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“Rare Encounters” 「罕友奇遇記」 is the first podcast dedicated to advocating rare diseases in Hong Kong through interviews with rare disease patients, patient families and professionals related to this field of medical research. By interviewing individuals related to rare diseases, we provide a voice to those who are often neglected in society. Not only does the podcast cover relevant medical knowledge of rare diseases, but it also emphasises the lives of those afflicted by said diseases, helping to highlight how rare disease patients overcome adversities as a result of their unique circumstances, with hopes of inspiring fellow rare disease patients who may feel marginalised within society, as well as demystifying common misconceptions of the masses.

Unlike conventional voluntary services, Rare Encounters provides a cumulative and long-lasting effect, as podcast episodes remain permanent and readily accessible by anyone interested in learning and empathising with rare disease patients. From the creation and broadcast of Rare Encounters Season One and Two, we have had a great impact towards the rare disease community, and students potentially interested in the field through the accessible nature of online podcasts. Our achievement is highlighted significantly through a news article published by the Hong Kong Economic Times, showing the importance of advocacy for rare diseases, and a reflection of our mission as future medical practitioners of Hong Kong. With Season Three in discussion, we hope to spread our podcast towards a wider audience through sufficient funding from sponsorships, scholarships and charities.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude towards the CUHK Convocation for your recognition in the creativity of the Rare Encounters project. I am very honoured to receive this award, which reaffirms the power of interdisciplinary innovation in serving communities. This acknowledgement validates my belief that creative approaches, like incorporating medical advocacy into digital storytelling, can pose meaningful impact for often-overlooked populations. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the Selection Committee for your visionary support in recognizing the value of Rare Encounters and its mission to amplify voices at the margins of our healthcare system. This encouragement fuels my commitment to merging medicine, technology, and compassion, making my best attempt to advocate for rare disease patients.

Photo 1



The above group photo was taken after recording session of Season 2 EP3 Wilson Disease, after an enlightening discussion and sharing with Audrey, whose son is a Wilson Disease patient.

Photo 2



The above group photo was taken during the recording session of Season 2 EP7 Fabry Disease, interviewing Jonas, a Fabry disease patient, and his wife, Ceci.