in some PWC schools. Through a series of workshops, students will be taught the skills required and given a chance to practice. We will get to see the students' final products in the competitions that conclude the programmes.







Project WeCan Secretariat