



EYETOPIA COOK-TOGETHER 2013

「一視瞳仁 — 視障人士的愛心煮意」

Cook with Heart, Taste with Love

Organizers:



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The closing ceremony of 'Eyetopia – Share Your Vision' Photo Competition was successfully held at Times Square in May 2011.



About 300 participants took part in 'Eyetopia Artogether', which was successfully held at Southern Playground in April 2012



What is Eyetopia?

Eyetopia is a signature service project organized by Lions Club of Victoria Hong Kong and Leo Club of Victoria Hong Kong targeting at the visually impaired. The word 'Eyetopia' comes from 'eye' and 'utopia', which reflects our hope to promote fairness in society and achieve an utopia in which everyone respects each other, regardless of their seeing abilities. According to a survey held by the government in 2006-2007, there were about 123,000 visually impaired people in Hong Kong and the number has been escalating over the past few years. Through organizing activities for both visually impaired and sighted participants, we aim at helping both parties understand each other better.

Our first Eyetopia project, 'Eyetopia – Share Your Vision' Photo Competition, was launched in 2011 and was a marvelous success. Following the photographic workshops, teams consisting of both visually impaired and sighted members set off to take their own photographs. For the photo competition, it was our honour to have the renowned film director Dante Lam Chiu Yin as one of our judges. Our participants' pieces of art were showcased at the Award Presentation Ceremony at Times Square.

In April last year, an exciting 'Eyetopia – Artogether 2012' Drawing Event and Carnival was held. To promote the event to a wider audience, we made use of Facebook and broadcasted our theme song '日月', which was sung by two well-known singers Arian and Daniel Chau (周志文、周志康), on YouTube. About 300 visually impaired and sighted participants took part in the event. They applied drawing skills acquired from previous workshops and successfully worked together to create a massive 12 m by 9 m painting. Games booths and stage performances were also arranged. All participants greatly enjoyed the programmes. In recognition of the success of this event, we were given 'The Best Service Project' award by Leo District, Hong Kong & Macao, China amongst more than 40 service projects held by other Leo Clubs in Hong Kong.

This year, we hope to carry on with our previous success and organize an Culinary Event 'Eyetopia Cook-together 2013' to foster interactions between visually impaired and sighted members, whilst helping participants enhance their cooking skills.

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Programme details

The key activities of 'Eyetopia Cook-together 2013' and their corresponding schedule are listed as follows:

1) Nov 2012 – Jan 2013

Stage 1: Recruitment of visually impaired participants

Stage 2: Recruitment of sighted participants

2) 15th Dec 2012 (Saturday)

Opening Ceremony

- All stakeholders will be invited so as to enhance their knowledge and interest in this project.

3) 2nd March 2013 (Saturday)

Workshop

- Ice-breaking session
- Each visually impaired participant will be teamed up with two sighted participants.
- Cooking session will be conducted to help participants to acquire cooking skills.

4) 16th March 2013 (Saturday)

Cooking competition & Closing ceremony

- 20-30 teams will compete with each other.
- Participants will be required to prepare food with the use of gas stoves or ovens.
- Prizes will be awarded to teams presenting the most delicious and attractive dishes.

Our workshops offer opportunities for visually impaired and sighted participants to interact with each other and understand each other better.



Eyetopia Cook-together 2013

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This year, the visually impaired and sighted participants will work together as a team to accomplish a seemingly impossible task – taking part in a cooking competition. It is hoped that through the competition, the participants will discover the joy of cooking and develop better understanding towards each other.

Theme 'Cook with Heart, Taste with Love 共融生活, 你我做煮'

Target Participants

'Eyetopia Cook-together 2013' will be open to public and we will recruit 20 to 30 visually impaired participants and 40 to 60 sighted participants. Visually impaired participants will be recruited via Hong Kong Society for the Blind, whilst sighted participants will be recruited from secondary schools and the public. Each visually impaired participant will be teamed up with two sighted participants. The purpose of such arrangement is to provide significant opportunities for the visually impaired and sighted participants to interact with each other.

A workshop will be held on 2nd March 2013 for ice-breaking and training of cooking skills, whereas the cooking competition will be held on 16th March 2013.

Would you like to contribute to 'Eyetopia Cook-together 2013' and help realize numerous dreams of impossibilities?

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About Us

MAIN ORGANIZERS

Lions Club of Victoria Hong Kong

LIONS stands for 'Liberty, Intelligence and Our Nation's Safety'. As one of the most well-established Lions Clubs in Hong Kong, the Lions Club of Victoria Hong Kong has been serving the community for 50 years. The club encourages service-minded people to serve their community without personal gain and serve their fellows by giving sympathy to those in distress and supporting those in need.

Leo Club of Victoria Hong Kong

LEO represents 'Leadership, Experience and Opportunity'. With the support from its mother club the Lions Club of Victoria Hong Kong, the Leo Club of Victoria Hong Kong was founded in 2008. Bearing in mind the motto 'We serve', more than 40 registered members organized have participated in more than 20 social service projects since its establishment. It is now one of the largest Leo Clubs in Hong Kong. Recently, it was awarded the 'Best Improving Leo Club' by Leo District, Hong Kong & Macao, China in recognition of its achievements and contribution to community.



The closing ceremony of 'Eyetopia - Share Your Vision' was a great success!



Participants learnt a lot from the Eyetopia photography workshops.



We always remember our motto - 'We serve'.



Our visit to some elderly people's homes during Mid-Autumn festival warmed numerous hearts.

CO-ORGANIZERS

The Hong Kong Society for the Blind

The Hong Kong Society for the Blind (HKSB) is a government subvented voluntary agency established in 1956. The organization provides a wide range of eye care and low vision services such as rehabilitation and vocational training, educational support, employment guidance, adaptive technology advisory service, information and communication technology applications.

Methodist Centre

Methodist Centre is one of the social service organizations under the Methodist Church, Hong Kong. It was first established in 1927 and has extended the scope of its service since 1980s, including room-booking service, camp and building service, childcare and family support service, elderly service, as well as group and community service.

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OUR PROFILES

Lion Dominic CHAN

Co-chairperson

- Badge of Honour award in 1994
- Medal of Honour award in 2004
- President of Lions Club of Victoria Hong Kong 1999-2000
- 'Outstanding Club President' award by Lions International District 303 in 2000
- Advisor of Leo Club since 2008
- Function Chairperson of Eyetopia in 2011 and 2012

Leo Bona CHOW

Co-chairperson

- Honorary Secretary of Leo Club of Victoria Hong Kong 2012-2013
- Working as an editor of Science textbooks at a international publisher
- Graduated from BA and MSci (Natural Sciences), Cambridge University
- President of Cambridge University Chinese Orchestra Society 2009-2010
- Active participation in voluntary services, including serving in the Workshop Committee for 'Eyetopia Artogether' in 2011-2012, regularly visiting an elderly centre, helping in a centre for mentally disabled children, tutoring partially sighted children

Leo Lester FUNG

Co-ordinator

- President of Leo Club of Victoria Hong Kong 2012-2013
- Working as a trainee solicitor at an international law firm
- Graduated from BBA (Law), L.L.B. and PCLL, The University of Hong Kong
- 8+ years' experience in organizing large-scale activities, including representing Hong Kong on a service trip to Yunnan, China as a UNICEF Young Envoy and organizing activities that engaged prominent business figures and renowned companies in society as an Executive Committee Member of Business Association, The University of Hong Kong

Leo Amas LEE

Co-ordinator

- Vice President of Leo Club of Victoria Hong Kong 2012-2013
- Working as a management associate at an international bank
- 4+ years' experience in leading and organizing voluntary services, including organizing Victoria Youth Leadership Training Camp 2011 and CSR visits to Hong Chi Association, serving as the Workshop Convener of 'Eyetopia Artogether' in 2011-2012 and a helper of 'Eyetopia – Share Your Vision' Photo Competition in 2010-2011

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Selected Past Activities

Career Navigator – Crisis Avengers

June 2012

- We helped in organizing this event, in which more than 300 participants interacted with and learnt from prominent figures from different fields, e.g. Mr. Nelson Yip (Captain of the Hong Kong Para Equestrian team), Dr. Toby Chan (Founding Chairman of Asian Licensing Association) and Ms. Christine Wo (Founder of Charmonde Luxury Limited), so as to equip themselves with skills to combat against adversities at work and in their daily lives.



The Leo Victoria members greatly enjoy participating various volunteering services.

童步過冬籌款夜及和孩浩

April to June 2012

- We raised funds and provided an opportunity for children from low-income new immigrant families to travel around Hong Kong and learn from young professionals.

夢境成真長者心願計劃

September 2011

- We visited some elderly people and distributed mooncakes to them.

世界獅子服務日—傷健共融嘉年華

November 2010

- We set up a booth in Tsim Sha Tsui to promote mutual understanding between the disabled and other members of the society.

Project Last Mile

October 2010

- We cooperated with Evergreen Foundation to hold a photo-taking event for the elderly.

Hong Kong International Coastal Cleanup Challenge

September 2010

- We took part in this event organized by the International Coastal Cleanup to remove trash and debris from our beautiful beaches and waterways.

社企講座：黑暗中的對話

September 2010

- We invited a prominent social enterprise, Dialogue in the Dark, to share with more than 50 participants their vision, operation and challenges of running a social enterprise.

愛心護眼行動

September 2008 to April 2009

- We held a series of free eyesight-checking services to elderly from different elderly centers.

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Any queries?

If you would like to know more about 'Eyetopia Cook-together 2013' or offer assistance in any form, please do not hesitate to ring us:

Ms. Bona Chow: 6650 9545

Mr. Amas Lee: 6080 7582

Ms. Connie Tse: 2561 0001

Alternatively, please feel free to contact us by email:
bona.eyetopia2013@gmail.com

To make 'Eyetopia Cook-together 2013' successful, we would be very grateful if you could assist us in any of these ways: (1) provide a venue that can accommodate approximately 100 participants for a cooking workshop and a cooking competition (with the use of gas stoves or ovens) to be held in 2nd and 16th March 2013 respectively; (2) provide cooking instructor(s); and/or (3) provide other assistance.

In return of your valuable support, you or your company will receive acknowledgements via different channels throughout our service project, which will last from December 2012 to March 2013. Learning from our previous Eyetopia projects, we expect this event to draw attention from more than 100,000 people through media exposure, e.g. Facebook, newspaper columns, our closing ceremony etc.

Should you wish to offer assistance to our service project 'Eyetopia Cook-together 2013', please do not hesitate to contact us (**Ms. Bona Chow** 6650 9545, **Mr. Amas Lee** 6080 7582, **Ms. Connie Tse** 2561 0001). Alternatively, please feel free to contact us by email (bona.eyetopia2013@gmail.com).

We sincerely hope that this is something you might be willing to consider and we very much appreciate any support that you are giving for this service.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH ON BEHALF OF OUR PARTICIPANTS! :)



Grasp your media exposure chance!

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR READING ABOUT OUR SERVICE.
Please don't hesitate to show us your support!
We look forward to hearing from you soon.

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