Future skills

Hang Seng Academic Assistance Programme (Phase I)

Programme Period: June to December 2020

Objective: To help underprivileged primary and lower secondary school students and their families overcome some of the challenges created by COVID-19-related school closures

Partner: St. James' Settlement, 7 other charities and 13 primary schools

Target Audience: Underprivileged primary and lower secondary school students and their families

Details: In 2020, the Programme provided after-school tutoring and counselling, as well as day-care support, to students and their families in need. An online homework portal was set up, through which tutors and Hang Seng volunteers offered academic assistance. Laptops, school bags and food subsidies were donated to beneficiaries.

Impact: The programme supported over 4,600 students and employed about 700 youth tutors who provided over 66,000 hours of tutoring in 2020.

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Hang Seng Academic Assistance Programme (Phase II)

Programme Period: April 2021 to present

Objective: To continue to support underprivileged primary and lower secondary school students whose schooling was interrupted as a result of the COVID-19-related school closures

Partner: St. James' Settlement and 7 other charities

Target Audience: Underprivileged primary and lower secondary school students and their families

Details: In view of the increasing popularity of online learning, accelerated by the pandemic, HSAAP II focuses on enhancing students' learning efficacy and reducing their learning pressure through dedicated workshops and activities. To encourage students to be more proactive in learning, the programme offers specialised workshops and a reward scheme. The Programme also now includes a mentor training course to help tutors unlock the potential of their students and enhance their skills and abilities. During the summer, the programme will also feature summer courses and family activities to help alleviate stress and improve family relationships.

Impact: To be released.