

Voices of Hope

HARNESSING OPPORTUNITIES AND POTENTIALS FOR ETHNIC MINORITIES

HOPE Centre recently hosted "Youth Got Talent," a vibrant event where talented youths took center stage to showcase their incredible skills and celebrate the richness of various cultures. The audience was captivated by a diverse range of performances, including impressive yoyo tricks, heartfelt singing, dynamic Sri Lankan dance, energetic band performances ,Arts and graceful Indian dance. This was truly a whole cultural enjoyment, extending beyond the stage to a celebration of cultural diversity and the arts. We were especially proud to showcase our vibrant art galleries, featuring a wealth of art works created by our very own HOPE Centre kids. The event also offered fun photo booths, intricate henna designs, all contributing to an atmosphere of immense cultural diversity and artistic expression from our talented young artists. It was a testament to the creativity and talent of our youth, beautifully celebrating different cultural expressions and the artistic creativities of our own children.



Hong Kong Flower Show

Flower lovers alert! HOPE Centre attended the annual Flower Show on 22nd March 2025: participants got to witness and enjoy the beauty of the flowers, displays, and exhibits. A game was also offered to our 35 participants so that they could better interact with the flowers and wonderful floral artworks, and go home with a floral piece of their own!



Lam Tsuen Wishing Tree

A day of smiles, laughter, and good blessings! On the 8th February, HOPE Centre provided our service users the chance to experience fun local traditions at Lam Tsuen! Participants took part in the Lam Tsuen Wishing Tree Festival, where they got the chance to wish for their luck and prosperity for the new year. Over 50 EM participants threw their wish-oranges to the tree, enjoyed the games and booths at the festival, and learnt about the cultural (and entertaining!) significance of the occasion.



PC-02 Photography Competition



Thanks to all of your support, the ***HOPE Photography Competition 2025*** was successfully concluded on 4 May 2025. We are grateful for the 63 talented participants who submitted their entries and gave it their best shot to showcase the beautiful sides of Hong Kong.

We are proud to announce the winners:

1. ***Glimpses of People, Life & Culture*** - Mr Zarubin Sergey, Russia

1. ***Cityscapes & Landscapes*** - Mr Caparas Renato Jr. Lopez, Philippines

★ ***Popularity Winner*** - Mr Jobert Catabona Villar, Philippines



YOUTH CORNER

Frisbee Dodgeball Friendly Competition

At HOPE Centre, we nurture both individual growth and teamwork skills. Our kids participated in a thrilling dodge frisbee friendly match, where they competed against each other in a spirit of friendly rivalry. This engaging activity provided a fantastic opportunity for them to learn the crucial value of teamwork. They discovered how to communicate effectively, strategize together, and support their teammates on the field. Beyond the fun of the competition, the kids also learned about sportsmanship, resilience, and the importance of encouraging one another. The dodge frisbee match was a valuable learning experience where they developed essential social and collaborative skills.



Empower path group with HKU

At HOPE Centre, we are committed to creating diverse opportunities for growth and development for youth. Through a valuable partnership with students from the University of Hong Kong (HKU), we organized a series of engaging activities. Across six sessions, our participants had the chance to explore career options, developed their skills in CV writing and interview techniques through dedicated workshops, and built connections during social gatherings. The program culminated in an insightful tour of the HKU campus, offering a firsthand look at university life – all made possible by the dedication and support of the HKU students.

Li Sing Tai Hang International Day

On 8th March 2025, HOPE Centre was delighted to collaborate with Li Sing Tai Hang School for their Annual International Day celebration. This exciting event served as a meaningful platform for cultural exchange and community engagement, specifically designed to create a memorable experience for the children.

Our dedicated volunteers played a crucial role in making the day special, actively assisting with the organization and running of various activities. As part of our engagement, we hosted two interactive game booths: the "Nepali Chungi game" and the "Guess the Ingredient game," offering participants the chance to win prizes upon completing the challenges. The event welcomed a diverse audience, including school children, parents, and friends, fostering a vibrant community atmosphere.

Seeing the smiles and laughter of the children as they enjoyed the games, largely due to our volunteers' efforts, was the true measure of the event's success. In recognition of their contributions, volunteers received E-Certificates, acknowledging their dedication to this wonderful celebration of community and cultural exchange.



Therapeutic Experience With Dogs

HOPE Centre, takes a holistic approach to child development by addressing both physical and mental wellbeing. We collaborated with Rise Wise to hold a valuable therapeutic experience with dogs for our kids, with a strong focus on their mental health and wellbeing. Through guided interaction, they learned how to approach and understand the body language of dogs, as well as how to play with them appropriately. These sessions were designed to be calming and supportive, and the positive interactions with the dogs had a tangible impact on the children's mental health, promoting relaxation, reducing anxiety, and fostering a sense of connection that is vital for their wellbeing.



GOVERNMENT CORNER

NOTICE

Register as an Elector

You are eligible to be registered as an elector if you:

- are aged 18 or above;
- are a Hong Kong permanent resident; and
- ordinarily reside in Hong Kong.

Application deadlines

New registration: 2 June every year

Report on change of particulars: 2 June every year



(Address proofs are required when individuals submit their applications for new registration or applications for change in registered address except for those who are the authorised occupants of public rental housing under the Housing Department or registered residents in the tenancy of subsidised housing under the Hong Kong Housing Society and that the addresses in the tenancy records match the residential addresses provided by them.)

See the Address Proof Requirement: www.reo.gov.hk/en/voter/ap.htm

Government and Other Offices

- Registration and Electoral Office (REO)
- District Offices and management offices of public housing estates
- Application forms can also be downloaded from the voter registration website (vr.gov.hk).

Submission of Forms

Completed and signed application form can be sent to REO:

- (1) by post (address: 29/F, Standard Chartered Tower, Millennium City 1, 388 Kwun Tong Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon);
- (2) by fax (fax number: 2891 1180);
- (3) by email (email address: form@reo.gov.hk); or
- (4) by uploading the scanned form at the Registration and Electoral Office Online Upload Platform (www.reo-form.gov.hk)

Eligible persons may also submit applications for new registration as geographical constituency electors by using 'iAM Smart+' through 'iAM Smart' mobile App (www.reo.gov.hk/video/voter/GCVRguide-EN.mp4) or online platform (<https://eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/vre001/en/>).

Electors should provide true and accurate information. It is an offence for a person under the Electoral Affairs Commission Regulations to knowingly or recklessly give false or misleading information for voter registration (e.g. false residential address) to the Registration and Electoral Office, and if the person subsequently votes at an election, he/she will also breach the Elections (Corrupt and Illegal Conduct) Ordinance (Cap. 554).

Enquiries

If you do not speak both Chinese and English and wish to make enquiries to REO on matters in relation to voter registration, you may seek assistance from CHEER which provides free of charge over-the-phone interpretation service. You may request the interpreter from CHEER to make a conference call with REO's officer by dialing the REO's enquiry hotline (2891 1001) during REO's office hours from 8:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays (except public holidays). Once the conference call is connected, you can speak directly to the REO's officer through CHEER's interpreter.

Hotline numbers of CHEER are as follows:

Language	Hotline No.
Bahasa Indonesia	3755 6811
Nepali	3755 6822
Urdu	3755 6833
Punjabi	3755 6844
Tagalog	3755 6855
Thai	3755 6866
Hindi	3755 6877
Vietnamesee	3755 6888

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

Follow Us / Subscribe Us



After School Tutorial Programme



Every Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs

Time: 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm

Contact Us

Tel.	: 2836 3598
Fax.	: 2508 0207
Hotline	: 5188 8044
E-Mail	: ethnic_centre@isshk.org
Website	: www.isshk-hope.org
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Office Hours

Monday : 9.00 am - 6.30 pm

Tuesday - Sunday : 9.00 am - 9.00 pm

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



Police
Fire
Ambulance

Upcoming Programmes

Programme Name	Date	Time	Quota	Location
AI for beginners	1 June - 29 June 2025	1:30pm - 5:30pm	16 EM	HOPE Centre
Introduction to Computer program	1 June - 29 June 2025	3:30pm - 5:30pm	16 EM	HOPE Centre
Yoga	22 June 2025	2:30pm - 4:30pm	12 EM	HOPE Centre
Yoga	29 June 2025	6:00pm - 7:00pm	12 EM	HOPE Centre
Chinese Enhancement 1 (R & W)	15 July - 29 July 2025	10:00am- 12:00pm	16 EM	HOPE Centre
Fun learning Cantonese 2	20 July- 17 Aug 2025	4:00pm- 6:00pm	16 EM	HOPE Centre

RECENT ACTIVITIES

Guided tour to Light Public Housing

The EM Care Team organised a tour to educate non-Chinese individuals about Light Public Housing(LPH) and help those in urgent need of housing and applicants awaiting public rental housing allocations. The majority of participants said that they were interested in learning more about LPH. Five or six participants got in contact with the housing officer right away to ask for more information before the tour ended. Participants' reaction had been overwhelmingly positive.



Website Design Workshop – for beginners using Canva



In our digital era, having a website is essential for freelancer or business owner. Recognizing this need, we offered a "Website Design Workshop" aimed at enhancing computer skill-development among the ethnic minorities in Hong Kong. Designed for beginners, the workshop simplified the website creation process. Participants learned to create personalized, user-friendly websites through hands-on sessions, gaining insights into design principles and tools like Canva. Overall, the workshop effectively equipped attendees with essential skills for their personal and professional growth.

Bowling for Families

On 12th May 2025, HOPE Centre organized a "Bowling for Families" event at SCAA Bowling Centre in Causeway Bay. It aimed to promote physical fitness while fostering family bonding in a fun, competitive atmosphere. Families enjoyed an hour session of unlimited bowling, engaging in friendly competition as they stayed active together, making it a memorable event for all involved.



Hair Styling

HOPE Centre organized a Hair Styling Workshop to empower participants with valuable beauty skills on 17th and 18th March 2025. The workshop comprised two sessions focused on practical training and hands-on experience. In the first session, a tutor demonstrated techniques for creating a party hairstyle on a mannequin. Participants then practiced on their own hair mannequins, and learnt braiding techniques. The second session taught participants how to use curling irons properly to create perfect bouncy curls. Participants volunteered to try styling their hair, practicing how to hold and use the curling irons effectively.



Baking Training class

On 4th March 2025, HOPE Centre organized its first baking training class for ethnic minority adults, focusing on professional frosting skills. The class aimed to create employment opportunities by teaching essential frosting techniques. Participants learned making frosting from scratch using suitable ingredients and practiced various styles on sponge cakes provided during the session. This hands-on experience helped them develop the skills needed to create professional cakes.

RECENT ACTIVITIES



Dress Making

HOPE Centre organized a 3-session sewing class focused on dress making. Participants created maxi long dresses for summer, customized to their preferences. In the first session, participants set up their sewing machines and cut fabric for their dresses. The second and third sessions were dedicated to sewing the dresses. With diverse ethnic backgrounds, each participant crafted a uniquely designed dress. At the end of the workshop, everyone showcased their creations on mannequins, featuring long dresses—some with sleeves and others without.



Nepal New Year Party



HOPE Centre hosted our first Nepal New Year Party to celebrate the coming of 2082 on the Nepal Calendar! 5th April 2025, participants got to feast on Nepali food and snacks, learnt more about the history and culture of Nepal, danced and bonded with other participants to viral music hits, and compete to win in Chungi! Overall, it was a party full of excitement, culture, and fun!



Songkran Festival

Songkran is Thailand's celebration of the New Year and HOPE Centre brought 35 EM participants to Kowloon City to celebrate! Songkran is famous for water splashing, as an act of ritual cleansing, and our participants jumped right into the fun. Aside from the water games, participants also got to watch cultural performances, view art exhibits, and be blessed by fellow celebrators, and enjoy Thai delicacies and activities



Cantonese classes for adults

HOPE Centre offered language classes to support our service users' to learn and integrate into Hong Kong at every stage, from beginners to advanced continuous learners! Since February 2025, HOPE Centre has held 1 basic, 1 intermediate, and 1 advanced Cantonese courses and also have plans for many new upcoming classes starting in June. We have also held 8 fun learning Cantonese short courses for beginners, and participants who have achieved 80% attendance in our fun learning Cantonese course will have priority for enrolment in basic Cantonese class! Please message our language team at 5188-8099 for inquiries if you want to start learning Cantonese now!

Chinese Enhancement

HOPE Centre offers Chinese classes for youth ages 7-16, and since February we have held 2 for listening & speaking Cantonese and 2 for reading & writing Traditional Chinese programme. Our Chinese enhancement classes provide an opportunity for youths to learn the basics in Cantonese/Chinese and have proven beneficial for our participant's further learning outside of the school environment. Please message our Language team at 5188-8099 for inquiries if you would like your child to start learning now!

