

## 「學校起動」計劃 - 十年碩果鴻文彙集文章

“A century is about events. A decade is about people.”

These words are spoken by a geopolitical expert, but is also very true for Project *WeCan*. Project *WeCan* is not just about donation and figures. Our experience with Project *WeCan* is about people. People is what makes Project *WeCan* so valuable.

Our school joined Project *WeCan* in 2018. We are very blessed to be paired with Yue Hwa Chinese Products Emporium Ltd., a local business that has more than 60 years of history and has a strong link with our community as we are both situated in central Kowloon. Both parties were pleasantly surprised when we first met each other at our campus. Mr Andrew Yu and his staff visited us and quickly we discovered we are strikingly alike in our values: we both have a staff force that has green and very experienced staff; both believe and enjoy in delivering not only service, but values such as continuing our cultural heritage; both are proud of serving and growing with our community in our own sectors; both are very people-oriented.

In these three years, our partnership with Yue Hwa has been a trusting, delightful and meaningful one. Despite the very hectic schedule of a most vibrant and busy retail industry, Yue Hwa has been extremely supportive and often invite us to their programmes or join us in our activities. It is through these opportunities that we get to understand how people-oriented Yue Hwa is.

One of the first activities held at Yue Hwa is the Chinese Billiard competition. Yue Hwa donated a set of billiard table to our school. Interestingly, a few relatively quieter students were attracted to the game and often hang around after school to play with it. This allowed our teachers to reach out to a group of less engaged students and encourage them to interact with others. Finally, some of these students volunteered to join the competition and was able to interact with students from The Chinese University of Hong Kong and received an interview from the press, which was a great boost to their confidence.

Yue Hwa also accepted our invitation to join a large-scale volunteer service, the Community Fun Day, held at our school. With the help of several NGOs in our district, more than 100 people from the community visited our school that day, including the elderly, the physically challenged and the homeless. All our students came back to serve our community friends that day. Mr Colman Shuen and Ms Phoebe Mik joined us early that day, and spent one whole day talking to us, helping us and had a wonderful lunch with our community friends while supporting our students serving them. We were touched by the enthusiasm and recognition they gave us.

Covid-19 has affected schooling and business all over the territory. Recently, I exchanged greetings with the staff of Yue Hwa via WhatsApp as Jordan, the district where Yue Hwa is situated, was the first district that experienced lockdown. I am particularly moved by the message of Mr Coleman Suen:

謝謝校長關心，我們自疫情開始已盡力做好店內防護工作，也一直要求同事做好自身應做的工作。公司提供防疫物資給同事，提供地方給員工用膳，希望盡力減低被感染機會。雖然疫情嚴峻，我們的員工還可以應付，希望疫情盡快過去。同學們也很久不能到學校上課了，這樣長時間沒有正常的學習，我們都很擔心同學們的學業受影響，香港的未來都是靠他們啊！未來的日子，陳校長和老師們必定會為同學們的學習加以倍計的努力，幫助他們「追」回過去一年不能正常學習所失，你們必定很辛勞，辛苦之餘，不要忘記要好好休息，保重身體，大家加油！🍀🍀🍀

Mr Lam, my colleague and teacher-in-charge of PWC, expressed what we all felt upon reading their message:

他們真心關心同學，為培育下一代，非常感恩

I think this positive human touch and a selfless focus very well reflects the core values of Project *WeCan* as an initiative of “business-in-community” and also what we believe in education. We feel so blessed to have joined this programme and get to know all these wonderful people.

Happy Birthday and Thank You, Project *WeCan*!

