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Annual Report 2010

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The PLK/J.P. Morgan/FCC Language Training Program
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The PLK/UBS/FCC Child Development Program and
The PLK/Henrik Nielsen/FCC Scholarship Fund



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Message from the Chairmen of the FCC Charity Ball Organizing Committee

Welcome to the Annual Report of the ninth annual Foreign Correspondents' Club Charity Ball.

From humble beginnings, the ball has turned into a feature of the social scene, raising serious funds for Hong Kong's neediest children. Starting with a scholarship program supporting students leaving the PLK system for tertiary education, the program has expanded tremendously. The driving insight in the beginning was that kids entering university lack the support of an extended family to help and financial support to focus on pursuing university degrees.

Now known as the PLK/Henrik Nielson/FCC Scholarship Fund, the program has supported nearly 100 scholarship winners. Thanks to the funds raised last year, 36 years worth of scholarships were available to award this year with 12 awardees of scholarships selected.

They included aspiring doctors, lawyers, economists and bankers planning to study at Hong Kong University, Hong Kong Polytechnic, Chinese University of Hong Kong and Hong Kong Baptist University. One of our first scholarship winners this year was made a full solicitor, another is a qualified doctor, there are nurses, engineers, teachers and bankers.

Now, with almost a decade of scholarship winners, the graduates themselves have formed their own alumni association, mentoring their peers and actively raising funds supporting the scholarship fund that gave them their start.

The Charity Fund next focused on developing the PLK/J.P. Morgan/FCC Language Training Program to provide English and Mandarin language instruction for children still in residential care at the various Po Leung Kuk centres and group homes. The driving concern was that a lack of language ability would hamper the ability of Po Leung Kuk graduates to enter Hong Kong's competitive workforce.

An unexpected consequence of the program has been that, in addition to tremendous progress in language skills, many students have shown marked gains in self-confidence and have excelled in their schools past their fellow students from normal homes.

During the financial crisis, as Hong Kong's most impoverished families suffered more than most, we launched a brand new community-based center with the primary goal of providing language instruction to the children in the Lei Muk Shue area of the New Territories.

This is one of the more financially disadvantaged areas in Hong Kong, with a high number of at-risk youth from many different ethnic backgrounds. This center, which has already become an integral part of the community, is called the Po Leung Kuk/Merrill Lynch/FCC Children's Learning Centre.

Within the center is the UBS Child Development Program to help children from low income families with educational and social welfare programs.

All of these initiatives would not be possible without the deep dedication of the many people who generously donated their time and money to help organize this event and those who oversee and run these programs.

We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank our partners for their generous and unwavering support.

We look forward to continued support and already have plans in place for an extra large 10th anniversary celebration next year, which we are pleased to announce will feature the Doobie Brothers.

Our greatest pride, however, is what our support has helped the scholarship winners and language students achieve.

Please take a moment to read in this report about our scholarship winners and the children of the Po Leung Kuk. When you do, you will quickly understand the success of this ball.



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Chairman
Charity Fund Committee



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Founding Chairman
Charity Fund Committee



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Message from the Chairman of the Po Leung Kuk

Po Leung Kuk and the Foreign Correspondents' Club, Hong Kong Charity Fund Committee believe that everyone should be able to enjoy a fruitful life and be given the opportunity to grow and develop without being hindered by his financial condition. In the past nine years, the FCC Charity Fund and all benefactors have given the Kuk their staunch support in launching various worthwhile projects which aim at benefiting the underprivileged children and youngsters. On behalf of the beneficiaries, may we extend our most sincere appreciation of the FCC Charity Fund for their efforts.

Through the award of the PLK/Henrik Nielsen/FCC Scholarship Fund, we have been providing financial assistance to many needy youngsters in their pursuit of a higher education. The PLK/J.P. Morgan/FCC Language Training Programme and the PLK/Merrill Lynch/FCC Children's Learning Programme provide language training and other learning opportunities to children under the Kuk's care and those from low income families in the community. Proficiency in English and Putonghua helps them tremendously in their studies and in finding a better job in future. Moreover, the PLK/UBS/FCC Child Development Programme at the Children's Learning Centre provides additional social work support to the needy children and their families.

All of these remarkable achievements would not have been made possible without the generous contributions from the FCC Charity Fund and all sponsors. We shall count on the continued support of our well-wishers, and together we can bring a better tomorrow for the underprivileged.



Quincy K.Y. Lui
Chairman
Po Leung Kuk



PLK/J.P. Morgan/FCC Language Training Programme

Another year is over and I would like to extend my deepest thanks from all the staff and all the students who benefit from attending the Language Training Programme- in developing their language skills and increasing their confidence. This wouldn't happen without your help! The Language Training Programme in Po Leung Kuk offers English, Putonghua and storytelling classes to children and young people aged from 3 to 18 years during the term and during the holidays we participate in fun activities. We continue to have two production highlights of our year- the Drama show in January and the Bilingual and Trilingual Singing Competition in July. Audiences for these events are most welcome! Come and let the kids show you what they can do!

Lessons are targeted to the age groups of the children and aim to be as interesting and fun as possible- it's easier to learn when you're enjoying yourself! At times of celebration throughout the year we have parties to further explore the students' own cultural celebrations and celebrations celebrated by other cultures. This year's summer highlights were a trip to Macau with 15 secondary students and our carnival for the kindergarten and lower primary students. Opportunities like these build stronger relationships between the students and teachers and help the learning process. None of this would be possible without your kindness and generosity. Thanks again for your contributions from the staff and children in Po Leung Kuk!

Report from Michelle McEwan
Director of Studies, Language Training Programme

PLK/Merrill Lynch/FCC Children's Learning Centre

We've finished our first year at the Children's Learning Centre in Kwai Chung! Thanks to you and your contributions- without which we wouldn't be able to do this meaningful work. Our classes started in September 2009 for kindergarten, primary and secondary students. Staff have worked hard to build strong relationships with the students to improve the quality of the learning and the classes. Students receive English, Putonghua and Storytelling classes and the classes have been very well received. We have been very successful in our first year and we had more than 100 children on the waiting list in July. We've been able to expand and offer more places to more students and we can have a greater impact on the community.

We celebrate Chinese and Western festivals and enjoy ourselves at the time of Mid Autumn, Halloween, Christmas and Chinese New Year. We have been able to provide experiences for the children and young people that they would never have achieved otherwise- from visiting the beach to going to the theatre. Your kindness and generosity have allowed us to work with these needy children and young people to improve their language skills, motivation and confidence.

Report from Michelle McEwan
Director of Studies, Children's Learning Centre

PLK/UBS/FCC Child's Development Programme

Improving socialization skills. Helping children to take turns. Increasing motivation and a desire for learning- these are all things that we work for in the Children's Development Programme and we couldn't manage without your help. The Children's Development Programme, which is supported by UBS, is run by a social worker and programme workers to arrange group courses and individual support for children and families living in deprived and difficult family circumstances in Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi and Tsuen Wan districts. Parents and teachers have reported an improvement in their behaviour after attending the courses- because they have developed very important skills to cooperate with others. This summer we started up Baby College, which offers services to parents and children from 0 - 3 years of age. We have run a Baby massage course for parents to develop a stronger bond with their children and we encourage a daily reading habit to improve the vocabulary and communication abilities of these infants. We advocate managing behaviour through communication and help to promote improve family and community relationships.

Without your generosity we couldn't manage any of this- thanks once again for your support.
Report from Michelle McEwan
Director of Studies, Children's Development Programme

The PLK/Henrik Nielsen/FCC Scholarship Fund

The FCC/Henrik Nielsen/PLK Scholarship Funds efforts began eight years ago by giving 6 young students from the Po Leung Kuk affiliated schools FCC scholarships to help them go on to higher education. We focused on providing assistance to the neediest and the hardest hit in our society.

We are now proud that we have awarded 73 scholarships to deserving young students, who are achieving their educational and professional goals.

The early ones are now in the work place, contributing to the fabric of Hong Kong as doctors, lawyers, actuaries, etc. Our scholarship winners have now formed their own alumni association, getting together and assisting the new scholarship awardees by being big brothers and big sisters to them, teaching them and giving them guidance. If you try, it really can work.



PLK/Henrik Nielsen/FCC Scholarship Fund Scholarship Winners



Chan Wing Hong
Medicine MBChB Programme
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

When I was small, I often suffered from different illnesses. Fortunately, I met a good doctor who changed my life completely. What he gave me are a sense of affection and an impression of professional. I wish I could imitate him and give caring to patients. On the 12th May, 2008, Sichuan Earthquake occurred. Watching the dead and injured, I felt painful to the victims, but I could do nothing. I cried and craved the God for the ability of saving life. Until now, this craving has never died out. I believe I belong to the group of doctor and the poor people who need my help. Studying medicine is definitely tough. But with the heart to save life, I believe I can overcome all hardship in the future and contribute to our society.



Cheung Ringka
BSSc in Geography and Resource
Management
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

I always think that it is wonderful to live in our beautiful planet. So my goal in life is to let people to know more about its beauty, then to appreciate and conserve it more. Hence, I chose Geography and Resource Management as my major, hoping that I will be able to understand more about our planet and also to make better use of our precious resource in the future. When confronting the issue of environmental conservation, the power of each individual may seem to be very insignificant, but when more people can work together, that can make a difference. Therefore, despite of the small power that I possess, I will try to participate as much as I can and to get more people involved in protecting our unique planet.



Chung Wai Ting
Bachelor of Education
The Hong Kong Institute of Education

Children are so simple and pure, but what they see and think about this world? Being a kindergarten teacher is one of my dreams because I can get in touch with them. I believe that "life affecting life". Teachers really affected me a lot in my life. I know it is a good opportunity for me to study in The Hong Kong Institute of Education to prepare myself and my life to affect the new generation in Hong Kong. Therefore, I will try my best to learn more professional knowledge in the coming years because it is the only way to complete the mission of my life. Finally, I would like to thank for the Po Leung Kuk / Henrik Nielsen / Foreign Correspondents' Club Scholarship Fund; it helps to lighten my burden in financial difficulties and encourage me to pay more effort in my studying because I believe, "We do the best, God do the rest".



Hui Fun Sum
Bachelor of Chinese Language and
Literature
The Open University of Hong Kong

Since my childhood, I always think of becoming a member of the police force with the hope to help people and prevent tragedies. And I fulfill my goal through tertiary education.

Although asking the degree of reading Chinese language and literature in university seems to be irrelevant to my future work. However, I believe that this course can train up my language skill, especially Mandarin. Moreover, university education gives me various exposures and can provide the opportunities for meeting people from different background.

Not only just working hard on my studies, but also spend time on playing some sports so that I can maintain my body fitness and meet the requirement of this job. Police duties are full of difficulties but now I can say that I am ready to take the challenge.



Lau Cheung Lit Johnny
Higher Diploma in Community
Education
(Gerontology), IVE, Sha Tin

It has long been my conviction that humans are designed for love. At every stage of life, we may have different roles to play. Yet they are all about love and relationship. One of my goals in my life is being a social worker. When I choose this course, I hope I can learn more about elders need, and use this knowledge to help more elderly. Also, I wish my knowledge can help the needy and neglect elderly. I want to influence other people, through my heart, smile and happiness. Before being a social worker, I would not give up. In the coming years, I will face many difficulties and setback, but I would not afraid to face these challenges. Since these challenges make me growth. Finally, I want to use the personal power to improve the life of elderly and promote love to another, let them to feel love in any time.



Yuen Shun Man
BA in History
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Never have I thought about what would I become when I grew up. Until I become a student of university, I understand what I want gradually. Being one of the members of this community, it is a must for all of us to do something for Hong Kong, our lovely home. Therefore, I want to become a teacher in order to teach the next generation the knowledge I have. It should be shared with all people but not only stored in particular one's mind. I know the effort I make is negligible; however, I believe when everybody insist on the same belief, our power is the greatest!



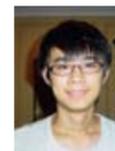
Lo Yuet Ping
Professional Accountancy
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Accountant has a very professional image and is highly respected by the society. However, these are still not the main reasons for my wanting to be an accountant. I think being an accountant can greatly reward the society which I think is of great importance in my life. I have received a lot of help from numerous charity organizations, so I think I have the duty to serve the community. Accountant helps people with their problems about taxes and gives advice to the companies about their future plan. In my opinion, this job is very meaningful as I will be helping people to solve their problems every day and at the same time applying my knowledge learnt in the university courses. It is perfect if I can work for any charity organizations or the charity department of any companies.



Tsang Tsz Hin
Bachelor of Social Sciences in Communication
Baptist University of Hong Kong

I have lots of dream in my life. To be a college student is one of them. I cannot tell how wonderful but also hard it is to realize my dream. I will make every endeavor to enjoy the university life these three years. But then, I will also study diligently because I am pursuing my second dream – to be a journalist. Journalist is always my dream career as it is really meaningful. Journalists bear the responsibility for upholding the freedom of press and people's right to be informed. They can also make use of their influence to arouse people's awareness on those people in need. What I want to say is that journalist is a career that can serve the community. Thus, I want to be a journalist who able to make some contribution to the society.



Wan Cheuk Hang, Felix
Bachelor of Business Administration in
Management Science
City University of Hong Kong

My goal is to help the poor and elderly. Because I am poor now and in the past, so I really know that the poor need others to help them due to they have many difficulties to face. The biggest one must be financial problem and this problem will generate many other problems. I choose to study management science because I can learn more about management, and then utilize what I have learnt to organize some charity activities in order to raise funds for helping the poor.

I live with my father only when I was child. In the latter part of his life, I can see that he needed to be helped due to degeneration of his body. Therefore, I think that the other elderly may have the same problem and they are required the others to help them day-to-day. I will spend my time to help them through the activities organized by charity organizations.



Wong Pan
Bachelor of Social Science in History
Baptist University of Hong Kong

One of my dreams is to be a government official. Owing to this, I choose history as my major in the university. It is always said that studying history is useless because it does not guarantee a good career prospect in a market-oriented city. Therefore, my family opposes me studying history. However, studying history is still my first priority. I believe that I could gain lots of experience from studying history. Through learning history, we could avoid making the same mistakes. Also I could learn the strategies and leadership from those great people.

In fact, In HK, there are many social problems such as poverty and I have been planning my career which is related to serving the poor who live hopelessly. Government officials are in good position to serve people directly. Therefore I hope all of us show more concern on this kind of people and help them to have a better living condition.



Yu Oi Yan, Amy
Bachelor of Business Administration in
Corporate Administration
The Open University of Hong Kong

Company Secretary is full of challenges, but this is not an obstacle to me, it can push me to achieve the goal as a motive. Also, I can build up confident through dealing with different kinds of situations, communicating with different people on the job. In the future, I will try my best to contribute to the society.



Li Wing Yi
Bachelor of Pharmacy
The University of Hong Kong

Having outstanding academic achievement is never an easy job. However, I believe a well-rounded individual is even more admirable. That is why I joined different organizations like dance team and Pupils' Association in my secondary school life. These extra-curricular activities do not only enrich my life, but they also sharpen my time management and communication skills. Thanks to the scholarships that I have been awarded, I could expose myself to various interests so that my potential could be developed to the full. Also, the scholarships have eased the burden of my family and made our life easier. Since I have been getting help from others throughout my journey of studies, I really want to give help to the needy in returns. Being a pharmacist in HK, I can apply my expertise to safeguard patients' safety because problematic prescriptions from doctors are not rare in HK and patients tend to buy drugs over-the-counter whenever they have got ailment. Thus, pharmacists do have a role in maintaining the well-being of a society!





Above, left to right: Robert Pé, partner and head of litigation (Asia), Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, a smiling Mandy Fung and a proud Mr and Mrs Dave Garcia, founding chairs of the Foreign Correspondents' Club Hong Kong Charity Fund.

Inset: A delighted Mandy Fung takes her well-earned place in Hong Kong's judicial system.



Where are they now?

The Foreign Correspondents' Club Hong Kong Charity Fund Committee are immensely proud to announce that one of their first Scholarship Winners, Mandy Fung, was recently admitted as a Hong Kong solicitor. This is Mandy's story:

It has been my dream for years to become a lawyer, pursuing justice and fairness for all people under the law. My dream finally came true at the High Court on 20 November 2010 with the Asia litigation head of my firm Robert Pé moving my admission and Celia Garcia, David Garcia and Thomas Crampton as my honoured guests witnessing my admission. "I will truly and honestly conduct myself in the practice of solicitor, according to the best of my knowledge and ability..." After subscribing this oath, I qualified as a solicitor in Hong Kong and became the very first of my family to join the legal profession.

Looking back, the road to realizing my dream was not always easy, but it would have been even more difficult without the PLK/Henrik Nielsen/FCC Scholarship.

Everyone has dreams, but reality was not as ideal as I dreamed it to be. No sooner did I enter the law school of the University of Hong Kong than I was aware that law students came predominantly from relatively affluent and privileged backgrounds. I was even told that it was quite difficult for local students to get into elite law firms, that they placed great importance on their new associates coming from the "right" background, i.e., family connections, an elite college, overseas exposure, etc. I was even told that these factors were the predictors of success. Despite the "inadequacies," I was fortunate enough to be awarded the PLK/Henrik Nielsen/FCC Scholarship for my tertiary education.

With this Scholarship, I could fully concentrate on my studies without having to overload myself with part-time jobs. Throughout my 5-year legal study, I worked very hard to prepare myself for the opportunities that lay ahead. In 2005, I won a scholarship for a half-year exchange program at the National University of Singapore. In the summer of 2006, with the help of a reference from the FCC, I was able to intern with the renowned international law firm, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe. In 2007, I was placed on the Dean's Honour List of the Faculty of Law recognizing my academic achievements. In the same year, I was offered a position as a trainee solicitor with Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe and commenced my traineeship in 2008.

The PLK/Henrik Nielsen/FCC Scholarship allowed me to accomplish what I have achieved today. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all donors and committee members of the PLK/Henrik Nielsen/FCC Scholarship for their generous support and contributions to the charity. I am inspired that love can be so great and generous, not only to our loved ones but to all others. The donors and committee members of the PLK/Henrik Nielsen/FCC Scholarship have assisted me and in turn I can and will, hopefully, serve and benefit many others in the community with my legal knowledge.

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**THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' CLUB,
HONG KONG CHARITY BALL INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
AND STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE
FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES HELD ON 9 OCTOBER 2010**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE
CHARITY COMMITTEE OF THE
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' CLUB, HONG KONG**

We have audited the attached statement of income and expenditure for the fund-raising activities of the Foreign Correspondents' Club, Hong Kong (the "Club") with Po Leung Kuk held on 9 October 2010 in accordance with approved Auditing Standards.

OPINION

In our opinion the statement of income and expenditure gives a true and correct view of the fund-raising activities on 9 October 2010 and the net funds generated on that day.

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**THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' CLUB, HONG KONG CHARITY
BALL STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES HELD ON 9 OCTOBER 2010**

(EXPRESSED IN HONG KONG DOLLARS)

Income	HK\$
Donations (Note 1)	5,806,444
Auction income (Note 2)	2,340,479
Ball ticket income	1,954,044
Raffle ticket income	750,000
Other income	7,875
	10,858,842
Expenditure	
Silent auction commission charge	40,780
Banquet expenses	875,487
Performers	1,152,325
Event organiser	205,000
Sound and lighting	298,000
Ball costs	245,548
Advertising	33,400
Entertainment	79,475
Decoration	94,930
Sundry expenses	149,305
Food and beverages	22,871
Printing and stationery	127,353
Travelling	9,562
Lottery licence fee for raffle draw	3,165
	3,337,201
NET FUNDS GENERATED	<u>7,521,641</u>

NOTE 1. Donations in respect of fund-raising activities held on the particular date in the year were recognised to the extent of cash received either by the Club or Po Leung Kuk up to the date the statement of income and expenditure was approved by the Charity Committee. Any donations received in respect of the fund-raising activities after the date of approval of the statement of income and expenditure will be accounted for as donations for the fund raising activities of the following year.

NOTE 2. The auction income included the live auction income of HK\$1,670,000 and net silent auction income of HK\$670,479. Net silent auction income represented silent auction income of HK\$1,444,329 less the cost of silent auction items and disbursement of HK\$755,850 and HK\$18,000 respectively charged by the auction company.



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Approved by the Charity Committee on 30 December 2010



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