



Young Surveyors Group

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Face Mask Donations to the Needy

During the current coronavirus epidemic, fear of the deadly COVID-19 drives tremendous demand for face masks. Despite factories in China operating 24 hours a day and seven days a week to produce them, supply still cannot meet demand. While some early bird shoppers managed to secure stocks, most have gone away empty-handed. In view of this, the BSD organised a campaign to collect facemasks and healthcare products for the needy and, at the same time, bring love and care to the community.

The above task fitted perfectly the YSG's aim of helping those in need through the establishment of a new charity sub-committee this year. YSG believes that its members could also participate in this meaningful campaign by volunteering to help pack the collected masks and initiated a cross-divisional charity event on 29 February.

On that day, YSG volunteers helped count the number of face masks and healthcare products collected, check their quality, pack them into different bags for easy delivery, and stick labels on the completed care packages within three hours! This meaningful event did not only help the needy, but also made YSG members reflect on their role in the society. Christopher Li, a volunteer, shared his thoughts after the event:

I, at first, anticipated that there would only be a few donors. However, the number of donations turned out to exceed my expectations – nearly 10,000 masks were collected on that date! On one hand, I was so impressed by the generosity of Hong Kong people, but, at the same time, I am also concerned about the situation of the underprivileged in our society.

I remembered the story shared by Sr Billy Wong. He told us that once

we posted the appeal for donations, several immediate responses were received that made him excited, but also worried, since they were mainly from disadvantaged and vulnerable groups which had misread the online form. The incident shows that lots of underprivileged, ranging from the elderly to disabled, simply cannot afford or find any facemask, but are rarely seen in the spotlight.

Although packing these enormous numbers of masks was quite an exhausting task, it was always satisfying to see people willing to lend a helping hand to those in need.

Another volunteer, Camman Chan, shared a similar view:

I helped repackage the face masks donated by our members. To be honest, I did not have high expectations of the number of masks collected, as everyone is calling for face masks. But we managed to collect over 10,000 masks in the end! My deepest gratitude goes to everyone who contributed and made this possible.

The experience is definitely worthwhile and meaningful. Throughout the entire event, I handled all masks with extra care, as I know we should never take any donation for granted. They are more than precious to give and take.

Some may say 10,000 wouldn't last long, but the POSITIVITY that we brought to the community will PERSEVERE!

Apart from caring for the community and offering help to the underprivileged, YSG members also shared what they gained from their participation in the event, as explained by volunteer Iris Mak:

I am very glad to join the team to perform this work. It is a collaboration of efforts from all organisations,

participants, and supporting teams. Resources and materials were sorted and packed into handy kits. We had to cooperate to ensure a smooth production process and make the most of our few hours. I am thankful to have worked with people who were kind and willing to offer help to others. Despite the different backgrounds we have, our wish to do something for the community was the same and this linked us together. It is my pleasure to see our small actions and gestures make a difference together and the community benefited from it.

It was a great opportunity for me to contribute and serve the community. Society had been gloomy, owing to the coronavirus epidemic and those with limited access to resources. The importance of caring for those in need has grown during this period. Those who are already struggling daily are in an even worse situation now. Without sufficient support, their daily lives would be largely hindered.

“Sharing is Caring” is the theme of this event and YSG believes that its members all have roles to play. Any small action you have taken might have already helped somebody in need and demonstrated your concern. Never underestimate the power of caring to make the society better!



Registering as an Elector of a Functional Constituency

Members who are eligible to register for the Architectural, Surveying, Planning and Landscape Functional Constituency election, but have not yet completed their applications, should do so by 2 May 2020 (or before 2 April 2020 to change their registration particulars if they will be registered electors in the District Council [Second] Functional Constituency) so that they can vote in the Legislative Council election in September and help continue the surveying industry’s success.

Electors’ Checks Underway

The Registration and Electoral Office (REO) has been issuing enquiry letters since 13 December 2019. Registered electors who have received enquiry letters should reply to them before the deadline in order to confirm that their listed addresses are their principal residential addresses.

Electors who fail to do so then or during the subsequent statutory inquiry may be omitted from the next voter register.

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