

The predicament of orphans in our motherland

Living in such a prosperous city as Hong Kong, it is inconceivable for most of us to experience the life in dire destitution. However, this is exactly the situation of our counterparts in some backward provinces in our motherland, China. You may well ask—why are they leading such a penurious life? In fact, they are all kids orphaned by AIDs. Most of them contracted AIDs from their parents who were infected while selling blood. For those lucky ones who are not infected via their parents, they also have to face multifarious adversities without the nurture of their parents. Being the fortunate ones, Hong Kong children are always pampered by their indulgent parents. In contradistinction, those kids in China are being under the threat of AIDs and suffering famine at all times. Given this scenario, the Hong Kong Committee on Children's Right is going to organize a meaningful project with a view to helping those unlucky orphans. We hereby invite all local students to join us in good faith.

Through joining the charitable programme, students will truly comprehend the actual situation of the pathetic children. In those impoverished areas like Hunan, many children, if not all, are bereft of the chance to receive education. Worse still, they don't even have enough food to eat or clothes to wear. For those who are infected with AIDs, they cannot have sufficient medicines to take, let alone have a thorough check-up. All of the problems are ascribed to the government's lack of control over illegal blood selling. The destitute farmers sell their blood to unsanitary clinics in hopes of earning more money, which in turn help spread the gruesome disease. The key to stopping the tragedy from repeating is education. Through education, the new generations can be educated with the importance of rejecting illegal blood selling and the concept of public hygiene.

The aim of this project is to draw the attention of local students towards the issue of kids orphaned by AIDs in our homeland. Each participating school should have to form a group of ten to fifteen students. Prior to organizing activities themselves, all participants have to attend several talks and training workshops. Each group then can arrange different functions at their school to promote the project. The form of the functions can be designed by the students. They may well hold some exhibitions on the hard situation of the orphans or some competitions to arouse students' awareness. Lastly, all the groups will be given a golden chance to set up stalls at the Victoria Park for a large-scale charitable programme, during which many philanthropists will pay a visit to the park, thereby attracting more funds to help the orphans.

All in all, the dreadful situation of our counterparts in China is totally beyond tolerance. Besides joining the project, you can also donate money, books or stationery to the kids. A few dollars or several storybooks may be a drop in the ocean to you, but it means a great deal to the underprivileged. All of us should give a hand to those unfortunate ones, helping them to lead a decent life.