

Rich in Heart

Ming and his mother arrived in Hong Kong last year from Mainland China to reunite with his father. They stayed in an 80-square-foot room with only a bunker bed and some basic appliances. Hardly educated, his father worked as a construction worker and a nightshift security guard while his mother was a dish washing worker at a restaurant. Due to his parents' long working hours, Ming usually found himself alone at home. Not even a bit good at Cantonese nor English, Ming got low grades and merely no friends.

One Saturday morning, Ming decided to go get help at a nearby community centre where he can receive free tutorials from volunteers. Embarrassed and shy, Ming sat down at a corner. Immediately, a cheerful-looking old man addressed Ming politely, "Welcome! I am Mr. Wong, a volunteer at this tutorial centre. What is your name?" "M...my name is Ming," said Ming uncertainly. Mr. Wong patiently gave Ming guidance on his homework and they soon became friends. Mr. Wong not only taught him academically but also how to become a more confident person.

Soon Ming started to become curious about Mr. Wong's life. Where does he live? Why is he so knowledgeable? At the end of one tutorial session,