



# VOICES OF HOPE

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Dolly, a 90-year-old living alone with limited mobility and an ill-fitting wheelchair, received support from the HOPE EM Care Team. The team referred her to the Hong Kong PHAB Association for a customized wheelchair, escorted her to PHAB iPoint for health care, and secured her home by taping windows ahead of Typhoon Ragasa.

This compassionate outreach not only addressed Dolly's immediate needs but also reminded her that she is not alone—the EM Care Team is always ready to support ethnic minority community members like Dolly.

## SUPPORTING DOLLY THROUGH CARE AND ACTION

## PROMOTING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AMONG ETHNIC MINORITIES

The EM Care Team recently set up street booths throughout November 2025 in Wan Chai, Central & Western, and Southern district to educate ethnic minority communities on how Hong Kong's voting system works and to raise awareness about the importance of participation.

These efforts helped community members better understand the electoral process, empowering them to make informed decisions and strengthening their voice in society. By fostering inclusion and awareness, the initiative supports equal representation and active citizenship.

## TAI HANG FIRE DRAGON DANCE PROGRAMME

The EM Care Team recently brought members of the ethnic minority community to experience the vibrant Tai Hang Fire Dragon Dance on 6 September 2025. Beyond enjoying the spectacular performance, the team also shared the rich history and cultural significance behind this traditional art form. This initiative not only offered a memorable cultural experience but also fostered greater understanding and appreciation of Hong Kong's heritage among the EM community.





## HANDMADE WITH LOVE: CRAFT YOUR CARD FOR TEACHER'S DAY!



On 5 October 2025, HOPE Centre marked World Teacher's Day with a creative DIY Card Making Workshop. Ethnic minority children designed pull-up cards for their favorite teachers, expressing respect, love, and gratitude through heartfelt messages and colorful decorations. The activity gave participants a meaningful opportunity to reflect on the impact of their teachers while enjoying a fun, hands-on way to say thank you.

## DIWALI PARTY 2025

HOPE Centre organized a Diwali Party 2025 for youths to learn and enjoy one of India's most famous festival. Chinese volunteers were invited to join the celebration and helped participants decorate diyas. The Chinese volunteers and HOPE Centre participants worked together to paint and decorate diya. HOPE Centre staff also explained the story behind celebrating Diwali and hosted a short quiz to deepen participants' understanding of the festival. Afterward, they decorated their diya and made it unique to themselves.

At the end, some of the kids performed popular Bollywood songs and the event ended up with tasting Indians traditional sweets.



## EMPOWERING OUR YOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS: A SUCCESSFUL INTERVIEW SKILLS WORKSHOP!

On 8 November 2025, HOPE Centre proudly organised a lively and practical Interview Skills Workshop for Primary 5 and Primary 6 students in partnership with St. Joan's Arc Secondary School.

The workshop was designed to help P5 and P6 students feel confident and prepared for their upcoming secondary school admission interviews while also giving them a glimpse into secondary school life. Throughout the workshop, the children learned how to present themselves with good preparation for the interview. Moreover, they gained valuable insights into the choices they have for secondary schools as well as what to do in certain situations of application.



On 16 November 2025, HOPE Centre organised a youth autumn outing to the Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens, where participants explored the beautiful gardens and encountered all kinds of amazing animals, from playful monkeys and colourful birds as well as turtles and other reptiles. The children loved completing the animal discovery worksheet prepared by HOPE Centre. As they walked around, they searched for interesting facts, and learning more about wildlife conservation and different habitats. It was wonderful to see their curiosity and excitement grow with every new discovery. After all that we gathered at a park nearby for a relaxing picnic, sharing snacks like Samosas and fruits.



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## About Us

### International Social Service HOPE Centre

Funded by the Home Affairs Department, HOPE Support Service Centre (HOPE Centre) is operated by ISSHK with the goal of providing support service to ethnic minorities to facilitate their integration into Hong Kong community. Aiming to create an inclusive community that embraces cultural diversity, racial harmony and equality for all, HOPE Centre has been providing services and programmes since May 31, 2009.

## Our Services

Language Programmes  
Computer Classes  
Employment Services and Seminars  
Recruitment Days  
Orientations and Seminars on Issues and Concerns  
Personality Development and Common Interest Support Groups  
Parent and Child Activities  
Self and Skills Enhancement Classes  
Cross-Cultural Appreciations  
Outdoor Activities  
Family Days and Outings  
Hotline, Counselling, Guidance  
Referrals and Sight Translation Services  
EM Care Team

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## Upcoming Programmes

Event / Programme	DATE	VENUE	QUOTA
Christmas Party for Youth	20 Dec 2025	HOPE centre	15
HOPE for the Best	28 Dec 2025	HOPE centre	100
Scout Training for Youth	3 Jan 2025	HOPE centre	12
Intermediate Cantonese 7 (10 sessions)	11 Jan – 15 Mar 2026 (Sunday)	HOPE centre	15
Basic Cantonese 11 (10 sessions)	10 Jan - 14 Mar 2026 (Saturday)	HOPE centre	15

### After School Tutorial Programme



Every Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs

Time: 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm

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### Useful Contact

Airport Hotline	2181 8888
Consumer Council	2929 2222
Education Bureau	2891 0088
Equal Opportunities Commission	2511 8211
Department of Health	2961 8989
Home Affairs Department	2835 2500
Social Welfare Department	2343 2255

### Emergency Hotline



**999**

### Police

### Fire

### Ambulance



# RECENT ACTIVITIES

## ADULT INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME 2025: EMPOWERING NEW ARRIVALS

From September to October 2025, HOPE Centre launched a brand-new adult internship programme aimed at enhancing opportunities for ethnic minority new arrivals. This initiative provided participants with professional work experience while supporting their integration into Hong Kong's workplace culture.

Three interns successfully completed 160 hours each, gaining practical experience in administration, computer skills, communication, and accountability. They learned about professional expectations and workplace culture, creating a unique cycle of ethnic minorities supporting each other.

This pilot programme marks a significant step in HOPE Centre's mission to empower ethnic minority communities through professional development and meaningful employment pathways.



## ISS-HK HOPE CENTRE DRAGON BOAT COMPETITION



On 16 November 2025, the HOPE Centre team proudly competed in the Black Warrior Charity Mid-Autumn Festival Dragon Boat Cup 2025, organised by the Sports Association for the Blind - Darkness Fighters, at Stanley Beach. The team raced alongside local dragon boat teams—including NGOs, government departments, and private companies,

We are delighted to share that our team achieved 5th place in the NGO race! Beyond the results, the journey deepened appreciation for Chinese dragon boat culture and showcased how sports can build bridges across communities through teamwork, racial diversity, and shared enthusiasm.



## STRENGTHENING SCHOOL COLLABORATIONS AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FOR ETHNIC MINORITY

On 27 September and 8 November 2025, HOPE Centre hosted parent talks featuring the Vice Principal of CCC Kwai Wah Shan Secondary School and the Principal of St Joan of Arc Secondary School. These sessions aimed to help parents better understand Hong Kong's education system, secondary school allocation, and available resources for Non-Chinese speaking students.

On 18 November 2025, our team conducted a Mindful Parents and Child Activity at Muslim Community Kindergarten. The interactive programme included mindful listening, fun parent-child yoga, emotions exploration, and mindfulness sensory bottle making—strengthening parent-child bonding and nurturing early emotional wellbeing.





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## HENNA & CHAI CULTURAL BOOTH BRINGS COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

On 25 October 2025, the HOPE Centre hosted a vibrant Henna & Chai Cultural Booth in Sham Shui Po, offering free henna tattoos, handcrafted cards, and freshly brewed masala chai to visitors of all ages. The event sparked curiosity about henna traditions, fostered meaningful cultural exchange, and provided a welcoming space for interaction among diverse communities. It also empowered volunteers to showcase their artistry while celebrating cultural heritage with confidence and pride.



## MPF & EMPF PLATFORM SEMINAR – STRENGTHENING FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

On 15 November 2025, ISS-HK HOPE Centre, in collaboration with the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority (MPFA), hosted an informative seminar on the MPF system and the upcoming eMPF platform. Participants learned about MPF principles, account management, and the benefits of the new platform, with guest speakers providing practical demonstrations and interpretation support. The session equipped community members with the knowledge and confidence to manage their MPF accounts and prepare for the transition to eMPF.

## CANTONESE COURSES



Want to learn the language of Hong Kong? Join HOPE Centre's Cantonese courses (10 sessions, 2.5 hours each, ages 17+)! Participants develop their Cantonese skills, through a curriculum that ranges from the basics, for example greetings and shopping, to advanced topics, such as healthcare and workplace terminology. Since September, HOPE Centre has opened 4 Basic, 2 Intermediate, and 2 Advanced Cantonese courses. Do not miss out on the next time we open a course, WhatsApp our language team at 5188-8099 for inquiries!

# LEARN CANTONESE

## PUTONGHUA COURSES



HOPE Centre holds Putonghua courses (5 sessions, 2 hours each). Since September, 3 Putonghua courses have been opened. Start your Putonghua learning journey at HOPE Centre! For inquiries, contact our language team at 5188-8099.

## FUN LEARNING CANTONESE COURSES



Perfect for beginners, Cantonese is made easy with HOPE Centre's Fun Learning Cantonese courses! Take our short course (5 sessions, 2 hours each, ages 15+) to learn the fundamentals of Cantonese and work on perfecting your pronunciation. After opening 3 courses since September, our participants have shown great progress, with many continuing onto our longer Basic Cantonese course. WhatsApp our language team at 5188-8099 to start your Cantonese learning journey now!

## CHINESE ENHANCEMENT COURSES



Learning a new language can be beneficial for a youth's future. HOPE Centre offers Chinese Enhancement classes for ages 8-14, and since September we have held 2 for Listening & Speaking Cantonese and 2 for Reading & Writing Traditional Chinese. Our participants have always shown great eagerness to learn and we are very proud of their growth! If you would like your child to start learning now, WhatsApp our language team at 5188-8099 to help you fix a schedule!