

HKCSS

The Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) represents more than 410 non-governmental social services organizations, which provide over 90% of social welfare services in Hong Kong. We mobilize cross-sector collaborations to promote care, social responsibility and philanthropic movement in Hong Kong. It was on this basis that HKCSS crossed paths with the Friends of the Harp at the 1st Hong Kong HarpFest in 2006, which was an all-volunteer effort to run a harp marathon performance whilst raising donations to help the needy in the society. Their challenge was how to make sure proceeds raised used for good causes, as they were not a charity at that time. We were very pleased to take on a bridging role to connect the HarpFest 2006 with our member "The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong" (ELCHK). Donations raised from the 1st HarpFest was deployed by the ELCHK to fund therapeutic musical support activities for elders who suffered from stroke, depression and pain.

We are very glad to know that it was the success of the 1st HarpFest that inspired the Friends of the Harp to register as a charity in 2007.

Congratulations to the Friends of the Harp on the 5th Hong Kong HarpFest, we hope you will continue contributing to the society and inspiring more people along your harp journey.



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Snapshots of the 1st HarpFest in 2006



SAHK

Congratulatory Message to the Friends of the Harp on the 5th Hong Kong HarpFest

Ever since our Association was established in 1963, we make our best endeavor to assist persons who are physically and mentally challenged due to their neurological impairment. Our English name, SAHK, signifies our determination to "Succeed and Advance". Our Chinese name "香港耀能協會" carries the connotation of the service users bringing, both inborn and learnt abilities, into full play. Our funding support comes from the Government and other charity funds including The Community Chest and The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust. Contributions, big and small, make it possible for our work to continue.

The Friends of the Harp, through their outreach activities, have brought the special music of the harp to our service users. The harp has a unique charm that touches people and makes them feel treasured and important. The visits from the Friends of the Harp not only share with us a joyful musical moment, but also bring friendship and heart-felt warmth, connecting our service users with society.

In the 1960's, our Association set up the first teaching class for nine cerebral palsied children by borrowing a room in the Headquarter of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong. Today, there are a total of 60 service units in operation serving over 7,000 families. I understand the Friends of the Harp started with one student in their Harp Education Scholarship in 2008 and we share their drive to serve the community.

Congratulations to the Friends of the Harp and we wish the success of the Hong Kong HarpFest can inspire people to serve others in big ways and small, in public and in private.



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Professional harpists at the 1st-4th HarpFest

