## CUHK Convocation Outstanding Services and Creativity Student Awards 2017/18 香港中文大學校友評議會傑出服務及創意學生獎 2017/18

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It is my honour to be granted the CUHK Convocation Outstanding Services and Creativity Student Award this year. First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the CUHK Convocation for recognising my effort in community services. I would like to thank Chung Chi College for nominating me for this award. I am an outgoing person who is always passionate about exploring something new. Studying in the university equipped me with knowledge and skills, while participating in community services enabled me to transfer what I have learned into practice, which can be mutually beneficial to my study and to the needy in the society.

## Service for Underprivileged Students

I am especially concerned about the issue of inter-generational poverty, in which children from grassroots families usually grow up in a poor living environment and have a lower chance of moving upward due to inadequate resources. Over the past few years, I have been served in various positions in the Principal Chan Free Tutorial World, a charitable organisation which provides absolutely free educational services for underprivileged students. Since 2015, I have become a volunteer teacher in this organisation. I provided free tutorials for the underprivileged students for one-hour per week, and taught them both knowledge and life skills. Last summer, I worked as a volunteer intern at the headquarters of this organisation. I cooperated with other interns of different academic backgrounds and organised events for more than hundreds service users, including volunteers and students. I also designed promotional materials such as postcard and poster for volunteer recruitment. After the internship programme, I am now one of the members in the Volunteer Teacher Committee. I participated in the development of free tutorial service and assisted the operation of functions. For example, I volunteered as a master of ceremony in the awards presentation ceremony. I hope the services I partook can optimise the condition of the underprivileged students and let them feel warmth from the society.

## Service for Ethnic Minorities

Aside from these experiences, the condition of the local ethnic minorities concerns me a lot, particularly the challenges they encountered, for instance, language barrier and discrimination, which hindered them from integrating into the local community. Since this year, I have become a volunteer in Translate For Her, an organisation aiming at empowering the ethnic minorities. I provided free Chinese-English translation service and assisted community information sourcing for the ethnic minority's ladies. I hope my work can reduce at least some difficulties they face in everyday life and help facilitating mutual respect among different races and ethnicities.

Once again, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the CUHK Convocation for recognising my contribution in community services. In the future, I foresee myself spending more time in services related to elderlies under a growing ageing population. Through my participation, I hope I can influence others to volunteer and to make some positive impacts to the society.



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During the internship programme in the Principal Chan Free Tutorial World, I worked in a team with other interns of different academic backgrounds. We organised a fun day named "Youth Can Fly" for volunteer teachers and students, which aims at strengthening their bonding. I assisted the planning and served as a master of ceremony in this event.



(The left one)

After the internship programme, I still volunteered in the Principal Chan Free Tutorial World. A few months ago, I served as a master of ceremony for the awards presentation ceremony.