

Hong Kong Blind Union  
2013-2014 Annual Report

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## **OUR MISSION**

### **Hong Kong Blind Union**

Hong Kong Blind Union was established in 1964. It is the first self-help group organized and managed by people with visual impairment. It aims at promoting the spirit of self-help and mutual-help as well as striving for equality, opportunities and independence for visually impaired persons.

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Chong Chan Yau

2014 is the year of jubilee for Hong Kong Blind Union, a year of bridging the past and envisioning the future.

HKBU has always had the mission to strive for equal education and employment opportunities for the visually impaired. We saw a breakthrough in 2013 when the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) passed the Marrakesh Treaty. The Treaty required all countries ratifying the treaty to add special requirements to the existing copyright laws. Such laws were to allow domestic copyright exceptions, so to facilitate the creation and copying of accessible versions of books for people with print disabilities. Publishers were to provide accessible versions of books for the visually impaired, dyslexic or physically impaired. After the Treaty was passed, Blind Union urged the HKSAR government to amend the Copyright Ordinance. At the same time, our Accessible E-learning Support Project, was sponsored by the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust for the coming three years, and was renamed the “Jockey Club E-Learning for All Project”. More students with print disabilities would benefit from this scheme and learn accessibly.

The development of inclusive education in Hong Kong was definitely our concern. In the past year, we focused our efforts on the learning situations of visually impaired tertiary students. HKBU organized students to form a concern group to advocate for inclusive education. Their works included expressing their opinions at the public hearing session of Legislative Council’s Subcommittee on Integrated Education. We also met with officers of the Education Bureau to push for the implementation of government policies in better support for tertiary students. We also received sponsors from the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged by the Social Welfare Department and Tian Teck Group to launch the “Supportive Services for Tertiary Visually Impaired Students” in 2014 to meet students’ needs.

Besides advocating for the rights of visually impaired persons locally, we also participated in international affairs. Early in the 1970s, HKBU sent representatives overseas to attend international conferences to connect with the visually impaired in different parts of the world. Our concern for international affairs continued until today. In 2014, we will host the World Blind Union Asia-Pacific Mid-Term Regional General Assembly, gathering visually impaired persons from Asia and worldwide, to discuss matters that we all concern about.

HKBU’s Vocational and Educational Resources Centre was an extension of the Student Centre established in 1972 on Flint Road. The Centre moved to its current site in 1997. After 17 years of service, we received sponsors from the Hong Kong Jockey Club to carry out a renovation project. The Centre was operational in mid-2014.

It was a busy and fruitful year for HKBU, establishing foundations for us to prepare for the coming 50th Anniversary celebrations and services. Our future challenges would be to put in efforts to advocate for equal opportunities in this age of information technology. We will be especially focusing on the support of tertiary visually impaired students, creation of jobs and employment opportunities, and the development of accessible electronic books. In short, the many possibilities information technology created for education and vocation will only become a chasm if accessible tools were not available.

Here, I would like to thank our friends, members, volunteers and staff for 50 years of support. I hope that we will continue to walk together to realize “equality, opportunity, independence.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ho Siu Ying, Stella

### **Celebrating Golden Jubilee**

HKBU was founded in 1964. For half a century, HKBU has been a testimony of Hong Kong's civil society development. To commemorate our golden jubilee, we set up the 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee in 2013 to plan for a few major celebratory events. These events include the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Publication, the 50th Anniversary Concert to promote integration, and hosting of the WBUAP Mid-Term Regional General Assembly 2014. This has been a time when we celebrate the past and envision our future. Our members have also found valuable opportunities to display their talents and potentials.

### **Stable Development**

The "Accessible E-Learning Support Project", launched in 2011, was re-named as the "Jockey Club E-Learning for All Project" in August 2013, thanks to the sponsorship of The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust. The project was able to provide three more years of e-learning support for print-disabled secondary and primary students. Seeing more and more visually impaired young people enter into tertiary institutions without enough backup, we will continue our efforts in finding resources to expand different kinds of e-learning support services for them. Our hope is that tertiary students with visual impairment are able to learn more efficiently with better technological aid.

Our head office in Kwun Tong has been in use since 1997. The environment and facilities were gradually deteriorating. In mid 2013, we were funded by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust to carry out a renovation, so to provide better services. To express our gratitude, our Trailwalker Vocational and Educational Resources Centre was renamed "Jockey Club Vocational and Educational Resources Centre" in the beginning of 2014.

HKBU started to develop social enterprise projects in 2012. Now we are able to provide services including the "Web Access For All" digital accessibility service, consultancy service for producing tactile maps, Braille name cards printing service, speech-to-text transcription service, etc. Through these businesses, our visually impaired members will gain access to more information and more employment opportunities.

### **Excellence in Governance**

The Asia Case Research Centre of the Faculty of Business and Economics, the University of Hong Kong invited Blind Union to participate in a research program. The research looked into HKBU's structure and governance as a case study. The report showed that led by the Executive Committee run by visually impaired people, the Blind Union has been effectively and stably moving forward. The report stated that if the Social Welfare Department carried out the "Best Practice Manual" as drafted, which required all government-funded organizations to include professionals in their boards, the unique characteristics of self-help organizations may be altered.

### **Advocating Integration**

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) adopted the Marrakesh Treaty on 28 June 2013 to protect the equal rights of persons with print disabilities to access information. The Blind Union then immediately urged the HKSAR government to amend the Copyright Ordinance. In July 2013, HKBU wrote to the government, suggesting that the government should require all publishers to take initiative in providing accessible versions of published works, so that readers with print disabilities could be faster and enjoy equal opportunity in accessing information.

HKBU has a keen concern for equal education opportunities for visually impaired students. Last year, we organized students to form a concern group for inclusive education. Students spoke at the public hearing session of Legislative Council's Subcommittee on Integrated Education. They were able to express the difficulties they encountered in mainstream schools. The Blind Union also researched on the current situation of visually impaired students in tertiary institutions, in expectation to advocate for improvement and formulation of a uniform integrated education policy. Moreover, for the past two years, we have been meeting with the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority to discuss the situation and difficulties of visually impaired HKDSE candidates. We also proposed improvements to the HKEAA during these meetings.

### **Conclusion**

The successful accomplishment of the Blind Union's works was only made possible by the unity of our Committee members, Members and staff, together with the support of our sponsors and volunteers. This unity and support is crucial to a self-help organization's sustainable development. I would like to express my deepest appreciation to all who have been involved.

## **LIST OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Being a self-help group organized and managed by visually impaired people, we vote democratically. Full members vote for their Executive Committee members, who supervise, manage and promote the development of the Blind Union. All Executive Committee members are our full members, i.e. visually impaired persons. The list of the current Executive Committee members is as below:

### **2013-2014 Executive Committee Members**

President	Mr Chong Chan Yau
Vice – President	Mr Wong Chun Hang, Billy
Financial Secretary	Mr Leung Kwong Wing
General Secretary	Ms Leung Wai Chi
Committee Member	Mr. Fung Kam Kwong
	Mr Chow Kin Chun, Kevin
	Mr Ho Ka Leung, Jason
	Ms Shek Kin Chong, Jess
	Mr Tam Sai Kit, Perry
	Mr Tsui Kai Ming
	Mr Yuen Kin Ming

## **LIST OF SUB – COMMITTEE & WORKING GROUP MEMBERS**

as at 31 March 2014

### **Personnel Committee**

Mr Chong Chan Yau (Chairperson)
Ms Leung Wai Chi
Mr Wong Chun Hang, Billy
Mr Yuen Kin Ming
Ms Ho Siu Ying, Stella (Executive Director)

### **Services Centre Consultative Committee**

Mr Yuen Kin Ming (Chairperson)
Mr Fung Kam Kwong (Vice Chairperson)
Mr Chan Herman Pasma
Ms Fung Po Wah
Ms So Kam Mui
Mr Yuen Chun Man
Ms Lam Chor Yan (Centre Manger)

### **Jockey Club Vocational & Educational Resources Centre Consultative Committee**

Mr Ho Ka Leung, Jason (Chairperson)
Ms Shek Kin Chong, Jess (Vice Chairperson)
Ms Chiang Chung Ying, Joanne
Ms Chiu Chi Wun
Mr Chou Chun Cheong, Daniel
Mr Kwong Cheuk Pui
Mr Ho Ho Yuen
Mr Lam Wing Shun
Mr Ng Chi Pui, Gordon (Project Coordinator)

### **Information Technology Advisory Committee**

Mr Chow Kin Chun, Kevin (Chairperson)
Mr Leung Tsau Tin, Fred
Mr Wong Sung Keung, Leo
Mr Yuen Kin Ming
Ms Ko Pik Kei, Peggy (Project Manager)
Ms Cheng Ho Yan, Daniel (I.T. Officer)

### **Equal Opportunities in Social Participation Committee**

Mr Wong Chun Hang (Chairperson)  
Mr Chan Chi Kong, Alex  
Mr Chang Long Man  
Mr Chung Chi Ming  
Ms Fung Po Wah  
Mr Ho Ka Leung, Jason  
Mr Kwong Cheuk Pui  
Mr Lo Keng Chi  
Mr Sung Tat Wah  
Mr Sze Yan Kit  
Mr Tam Sai Kit, Perry  
Mr Yam Pok Fai, Joseph  
Ms Ho Siu Ying, Stella (Executive Director)  
Mr Lau Shing Kwan (Project Officer)

### **Voice of the Blind Union Committee**

Mr Chan Chi Kong, Alex (Chief Editor)  
Ms Leung Wai Chi (Producer)  
Mr Yam Pok Fai, Joseph  
Ms Wong Yuen Man, Ashley (Project Officer)

### **Newsletter Editorial Committee**

Mr Tsui Kai Ming (Consultant)  
Ms Shek Kin Chong, Jess (Chief Editor)  
Mr Yam Pok Fai, Joseph (Vice Editor)  
Ms Leung Wai Chi (Exco Representative)  
Mr Chan Chi Kong, Alex  
Mr Chow Chun Cheong, Daniel  
Mr Ho Ho Yuen  
Mr Tang Man Chun, Figo (Community Relations Officer)

### **Accessible E-Learning Support Project Steering Committee**

Mr Chong Chan Yau (Chairperson)  
Mr Chow Kin Chun, Kevin  
Mr Ho Ka Leung, Jason  
Hon Charles Mok  
Mr Francis Fong  
Mr Remy Wong  
Dr Catherine Lam  
Mr Ho Chi Kuen, Raymond  
Mr Choy Shu Kay, Arthur  
Ms Ho Siu Ying, Stella (Executive Director)  
Ms Ko Pik Kei, Peggy (Project Manager)

### **Social Enterprise Development Steering Committee**

Mr Chong Chan Yau (Chairperson)  
Mr Cheung Kin Yeung  
Mr Chow Kin Chun, Kevin  
Mr Leung Tsau Tin, Fred  
Mr Ling Ho Wan, Howard  
Ms Ho Siu Ying, Stella (Executive Director)  
Ms Ko Pik Kei, Peggy (Project Manager)

### **Education Fund for People with Visual Impairment in China Committee**

Mr Ho Ka Leung, Jason (Chairperson)  
Ms Ho Man Wai, Amy  
Mr Zhu Min, Julian  
Ms Ho Siu Ying, Stella (Executive Director)  
Ms Lai Sze Man, Fiona (Executive Officer)

### **Li Chu Shuk-kwan Education Fund Committee**

Mr Ho Ka Leung, Jason (Chairperson) Mr Leung Kwong Wing Mr Lam Wing Shun Mr Ng Chi Pui, Gordon (Project Coordinator)
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### **Li Bing Vocal Music Development Committee**

Mr Ho Ka Leung, Jason (Chairperson) Mr Leung Kwong Wing Mr Lam Wing Shun Ms Li Si Lai Mr Eric Yip Ms Alice Yuk Mr Ng Chi Pui, Gordon (Project Coordinator)
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## **OUR SERVICES**

### **Head Office**

- promoting correct concepts of visual impairment through publications, seminars, exhibition, etc;
- participating in advisory committees of the Government and other concerned organizations;
- following up on social policies, promoting equal opportunities and social integration;
- keeping in touch with international and Mainland related organizations to learn about the latest service development;
- establishing public relations and organizing fund-raising projects; and
- publishing newsletters and audio magazines to report on the lives of visually impaired persons and the works of the Blind Union.

### **Services Centre**

- organizing different kinds of social and recreational activities;
- providing support services to persons with visual impairment and non-congenital visual loss as well as their families, including counseling, life adaptation training, and service referrals, so as to help them overcome obstacles arising from visual impairment;
- organizing activities for visually impaired elderly, and contacting them regularly by phone calls and home visits; and
- providing daily living support services, such as case referral, purchasing of aids, and creating district support network among members.

### **Jockey Club Vocational and Educational Resources Centre**

- striving for equal opportunities in education by advocating for proper implementation of integrated education;
- facilitate inclusive education by providing aids and support services to students with visual impairment;
- organizing adult education courses;
- arranging services, such as recording, text-reading, Braille transcription and tutoring for members;
- organizing personal development and leadership training programmes;
- providing supported employment services for visually impaired job seekers; and
- arranging freelance jobs to provide working opportunities for those members who are unemployed.

### **Accessible Digital Technology Centre**

- conducting research and development of assistive tools suitable for visually impaired persons;
- providing visually impaired persons with technical support and training in the use of computer hardware and software;
- promoting the adoption of accessible digital technology design and application; and
- providing related advisory services to individuals, schools, employers and organizations.

## **SERVICE SNAPSHOTS**

### **SERVICES CENTRE**

#### **Services for the Elderly**

Members of our concern group partnered with volunteers from Red Cross "Act of Care Project" to visit our elderly members regularly. 17 visits were made last year. These visits helped us identify elderly members who have other needs so we could refer them to other organizations. The total number of households visited was 168. The Service Centre had also partnered with another team from Red Cross, a team from The Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, and other enterprises to organize activities for the elderly during festivals. 4 shopping assistance programs, 7 tea gatherings and 8 trips were also held, brightening the leisure lives of elderly HKBU members.

#### **Social & Recreational Activities**

This year, 66 social and recreational activities, 21 trips (local and overseas), 5 art-appreciation events, 16 sports events, 3 day camps, 5 lunch or dinner gatherings, 7 mass activities and 9 other activities (visits, competitions, etc.) were held. The total number of participants was 3,212 for visually impaired participants, and 2,767 sighted participants.

#### **District Activities**

Blind Union members are divided into 5 regions, namely New Territories West, New Territories East, Island, Kowloon East and Kowloon West. In 2013-14, different regions held a total number of 73 events, including shopping in the region, understanding district resources, art and cultural appreciation, etc. These activities aimed to help HKBU members understand more about their districts. The numbers of visually impaired and sighted participants were 1,477 and 629 respectively. Also, different regions held the "Dreams Come True" scheme to encourage members to organize their own desired events.

#### **"Life Beyond Vision" Programme (report period from Jan – Dec 2013)**

20 cases were followed up this year. Services included mobility training, community orientation, use of canes and Braille, etc. A total of 89 training hours were offered, 127 family visits were held with the participants of our visually impaired members. Case assessment, counseling and follow-up were carried out. Positive messages were shared with families during the visits. Two small groups were held in the year, to provide mutual support for newly visually impaired persons. Regular meetings of trainees were also held to equip them with skills needed for providing mobility trainings.

#### **"Life and Environment Adaptation Programme" for Visually Impaired Persons**

A total of 25 cases were completed this year. Training included mobility training, computer application and Braille. A total of 315 hours of training were held to provide assistance to visually impaired persons who face challenges such as housing estates redevelopment, flat transfers, job changes, alteration in family situations or situations in their vision. Trainings helped these visually impaired persons adapt to new travelling routes and understand their community.

#### **Group Work and Daily Living Support Services**

The regular small groups in the Service Centre were Chinese Music Group, Karaoke Group, Card Games Group, and the Enjoy Together Group. Regular gatherings were arranged. Some groups even joined in community services. A total of 119 small group gatherings were held, with 1,467 visually impaired participants. On the other hand, 198 people received shopping services.

### **JOCKEY CLUB VOCATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES CENTRE**

#### **Supportive Services for Visually Impaired Students**

With the support of the Community Chest of Hong Kong, we continued to provide various services to support visually impaired students, including: supportive and developmental groups, "Other Learning Experience" activities, education consultant services, public education activities on integration, inclusive education promotion, web audio programme on inclusive education, 1-to-1 tutorial classes, etc. The service scheme aims to support visually impaired students, their parents, friends and teachers, so that they can receive opportunities to holistic development. The Centre provided about 400 sessions of services with more than 2,300 participants in 2013-14.

#### **Advocating inclusive education**

Representatives from HKBU attended the Legislative Council meeting on integrated education. Visually impaired students described their situations of lacking support in campuses. Through their sharing, we hoped to push the government, LegCo members and related government committees to discuss on how to provide suitable support and relevant policies. Also, HKBU also put forth a proposal on special



arrangements for visually impaired candidates of the Putonghua Shuiping Ceshi. The proposal was handed to the State Language Commission via Hong Kong Putonghua Education and Assessment Centre of The University of Hong Kong.

### **Scholarships for visually impaired youngsters**

Three scholarships were offered in the year. The “Fund for Talented Visually Impaired Youth”, a joint-scheme with Zonta Club of Hong Kong East. Two HKBU members received full and half subsidy respectively. Also, four visually impaired students received “Lee Chu Shuk-kwan Education Fund Award Scheme 2014-15”. Three talented youngsters were elected for the “Li Bing Vocal Music Development Fund Award Scheme.” The presentation ceremony for the two awards was held on 23 February 2014.

### **Employment Training Scheme**

The scheme is sponsored by Champion Machine Tools (HK) Co. Ltd. The participants received subsidies during placement period. This year, two trainings were held with 12 participants. A total of more than 1,500 hours of placement were arranged. Participants were trained to become more confident and skillful in interacting with people to prepare them for the job market.

### **Vocational Services**

HKBU continued to provide Supported Employment Service funded by the Social Welfare Department. Service was provided for more than 38 visually impaired persons every month, and a 30% of successful employment rate was kept. This year, employment training and trainings related to social enterprises were held. These included accessibility assessor training and voice transcription training, with 9 participants. Also, a workplace visit to the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer was held. 7 visually impaired persons participated.

Last year, three successful applications to the Support Programme for Employees with Disabilities were made. We also continued to partner with the VTC Shine Skills Centre to open massage and tui-na courses.

### **Social Enterprise Projects**

#### **WAFa- Web Accessibility Testing Services**

Sponsored by the Home Affairs Department “Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme”, WAFa - Web Access For All held its kick-off ceremony on 15 June 2013. On the same day, the results of “Research on Internet and Mobile Applications Usage by Visually Impaired Persons” were released. The research showed the difficulties of visually impaired persons encountered when using the Internet or mobile applications. We hope that digital integration can be further developed, as technology advances, to benefit visually impaired persons. WAFa provides test and consultation services of websites and mobile applications for different organizations. For two years, WAFa assisted the Web Accessibility Recognition Scheme jointly held by the Office of the Government Chief Information Centre and the Equal Opportunities Commission, to assess participating websites and mobile applications. HKBU also jointly organized 4 talks with other organizations to introduce the making and the importance of accessible websites.

#### **Consultancy Service for Producing Tactile Maps and other Accessibility Products**

The service takes reference from “Design Manual: Barrier Free Access 2008” of the Housing Authority. Braille translation and other consultancy services are provided to customers. Last year, we verified more than 300 floor plans and fire escape maps. We also developed audible systems for tactile maps. Tactile signage production services were also included to our services.

### **Others**

Braille translation and voice-text transcription services to different customers, including government departments, businesses, social services organizations and tertiary institutes. Also, HKBU started to distribute an electronic notebook designed by Tsinghua University, Beijing, which supports Cantonese Braille input for local visually impaired persons.

### **Accessible Digital Technology Centre**

#### **Accessible E-Learning Support Project**

HKBU was sponsored by the Quality Education Fund to carry out the Accessible E-Learning Support Project from May 2011 to April 2013. The project provided support services for primary and secondary students with print disabilities, to eliminate differences between their learning process and that of ordinary students. Until 31 July 2013, 177 students and 19 schools registered for the service. More than 1,000 students from these schools are using the services in the project. More than 1,500 electronic teaching materials and textbooks were produced.

Since 1 August 2013, The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust has supported our e-learning support services. The project was renamed the Jockey Club E-Learning for All Project. As of April 2014, 177

students and 22 schools registered for the service. More than 800 electronic learning materials or textbooks were produced, and more than 1,000 NDVA (Hong Kong Version), a screen-reading software developed by HKBU were distributed to the users. Demonstration talks were held and more than 100 students, parents and teachers attended.

### **Improving the knowledge and skills of using information technology for the visually impaired**

A two-year scheme funded by Centaline Charity Fund Ltd and the Social Welfare Department was held from May 2012 to April 2014. During the course of the scheme, a support hotline was opened to help answer questions concerning computer software and hardware, and assistive tools. 1,408 phone enquiries and 92 face-to-face enquiries were handled. Additionally, 11 issues of the Accessible Digital Technology Newsletter were produced every year with 364 subscribers. Software workshops and digital interest groups were held with 159 participants. In March 2014, an “IT Triathlon” was held and 10 HKBU members participated.

### **System & Software Development**

HKBU continued to develop the NVDA Screen Reading Software (Hong Kong Version), BRITE Braille Instant Translation and Editing, and Easy-Dots Chinese Input Method. Development included an upgrade of the NDVA screen-reading software to include new functions in the official version; strengthening the translation function of BRITE; improving the Easy-Dots software and its compatibility with Windows 8; making the mobile application iEasyDots compatible with iOS7; polishing the MathCast and P-BRITE with the launch of a new version.

With funding from the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer and the Digital Solidarity Fund, HKBU developed the “Searching & Exploring with Speech Augmented Map Information” (SESAMI), a mobile application on the iOS platform. The app provides accessible geographic information outdoors and indoors for users. This app was launched in October 2013. As of March 2014, more than 500 downloads were made.

### **Counseling & Support Services**

The Community Chest of Hong Kong started to fund HKBU since April 2012 for providing counseling services to visually impaired persons and their families. In 2013-14, 56 cases were handled, with 173 home visits, 232 face-to-face talks, and 786 telephone counseling sessions. Additionally, a total of 19 mutual support groups and activities were held with more than 450 visually impaired persons participating.

### **Advocacy Efforts**

HKBU representatives attended 3 Transport Department meetings, 3 meetings with MTR and 2 inspection visits this year, to reflect the views of our members. Issues being followed up included bus services, requests to the MTR for installing platform screen doors, improving voice cues at escalators and improving current accessibility facilities.

HKBU is very concerned about the employment situations of the visually impaired. We are especially concerned when the government, being the largest employer in Hong Kong, took the lead in reducing the employment of visually impaired persons as civil servants. HKBU sent representatives to the public hearing session of the LegCo Panel on Public Service to voice our opinions. We also urged the government to take initiative in advocating employment opportunities for disabled persons.

HKBU wrote to the Hospital Authority along with other disabled groups on 9 October 2013. The letter reflected the problems that visually impaired persons encountered when using public medical services. At the same time, we advocated the improvement of public health services in the meeting of the VI Network of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service. To advocate for the improvement of community care services and residential care services, HKBU representatives attended the public hearing session of the Panel on Welfare Services on 23 April 2013. We expressed the inadequacies of rehabilitation services for the visually impaired, and the lack in community care and residential care services.

This year, we conducted a research on “25 misconceptions towards the visually impaired”. The project was funded by the Community Participation Funding on Equal Opportunities by the Equal Opportunities Commission. The results will be released at the Annual General Meeting.

In 2011, HKBU suggested the Immigration Department to add assistive facilities to e-channels. The Immigration Department finally opened the world’s first accessible e-channel in the Lok Ma Chau Control Point in September 2013. More accessible e-channels will be introduced to other control points later.

### **PUBLIC EDUCATION & FUND RAISING**

HKBU believes that in order for the visually impaired to better integrate into society, public understanding of visually impaired persons must be raised. Therefore we have put in efforts to holding trainings and public education talks. Our Public Education Group, formed by visually impaired members visited 10 schools and 12 organizations this year to hold public education talks. Participants included the Social Security Office of the Social Welfare Department, and Access Officers of the Housing Authority. More than 3,100 people were reached.

The annual "Cane-athon" International White Cane Day was held on 6 October 2013 at Tsuen Wan Waterfront Promenade . 700 people participated and around HK\$300,000 was raised. The White Cane Day combined public education and fundraising. On that day, participants divided into groups of two and took turns to blindfold themselves. They led each other to walk in the designated route. Some sections of the road required all participants to blindfold themselves and be lead by visually impaired persons. The participants were also challenged to use white canes to walk on their own. Participants got to experience the situations of the blind and practice being a sighted guide.

Our Flag Day was successfully held on 22 February 2014. We invited more than 1,000 visually impaired members, students, volunteers and friends to help. About HK\$590,000 was raised.

In May 2013, we organized the Xinjiang Charity Walk 2013. 18 visually impaired members and 12 sighted buddies visited Xinjiang together. The walking trip raised funds enough to cover travel expenses, and another HK\$16,000 for HKBU.

## SERVICE STATISTICS

### SOCIAL & RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Items	No. of programmes	No. of participants (VI/S)
Local outing and outbound tour	21	1260 / 900
Arts / music program	5	128 / 65
Camp	3	66 / 57
Recreation & sports	16	170 / 136
Large scale event	7	1039 / 986
Meal gathering	5	200/120
Others : competition, seminar, etc.	9	350 / 503

### REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

Regions	No. of programmes	No. of participants (VI/S)
NT West	11	247/120
NT East	15	255/113
HK Island	14	217/92
Kowloon East	17	515/221
Kowloon West	16	243/83

### GROUP ACTIVITIES

Groups	No. of gatherings	No. of participants (VI/S)
Chinese Music Group	43	674 (VI)
Karaoke Group	33	291 (VI)
Fun Sharing Group	19	146 (VI)
Card Games Group	19	356/6

VI : visually impaired persons      S : sighted persons

## SUPPORT EMPLOYMENT

Gender

Female : 14

Male : 39

Total : 53

Educational background

Primary : 3

Secondary : 34

Tertiary : 16

Total : 53

## EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

	No. of section	No. of participation
Tutorial class	200	175
Adult Education Course	14	100
Activities for students	75	919

## PUBLIC EDUCATION

	No. of participant
Primary, Secondary & Tertiary Schools	11 (2,619 sighted participants)
Organizations	11 (536 sighted participants)

### Jockey Club E-Learning For All Project

	No. of participants	Percentage
Visually Impaired Students	40	23
Physically Disabled Students	32 人	18
Dyslexic Students	71	40
Multiple Disabled Students	34	19
Total	177	100%

Totally 10 schools registered for the services. 6 of them were special schools.

### Participation in briefing and training session

	參與人次 No. of participants
Students	52 人
Parents / Family members	9 人
School staff	231 人
Total	292 人

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

<b>STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>		
<i>(All amounts in Hong Kong Dollars)</i>		
	<b>Year ended 31st March</b>	
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donation and fund raising income	1,633,109.92	1,450,277.41
Project income	1,143,648.34	2,271,044.45
Program income	1,366,908.90	321,215.90
Flag day income	589,899.00	603,609.50
Social Welfare Department subvention	3,215,064.60	3,371,798.30
Social Welfare Development Fund grant	302,500.00	66,700.00
Block Grant from Lotteries Fund	45,000.00	43,000.00
Labour and Welfare Bureau subvention	17,437.90	31,556.93
Quality Education Fund grant	0.00	1,531,960.00
Community Chest Allocations	508,000.00	493,200.00
Hong Kong Jockey Charities Trust grant	5,333,103.65	-
Home Affairs Department grant	612,918.97	-
Bank interest income	163,528.37	105,364.21
Other income	52,474.00	79,524.38
	<b>14,983,593.65</b>	<b>10,369,251.08</b>

<b>LESS: EXPENDITURE</b>		
Personal emoluments	3,758,158.84	3,712,126.11
Program and project expenses	10,312,515.51	5,869,776.59
Flag day expenses	28,264.4	37,656.50
Administrative expenses	471,481.00	370,486.89
Rent and rates	315,588.00	281,256.60
Audit fee	15,000.00	15,000.00
Utilities	111,808.10	137,447.10
Depreciation	112,937.43	38,075.13
	15,125,753.48	10,461,824.92
	(142,159.83)	(92,573.84)
Transfer from/(to) Project funds not yet utilized, net	559,586.01	161,167.56
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year before appropriations	417,426.18	68,593.72
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>		
Transfer to Labour and Welfare Bureau Surplus Account	(13,918.30)	(949.20)
Transfer to Social Welfare Subvention Surpluses Account	(19,552.00)	(13,826.00)
Transfer to Provident Fund Reserve	(31,352.94)	(28,202.65)
Transfer from/ (to) Block Grant Reserve	431.40	2,411.00
Transfer from SWD Additional Resources to Small NGOs	0.00	43,246.58
Transfer from/(to) Social Welfare Development Fund	(273,893.50)	15,888.47
	(338,285.34)	18,568.20
<b>Total comprehensive surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>	79,140.84	87,161.92
<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>		
<i>(All amounts in Hong Kong Dollars)</i>		
	<b>Year ended 31st March</b>	
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Fixed assets	205,169.60	49,987.13
Held-to-maturity investments	0.00	486,135.00
	205,169.60	536,122.13
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Stocks	122,935.68	32,543.77
Account receivables	2,647,147.69	307,931.25
Deposits and prepayments	277,602.45	61,564.33
Fixed deposits	6,911,074.43	7,924,453.25
Cash and bank balances	1,177,899.32	1,885,683.18
	11,136,659.57	10,212,175.78
<b>LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Account payables and accrued charges	268,110.71	198,107.60
Project funds not yet utilized	1,095,370.81	1,760,474.35
Deposits repayable and receipts in advance	1,562,940.60	827,980.20
	2,926,422.12	2,786,562.15
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	8,210,237.45	7,425,613.63
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	8,415,407.05	7,961,735.76

<b>RESERVES AND FUND BALANCES</b>		
<b>General Fund</b>	166,302.76	87,161.92
<b>Other Funds and Reserves</b>		
Development Fund	5,825,161.88	5,824,861.88
Sister Moira Education Fund	148,317.62	147,781.97
Education Fund for People with Visual Impairment in China	1,203,546.60	1,149,717.70
Li Chu Shuk-kwan Education Fund	96,766.17	116,766.17
Lee Bing Vocal Music Development Fund	120,000.00	120,000.00
Labour and Welfare Bureau Surplus Account	15,373.30	1,455.00
Social Welfare Subvention - Public Education	1,333.40	1,333.40
Social Welfare Subvention Surpluses Account	110,419.21	90,867.21
Lump Sum Grant Reserve	46,515.50	46,492.45
Provident Fund Reserve	318,581.57	287,228.33
Block Grant Reserve	-	431.40
SWD Additional Resources to Small NGOs	-	-
Social Welfare Development Fund	363,089.54	87,638.33
	8,415,407.25	7,961,735.76

SOURCE OF INCOME	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>%</b>
	Social Welfare Department	21%
	Community Chest Allocations	3.3%
	Quality Education Fund	1.3%
	Block Grant from Lotteries Fund	0.3%
	Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust grant	35.1%
	Home Affairs Department grant	4.9%
	Donations	12.3%
	Flag Day income	3.4%
	Project income	9%
	Program Income	8%
	Other Income	1.4%
	Total	100.00%

EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>%</b>
	Personal Emoluments	24.8%
	Program and Project Expenses	68.2%
	Flag Day Expenses	0.2%
	Administrative Expenses	3.2%
	Rent and Rates	2.1%
	Utilities	0.7%
	Depreciation	0.8%
	Total	100.00%

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### **Government Departments & Statutory Bodies**

Companies Registry  
Education Bureau  
Equal Opportunities Commission  
Fire Services Department  
Home Affairs Department  
Hong Kong Housing Authority  
Kwun Tong District Council  
Kwun Tong District Youth Programme Committee  
Labour and Welfare Bureau  
Lands Department  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Office of Government Chief Information Officer  
Selective Placement Division of the Labour Department  
Social Welfare Department

### **Funds**

Apple Daily Charitable Foundation  
Association of Round Tables in Hong Kong Charitable Foundation  
Centaline Charity Fund Limited  
Development of Assistive Technology for Persons with Disabilities Fund  
Dialogue in the Dark (HK) Foundation Limited  
Lawsgroup Charity Fund  
Lee Hysan Foundation  
Lotteries Fund  
Ng Teng Fong Charitable Foundation Limited  
Operation Santa Claus  
Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged  
Quality Education Fund  
Shun Hing Education and Charity Fund  
The D.H. Chen Foundation  
The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust  
V.K. Hsu and Sons Foundation Limited

### **Schools**

American International School  
Buddhist Chung Wah Kornhill Primary School  
Buddhist Tai Kwong Chi Hong College  
Caritas Chong Yuet Ming Secondary School  
Ching Chung Hau Po Woon Secondary School  
Chun Tok School  
Clementi Secondary School  
Diocesan Girls' School

Ebenezer New Hope School  
Ebenezer School & Home for the Visually Impairment  
HKSYCIA Wong Tai Shan Memorial College  
Hong Kong Southern District Government Primary School  
Kiangsu-Chekiang College  
Leung Shek Chee College  
Lingnan Secondary School  
Liu Po Shan Memorial College  
Pooi To Middle School  
Pui Tak Canossian College  
Queen's College  
Rosaryhill School  
Salesian School  
Shau Kei Wan Government Secondary School  
SKH Holy Trinity Church Secondary School  
SKH Kei Hau Secondary School  
St. Francis Xavier's School  
St. Paul's Convent School  
The Open University of Hong Kong  
Tung Wah College  
TWGHs Tsui Tsin Tong School  
Wah Yan College, Hong Kong  
Yu Chun Keung Memorial College No.2

#### **Non-profit Organisations**

Hong Kong Association of the Deaf  
Hong Kong Federation of Handicapped Youth  
Hong Kong Red Cross  
Hong Kong St. John Ambulance  
Methodist Centre Aldrich Bay Integrated Children & Youth Service  
Run for Vision  
The Community Chest of Hong Kong  
Xinjiang and Me Limited  
Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service  
Zonta Club of Hong Kong East

#### **Volunteer Groups**

Adventure Ship Youth Association  
Agency for Volunteer Service  
Auxiliary Medical Service (AMS) Cadet Corps  
SSHH - Volunteer Group  
Student Volunteers Team, School of Technology (Engineering Science), The Open University of Hong Kong

#### **Corporates**

759Store  
Apple Storage



Apply Daily  
Associated International Hotels Limited  
Baby Kingdom  
Bauhaus International (Holdings) Limited  
Cathay Pacific Airways Limited  
Centaline Property Agency Limited  
Champion Machine Tools (HK) Co. Ltd.  
Chocolate Rain Jewellery & Design Co. Ltd.  
Computer And Technologies Holdings Limited  
Convoy Financial Services Limited  
Country Way Corporation Limited  
Crown Records Management  
DARG Partners Limited  
EGS (Asia) Limited  
Essilor Hong Kong Limited  
Fidelity Industrial Company  
Fook Wah Kun Kee Knitting Factory Limited  
Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong  
Global Investigation And Security Consultancy Ltd.  
Hang Seng Bank Limited  
Hoe Hin Pak Fah Yeow Manufactory Limited  
Hoi Tin Tong  
Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited  
Hung Fook Tong  
Laws Fashion Group Limited  
LBS Charitable Foundation Limited  
Man Tat Wigs Manufacturing Company Limited  
Medialink Entertainment Limited  
Medtronic International Limited  
Megastrength Security Services Co. Ltd.  
Milton Exhibits Group  
MTR Corporation Limited  
MVP Consultants & Development Ltd.  
New World First Ferry Services Limited  
Paradm Company Limited  
Parawin Industries Limited  
PCCW Limited  
RR Donnelley Roman Financial  
Sasa International Holdings Limited  
Senaturals Limited  
Shun Tak Holdings Limited  
Sino United Publishing (Holdings) Limited  
spaghetti 360°  
Standard Chartered Bank (HK) Ltd.  
The Chinese Gold & Silver Exchange Society  
The Green Pagoda Press Ltd.

The Lind Management Limited  
Tian Teck Group  
Universe Watch Trading Company Limited  
Varitronix Limited  
Watami (China) Co., Ltd.  
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