

**CUHK Convocation Outstanding Services
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I am honored to be awarded the CUHK Convocation Outstanding Services and Creativity Student Award 2019/20. I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to the CUHK Convocation. It encourages me to continue running my community music projects. It also supports my further development in music and video production after my graduation.

I am an active member in the Acappella circle in Hong Kong. I have 4 years of Acappella teaching experience, and my students are from all walks of life, including primary and secondary school students, adult women, elderly and adults with full time jobs. I am also a Acappella singer, one-man Acappella singer, sound engineer, videographer and pianist.

Through my Acappella teaching experience, I realized that music education can greatly help a person, no matter an adult or teenager, to grow and be a better person. I then reflected on my music learning journey and it matches this theory. I also think that Acappella singing, singing as a group without any accompaniment by instruments, is one of the easiest and most efficient way in music education. As this form of singing requires the ability to work independently within a singing part, while cooperating with other singing parts, and they also need to overcome their fear and anxiety while performing on stages, Acappella singers can become a better person in general in the society through music training. Therefore, I would like to promote this art form to my own community, Tin Shui Wai.

In January 2019, I initiated a project called "Wai Sing" (天水圍唱) which includes a documentary movie, screening activities and live performances. 4 teenagers in different ages and with different backgrounds were interviewed and filmed by me. Their rehearsal and performing situations were video recorded and I brought them to the Tin Shui Wai community to let them introduce their neighborhood while their friends and family member revealed their changes after participating in Acappella training. More than 20 3-hour shooting sessions were carried out and 50 more hours were used for video editing. Finally, a 45-minute documentary with subtitles and original film music is created and screened.

The premiere of the documentary was held in mid-June 2019. This and the following screening activities all consist of 3 key elements: documentary movie, live performance and director's sharing. I believe that through both in-depth video records and face-to-face music sharing and talking is the best way to know each other and understands their lives. After the premiere, more screening activities were held in places such as Asia Society Hong Kong center, Principal Chan Free Tutorial World and other institutions, in hopes of sharing the lives of Tin Shui Wai people and Acappella music. 7 screening activities in total were held in second half of 2019.

In 2020, Wai Sing has become a social enterprise and registered as a company in Hong Kong. We aim at providing quality A cappella music education to teenagers in different parts of Hong Kong. We also provide music and video production training and hands-on opportunities for young adults who are interested in it and would like to develop it as their career.



This is shot in one of our screening events, in Principal Chan Free Tutorial World. We shared the documentary and live A cappella performance with the community members in Tai Kok Tsui.



This is shot after another screening events back in Tin Shui Wai. We share our stories with pride with our own community members.