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**The Foreign Correspondents' Club
Po Leung Kuk University Scholarship Fund**
BATTLING POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION

What our Sponsors and Scholars say about the FCC/PLK Scholarship Fund



What is the FCC/PLK Scholarship Fund?

The Foreign Correspondents' Club/Po Leung Kuk University Scholarship Fund was set up in 2001 to provide financial assistance to students from low income families who are attending university or other associate degree.

Money is allocated so the scholars can enjoy their university life without having to take part-time jobs to pay for books, dormitory fees, transportation and clothing. Students come from the Po Leung Kuk system, young people who were brought up at the Children Home or from the Po Leung Kuk schools.

The PLK has 121 educational organisations spread out in the poorest areas of Hong Kong and the screening of scholarship candidates is done through recommendations from social workers or from the school principals to make sure they truly need the financial assistance.

The Scholarship Fund will be awarded throughout the entire period while the students are studying at university. Scholars will receive their stipend every quarter and they have to provide a record of their class attendance including a grade maintaining of GPA 2.2 and above per semester.

The FCC Scholarship Fund also helps the students with mentoring programs and summer internships provided by our generous corporate sponsors as well as seminars on social skills and table manners.

The scholars who have graduated have formed an alumni association, the FCC Scholarship Alumni Association (FCSAA), which gives these young people an excellent opportunity to get connected and network among themselves. The Alumni have been organizing volunteer work, their way of giving back to the society that helped them when they needed the help most.

The FCC Scholarship Fund has proven to be very successful. We have helped 138 students so far, and we are proud to say that our graduates are working as lawyers, doctors, accountants, journalists, financial consultants, police inspectors, nurses, etc.



“In 2001, I was fortunate to be part of the first batch of FCC/PLK scholars. I am currently a litigation lawyer working with a leading international law firm. The FCC and Po Leung Kuk also offered us lots of invaluable opportunities that broadened our horizons and enriched our lives.” – *Scholar, Ms. Mandy Fung, graduated 2007 from the University of Hong Kong with a degree in Bachelor of Social Sciences (Government and Law) and a Bachelor of Law*

“I am so passionate about this particular charity because it provides a sustainable and self-perpetuating way to give to those kids who are not so fortunate as others. Also, due to the low cost income ratio of the charity, the money truly goes to the recipient of the grant.” – *Sponsor, Mr. Marc Van Eijck, Managing Director, APAC head of Market Risk Control, UBS*

“You have given me so much for the last 5 years not only about the sum of money but also experience and network. The scholarship allows me go around the globe attending medical conferences, joining local volunteer services.” – *Scholar, Mr. Bernard Shum, graduated 2014 from the University of Hong Kong with a degree in Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery*



“I have had the privilege of meeting the children. I have seen how they appreciate the education and assistance benefits and then give back to help other unfortunate ones. This has certainly inspired me to keep giving over the years.” – *Sponsor, Mrs. Gina Rinehart, Chairman, Hancock Prospecting*

“We decided to support the FCC Scholarship Fund because it's a cause that goes beyond just a one-time donation to make a lasting impact. We also wanted to give back to the Hong Kong community and help the underprivileged.” – *Sponsor, Ms. Uttama Patel, Marketing Manager, Asia, Profile Search & Selection*



“ I was raised in a single parent family. My father passed away in my childhood with not much savings left. I started my first part time job when I was 14 to support my family. All I knew at that time was to study hard to earn a better life in future. Going to university was my dream but this could be a luxury given my family's financial condition. I was well prepared to do more part time jobs to support my tertiary education. It was not the end of the day as I still got the chance, to study but I knew it was going to be tough.



In 2003, my dream came true and I got admitted to the University of Hong Kong, majoring in Actuarial Science. That was the first year of the FCC scholarship was established which changed my university life and the life thereafter. The generous support from FCC freed me from my family's financial burden so I could concentrate in my study and explore the numerous opportunities in the University. Besides academic achievements, I could spare the time and became very active in students' activities which further shaped my personality and broadened my exposure. I was awarded as the most outstanding student with all-rounded achievements in the hall in the University.

I am turning 30 this year. Now looking back in the old days, without the support from the FCC, I am certain my university life would have been very different and I would not have become what I am now. In the past years after my graduation, I had the opportunities to work for the world's top tier bank, live in different continents, start my own company and form my new family. All my 'opportunities' should be attributed to my education in which FCC has played a very important part in supporting. I wholeheartedly thank the FCC for their generous support which led my life to a brighter future.” – *Scholar, Karl Ka Ying Chan, graduated in 2006 from the University of Hong Kong with a degree in Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science*

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