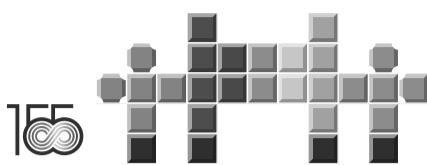


主席感言 CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



東華三院對於大埔宏福苑的嚴重事故造成多人傷亡，深感哀痛。我謹代表東華三院向逝者家屬致以最深切的慰問，並對所有傷者及受影響人士表達誠摯關懷。事故發生後，本院迅速採取一系列緊急支援措施，包括從「東華三院甘霖援急基金」撥出港幣三百萬元先用作派發緊急援助金，又透過「東華三院殯儀基金」為罹難者家庭提供免費殯儀服務，並為受影響家庭及人士提供免費臨時住宿服務及幼兒暫託服務，以及情緒支援服務等。本院亦已設立「大埔宏福苑愛心捐款」專頁，持續收集公眾善款，以支援災民需要。東華三院將繼續密切與政府有關部門聯繫，積極配合各項援助工作，務求讓受影響人士盡快得到適切幫助。

本院隨即啟動其他多項跟進的支援措施，包括透過「善心滿東華」慈善晚會，為受影響家庭及人士收集善款。該晚會由無線電視翡翠台現場直播，衷心感謝一眾演藝人員的傾力演出，捐款熱線響應不絕，最終共籌得港幣118,000,000元善款，深刻展現了香港社會同舟共濟、守望相助的精神。本院會積極及主動與政府相關部門充分溝通，務必將全數善款用於支援大埔居民長遠生活、家園重建、傷者康復及罹難者殯葬所需，並不會從中扣除行政費用。

此外，我亦榮幸參與了東華學院15周年校慶晚宴及第13屆畢業典禮。活動分別邀得教育局局長蔡若蓮博士太平紳士及梁愛詩博士大紫荊勳賢太平紳士擔任主禮嘉賓，承蒙她們對東華學院的肯定，並寄語畢業生力臻卓越，本人深表鼓舞。東華學院將持續提升教育質素，為社會培育更多優秀人才。

早前，「翠菊基金有限公司全力贊助：東華三院155周年慈善粵劇專場《大鼻子情聖》」已圓滿舉行，感謝勞工及福利局副局長何啟明太平紳士為活動主禮。活動所籌得善款將支持「東華三院照顧者支援基金」，以加強對照顧者的支援，確保長者獲優質照顧及讓照顧者在艱難時刻感受社會溫暖。

為進一步推動醫療服務協作，我聯同董事局成員日前拜會醫院管理局，與醫院管理局主席范鴻齡SBS太平紳士、行政總裁李夏茵醫生及高級職員進行交流，本院亦致送港幣三百萬元捐款支票予「醫院管理局慈善基金」，以協助提升本港醫療服務質素。與此同時，我亦十分榮幸與瑞典駐香港及澳門總領事貝樂儀女士及瑞典商務代表會面，並一同探訪賽馬會松朗安老綜合中心，促進安老服務的交流和合作。此外，感謝善長陳先生慷慨捐助舉辦善心越味「長者日」午宴，我和顧問局成員暨戊戌年主席王賢誌先生BBS及香港中華出入口商會會長貝鈞奇先生SBS,BBS,MH一同與本院50位來自沙田區的長者一同慶祝「長者日」。

東華三院亦十分重視青年發展。其中「燃點·夢想——青年創業計劃」旨在支援有意在大灣區創業的香港青年，鼓勵他們追尋夢想，貢獻國家。衷心感謝民政及青年事務局青年專員陳瑞緯太平紳士撥冗為計劃啟動禮主禮。在啟動禮上，看到各隊伍積極向嘉賓介紹創業項目，展現滿腔熱誠和創新精神，令人倍感振奮。

作為香港歷史最悠久的慈善機構，東華三院一向積極推動和發揚本院豐富的文物和歷史檔案。本院與江門地區淵源深厚，此次更首度在內地設立歷史專題展覽，與江門市博物館聯合主辦「惠澤四海 情繫五邑：江門與香港東華三院的百年情誼」展覽。開幕禮承蒙江門市委常委暨宣傳部部長陳冀女士、江門市委宣傳部副部長高鋼華先生及江門市博物館館長高東輝先生主禮，展覽呈現東華三院與江門五邑地區跨越一個多世紀的慈善互動，饒富意義。

為培育學生全人發展，我與董事局成員率領一眾東華三院學生大使遠赴德國，拓寬學生的全球視野及國際體驗，並先後拜訪了中華人民共和國駐德國大使館公使曾凡華先生、香港駐柏林經濟貿易辦事處處長黃文忠先生等重要代表，又參觀中國銀行柏林分行及到慕尼黑大學交流。此外，近期舉辦的「好人好事英文寫作比賽2024-2025」，特別邀得教育局外籍英語教師組總課程發展主任楊李華女士親臨主禮頒獎禮，比賽有助激發年輕學子的創作力，提升他們的英語表達能力。

大埔的火災雖已熄滅，但漫長的家園重建與心靈療癒才剛開始，無論是實際資源、一份問候，或是持續的關心，都是他們急需的溫暖力量。本院將繼續堅守使命，發揮「行善無界限」精神，讓我們繼續攜手，一同陪伴受影響的受災市民，再次衷心祝願能盡快走過這段艱難時期。

Everyone at TWGHs is filled with grief over the serious incident at Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po, which resulted in multiple casualties. On behalf of TWGHs, I extend our deepest condolences to the families of the deceased and express our sincere concern to all those injured and affected. Following the incident, the Group acted swiftly to implement a series of emergency support measures, including an initial allocation of HK\$3 million from the "TWGHs Emergency Relief Fund" for emergency assistance, providing free funeral services for the family of the deceased through the "TWGHs Funeral Fund", offering free temporary shelter service and child care service to affected families and individuals, as well as providing Emotional Support Service. The Group also set up a dedicated webpage titled "Charity Giving towards the Incident of Wang Fuk Court, Tai Po" to continue collecting public donations to address the needs of affected residents. The Group will maintain close communication with relevant government departments and proactively cooperate with all relief work, with a view to ensuring that affected individuals receive appropriate assistance as soon as possible.

TWGHs promptly rolled out a series of additional support measures, including raising donations for affected families and individuals through the "Charity Gala", which was broadcast live on TVB Jade. We are truly grateful to the artists for delivering heartfelt performances. The donation hotline received overwhelming responses. The event eventually raised a total of HK\$118,000,000, manifesting a spirit of unity and mutual support across Hong Kong. All contributions received will be allocated towards the long-term support for residents' livelihoods in Tai Po, community reconstruction, and the rehabilitation of the injured. No administrative costs will be deducted from public donations.

In addition, I was honoured to attend the 15th Anniversary Gala Dinner and the 13th Graduation Ceremony of Tung Wah College. We were privileged to have Dr. the Hon. CHOI Yuk Lin, JP, Secretary for Education, and Dr. the Hon. LEUNG Oi Sie, Elsie, GBM, JP, as our officiating guests at these respective events. I was deeply encouraged by their strong endorsement of Tung Wah College and by their inspiring addresses to the graduates, in which they urged them to strive for excellence. Tung Wah College will continue to enhance the quality of its education in order to nurture more outstanding talent for our society.

"The Verdant Foundation Limited proudly sponsors: TWGHs 155th Anniversary Charity Cantonese Opera Show 'Cyrano de Bergerac'" was successfully held earlier. We are grateful to Mr. HO Kai Ming, JP, Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare, for officiating at the event. The funds raised will be earmarked for the "TWGHs Caregiver Support Fund" to strengthen support for caregivers, ensuring that the elderly people receive quality care and that the caregivers feel the warmth of the community during difficult times.

To further promote collaboration in medical services, my fellow Board members and I paid a visit to the Hospital Authority, where we met with Mr. FAN Hung Ling, Henry, SBS, JP, Chairman of the Hospital Authority, Dr. LEE Ha Yun, Libby, Chief Executive of the Hospital Authority, and senior staff for cordial exchanges. TWGHs also presented a donation cheque for HK\$3 million to the "Hospital Authority Charitable Foundation" to help enhance the quality of medical services in Hong Kong. On another occasion, I was honoured to meet Ms. Louise BERGHOLM, Consul General of Sweden in Hong Kong and Macau, and representatives of the Swedish business community. We visited the TWGHs Jockey Club Sunshine Complex for the Elderly together to foster exchanges and collaboration in elderly services. In addition, we would like to express our gratitude to our donor, Mr. Andy CHAN, for his generous support for the "A Taste of Kindness Vietnamese Luncheon for the Elderly". Together with Mr. Vinci WONG, BBS, Advisory Board Member cum Chairman 2018/2019, and Mr. PUI Kwan Kay, SBS, BBS, MH, President of The Hong Kong Chinese Importers' & Exporters' Association, we celebrated the "Senior Citizens' Day" with 50 elderly from the Sha Tin District.

TWGHs places great emphasis on youth development. Among its initiatives, Project YEE 2.0 (Youth · Entrepreneurship · Empowerment) aims to support Hong Kong young people aspiring to start businesses in the Greater Bay Area, encouraging them to pursue their dreams and contribute to the country. We sincerely thank Mr. CHAN Sui Wai, Eric, JP, Commissioner for Youth of the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau, for taking the time to officiate at the Kick-off Ceremony. At the event, it was inspiring to see each team enthusiastically present their entrepreneurial ideas to guests, demonstrating both passion and innovation.

As Hong Kong's longest standing charitable organisation, TWGHs has always been proactive in promoting its extensive collection of artefacts and historical records. Given its longstanding ties with the Jiangmen region, TWGHs held its first historical and thematic exhibition in the Chinese Mainland. In collaboration with the Jiangmen Museum, TWGHs organised the "Boundless Grace, Wuyi at Heart – A Century of Friendship between Jiangmen and Tung Wah Group of Hospitals of Hong Kong" Exhibition. The Opening Ceremony was officiated by Ms. CHEN Ji, Standing Committee Member of the Jiangmen Municipal Committee cum Director of Publicity Department of the Jiangmen Municipal Committee, Mr. GAO Ganghua, Executive Deputy Director of Publicity Department of the Jiangmen Municipal Committee, and Mr. GAO Donghui, Director of the Jiangmen Museum. This Exhibition was of profound significance, as it illuminated a century-long tradition of charitable engagement between TWGHs and the Wuyi area in Jiangmen.

To nurture students' all-round development, my fellow Board members and I led a group of TWGHs Student Ambassadors to Germany to broaden their global perspectives and enrich their international experience. During the visit, we met with key representatives including Mr. ZENG Fanhua, Envoy Extraordinary, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Germany, and Mr. WONG Man Chung, Indiana, Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Berlin. The itinerary also featured visits to the Berlin branch of the Bank of China and Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München. Furthermore, at the recently held "TWGHs Good People, Good Deeds: English Writing Competition 2024-2025", Ms. YEUNG Li Wa, Jenny, Chief Curriculum Development Officer (NET) of the Education Bureau, was invited to officiate at the Award Presentation Ceremony. The competition helped inspire creativity among young students and enhance their English expression skills.

Although the blaze in Tai Po has been extinguished, the journey towards rebuilding homes and healing hearts is only beginning. Whether through tangible resources, a word of comfort, or ongoing care, these acts embody the much-needed sources of warmth and support. TWGHs remains steadfast in its mission, embracing the spirit that "Kindness Makes a Difference." Let us remain hand in hand and stand united with all the residents affected by this calamity, fostering hope that they will overcome this challenging period as swiftly as possible.

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