



**Special
Programmes
and Projects**

China Week 2018: From Food to History – Chinese Food Culture and Historical Origins

“China Week” is held every summer to enable primary and secondary school students to deepen their understanding of China’s historical culture and development.

The theme for “China Week 2018” was “From Food to History – Chinese Food Culture and Historical Origins”. A launch ceremony, along with a series of the experiential learning activities were held. This helped deepen appreciation for the culinary arts, especially the characteristics of Guangdong cuisine, and reflect on how history, geography, climate, environment, property and economy impact of the culture of food. Southern Film Co. Ltd. was the co-organiser this year and Mr. Tam Yiu-chung, GBM, GBS, JP, a Member of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress, officiated at the launch ceremony.



A group of experts also assisted during the week. They included members of the Chinese Culinary Institute of VTC, the Hong Kong Young Chefs Club, the Kwan Sang Catering Professional Employees Association, the Federation of Hong Kong Chiu Chow Community Organisations, the Guangdong Youth Federation, Dr. Au Chi-kin of the Department of History, Hong Kong Shue Yan University and Dr. Siu Yan-ho of the Department of Chinese, Lingnan University.

“From Food to History – Chinese Food Culture and Historical Origins” experiential learning activities included “Young Chefs” Cooking Competition, Guangdong Cuisine Cooking Workshops, three hours of Chinese food culture experience learning tour, movie screenings and Chinese food culture experts’ talk.



The students learnt to make specialities from the following cuisines: Guangzhou, Chaozhou, Hakka and Shunde in the Guangdong Cuisine Cooking Workshops. Ju Ching Chu Secondary School (Kwai Chung) and Tack Ching Girls’ Secondary School won the Championship of the “Young Chefs” Cooking Competition.

Movie screenings included: *The Pride of Mei Long Town*, *The Tea House* and *Peking Duck Restaurant*. Experts shared the cultural significance and spirit behind the films.

The three hour Chinese food culture and historical experience learning tour was held at the Jockey Club Media 21 with multimedia learning exhibitions, a cooking skills demonstration and tasting experience learning activities.

Jockey Club Media 21 produced 36 thematic educational videos for China Week which were broadcast through M21.hk.



NEIGHBOURHOOD First

NEIGHBOURHOOD First is all about community building that incorporates leadership training, volunteer services, online connectivity and regional collaboration. With over 100 NEIGHBOURHOOD Teams, a variety of activities were carried out.



NEIGHBOURHOOD First Reunion Lunch

The annual NEIGHBOURHOOD First Reunion Lunch was held on 3 February and was supported by Officiating Guests, the Hon. Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, GBS, JP, Acting Chief Executive of the HKSAR, and other government officials, community leaders and celebrities. About 9,400 neighbours and guests from 18 districts were served and celebrated the Chinese New Year with 2,494 members from NEIGHBOURHOOD Teams. Alan, the mascot, appeared in different forms to promote the spirit of neighbourhood: courtesy, care, respect, mutual assistance and sharing.



NEIGHBOURHOOD Day

The theme of NEIGHBOURHOOD Day was "Neighbours bring Happiness". There were 843 volunteers who visited over 1,200 households, including low-income families and the elderly.

NEIGHBOURHOOD Loving Soup

For the 6th year, the three Youth S.P.O.Ts at Tin Shui Wai and Hung Shui Kiu organised 350 NEIGHBOURHOOD Team members and volunteers to make and serve 4,000 bowls of soup. Guests, including government officials, artists together with team members, visited 300 low-income families and elderly in Tin Shui Wai.

NEIGHBOURHOOD Up-Cycling Stools for Children

In collaboration with Mr. Brandon Chan and artists from Play Depot at Cattle Depot Artist Village, members of the Kowloon NEIGHBOURHOOD Teams learned to up-cycle wood panels to make around 100 wooden stools for students from underprivileged families. These colourful stools were both functional as furniture and artistic as creative pieces.



NEIGHBOURHOOD Rice Giving Scheme

For the past eight years, the Au Bak Ling Charity Trust helped the NEIGHBOURHOOD Teams deliver rice packages to underprivileged families and singles in the 18 districts. More than 5,296 households benefited every month.

The Dragon Foundation

Since 2000, The Dragon Foundation has brought together ethnic Chinese young people from around the world, nurturing their sense of identity, building networks and offering opportunities to develop their potential to be leaders. The Foundation has so far connected these young people from across 38 countries or regions through various leadership training programmes. Managed by a Board of Directors, the Foundation's secretariat support is provided by the Federation. The following events were conducted in the year of 2017–18:



Dragon 100 and Global Youth Entrepreneurs Forum 2017

This annual flagship programme, Dragon 100, selected 100 outstanding ethnic Chinese young leaders from 13 countries or regions for an eight day exchange tour and Forum in June 2017.

The programme began with a Commissioning Ceremony that included speeches on innovation and conservation, which was followed by the Global Youth Entrepreneurs Forum in Hong Kong on 13 June and in Shenzhen on 14 June.

Then, led by Dr. Hubert Chan Chung-ye, JP, Council Member of The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups, together with sponsor CR Power, the delegation visited Hong Kong, Shenzhen and Henan. The theme was "Vision for a Better Future: Innovation for Sustainable Growth in China", and the participants explored innovation and sustainable development, along with the history of China.

The delegation also went to Henan and visited the Zhengzhou Airport Economy Zone, Henan China Resources Power (Shouyangshan) and the National Zhengzhou Economic and Technological Development Zone to see for themselves the latest development trends. Delegates also met with Henan Province Government Officials and finally visited cultural sites, including the Millennium City Park, the Longmen Grottoes and the Shaolin Monastery.





Golf Tournament at Mission Hills Golf Club 2018

Mission Hills Golf Club continues its venue sponsorship for the Charity Golf Tournament. Mr. Tenniel Chu, Member of the Foundation's Programme and Fund Raising Committee provided great support. The Hon. Ronny Tong Ka-wah, SC, Non-Official Member of HKSAR Executive Council, Prof. Frederick Ma Si-hang, GBS, JP, Chairman of MTR Corporation Limited and Mr. Raymond Tam Chi-yuen, GBS, JP, Member of the National People's Congress were the Officiating Guests. Together with one hundred players, they played a good round of golf. Sponsorship came in the form of corporate support as Team Patron, as well as through advertisements and donations in-kind.



DragoNation

DragoNation, the Alumni Association of the Foundation was established in 2008. This year the committee organised the 10th Anniversary Celebration, which included the Annual Gala Dinner and Global Youth Forum.



Under the theme "Vision 2030: The Role of Young Chinese Leaders in the Global Arena", the Forum was co-organised with The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Mr. Antony Leung Kam-chung, GBS, JP, as a keynote speaker, shared his insights on how young Chinese could contribute to the world. Dragon alumni shared their experiences in different sessions. About three hundred young leaders participated.

To strengthen cohesiveness among the Foundation and overseas alumni, the Secretariat also arranged a special networking lunch with the support of the DragoNation Singapore Chapter. Ms. Shelley Lee Lai-kuen, GBS, OBE, JP, Director of the Foundation, together with small group of Dragons, had an educational and entertaining luncheon.