

The Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong 45th Anniversary

CHARITY PROJECT FOR BEREAVED CHILDREN

Charity Concert and Kick-Off Ceremony

Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts
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Charity Project for Bereaved Children

Life is a cycle with births and deaths. However, young children who lost their parent or parents are the most vulnerable and need our full support. The following quoted examples are just some of those many heart-breaking scenarios:

- *a three-year-old girl holding the dead body of her thirty-year-old dead mother refusing to let go*
- *an eight-year-old girl who lost both her parents and yet also forsaken by her stepfather*
- *a seventeen-year-old teenage forgoing his overseas education to be by the bedside of his dying father*

The incident is too traumatic for a young one to come with. The victims need our nurture for their ongoing development of body, mind and spirit in facing adversity. Yet so far they receive much less attention compared to other children victims. They deserve our total and holistic care in physical, psychological, social and spiritual aspects. Both the bereaved children and family would benefit from both professionals and volunteers help and support. The young generation is the future pillar of our society. The Foundation is determined to raise funds for charity projects towards this very worthwhile cause. About all, the Foundation is looking for collaboration with reputable community partners to enlist participation from wider spectrum of our community.

HKFMS Foundation

The Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong is the umbrella organization of 128 medical, dental, nursing and allied health professional societies of Hong Kong. The Federation endeavours to provide leadership and mechanism whereby the activities of her member societies can be co-ordinated to promote professional interests, achieve fraternity and to advance our common ideals. The charity arm of the Federation, the HKFMS Foundation, was founded in 1999. One of the missions is to provide a comprehensive range of activities for the promotion of health, prevention and treatment of diseases in our community

This year marks the 45th Anniversary of the Federation and we are going to hold a series of charitable and memorial activities to make our anniversary a more meaningful one. A charity concert will be held at the Academy for Performing Arts to kick start the series of projects.

Programme of the Charity Concert

1. Special Performance by Officiating Guest – **Prof. Gabriel M. LEUNG, JP** (Under Secretary for Food & Health Bureau)
2. Violin Performance – **Ms Takako NISHIZAKI**
3. Piano Performance – **Mr Phoebus CHAN, Ms Amy SZE**
4. Special Student Performance – **Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts Students**
5. Special Performance by Doctors – **Dr David Fang, Dr Jonathan Yuen**

Potential Projects to be Supported by the Charity Funds and Donation

1. A **SIMPLE LIST** with a capped ceiling amount for each individual child to benefit
2. A **SCHOLARSHIP** award programme for justified educational purposes
3. **RECREATIONAL PROGRAMME** jointly organized with sponsors and NGOs e.g. play therapy, outings to Ocean Park and Disneyland, visits to museums and corporations like CX City, and tours to parts, etc
4. **PROFESSIONAL ADVICE** by colleagues of member societies of FMSHK as needed
5. One to one **MENTORSHIP** of child from our volunteers
6. **“CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN”** activities, to enhance mutual peer support for children in need.