## 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牛獎 2017/18

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I have been passionate in volunteer service since I was in secondary school. I have been exposed to service with elderly, children, students with special educational need (SEN), youth and women right advocacy.

During the journey of various services, I have known that there are a lot of social needs in the community and we can respond them. For example, I learnt more on the needs of SEN students. By accompanying students to read, their learning interest on language aroused. Their parents also knew how to teach their children. By doing these little jobs, it is so rewarding to see families' relationship improved when parents know more on parenting. It is also so blessed to build relationship with children and see their improvement. Besides, through promoting volunteering to teenagers, I realized that they might have little life goals or do not have much faith on themselves. However, by encouraging them to help the others and make things happen, they not only know more about the society which is beneficial for their studies, but also gain confident in themselves and develop a sense of success. These little impacts drive me all the time to continue.

Therefore, I chose my major particularly related to social aspect. I hope I can do more for social needs. By studying politics, I knew more on policies formation; When I exposed more on women's right services, I also took a course on feminist theory to know more on the discussion related. I believed that what I learnt academically would assist my service. Therefore, I would have no doubt that volunteering experiences have shaped who I am now and guide my path to learn and grow.

After learning and gaining more experiences in serving others and organizing summer activities for children like poverty stimulation and visit, children volunteer training and elderly home visit, I have developed a habit of being a volunteer and this habit has become one of my favorite hobbies. I was also so privileged to have the opportunity to know more about social needs and what we can do as a volunteer overseas. For example, attending the United Nations Commission on Status of Women in New York has broadened my horizons and increased my knowledge on women issues which would be very useful in upcoming services. Most importantly, these experiences deepened my belief as a global citizen and that we all take part in creating changes for the world.

After gaining valuable opportunities overseas, I contributed by organizing a one-year programme with my team to invite the students of my alma mater to learn more. We are conducting a one-year programme to let them know more about social issues and especially women's rights through doing various voluntary services. For example, through collecting vegetable donated by market shops' owners and distributing them to elderly, students learnt more on poverty and environmental issues. We also visited families living in subdivided flat, elderly and so on. It is hoped that students can learn how to care others and realize the needs of others. Seeing such a lot of pressing needs, we aim to encourage students to join us as volunteers and continue to serve after the programme.

Last but not least, I would also like to take this chance to express my heartfelt gratitude to CUHK Convocation for this award. It is so rewarding and encouraging to receive such an honor. This recognition will undoubtedly continue to drive me to do my best in serving our neighbor in need. I would also like to thank Young Women's Christian Association for giving me all the precious opportunities to serve, learn and grow. With these huge support and encouragement from all of you, I am confident that I will continue to spread love and care to one another, empower each other through services, and bring hope to create a better world hand in hand with my team.



Helped a center for special educational needs students to paint the wall during an eight-day service trip to Malaysia



We attended the United Nations Commission on Status of Women in New York to know more on gender equality. (I am in the front row on the right)