

I am an outgoing person, I like communicating with different people, and I can adapt to different environments and communicate with people from different walks of life. My friends say I am a caring and observant person. I can always realize the needs of others by observing their actions and facial expressions. When I realize their needs, I would lend them a hand as I hope they would understand that they are not alone. I am also a persistent person, no matter how tough the challenges are, I do not give in easily, and even I am willing to take up more responsibilities in the activities I participated.

I have a clear purpose in my life which is helping the needy in the society since I was young. The motivation of doing so came from some of the voluntary experiences I got in school. I was one of the mentors in the Student counselling team to lead the junior form students to visit some elderly who live under a comparatively poor living condition in Tsuen Wan. Our responsibilities were to help them recording the reminiscence of their entire life and gave them a photo album and biography.

Unexpectedly, the person I interviewed had a unique and shocking story. Mr. Chung experienced the Second World War and escaped to Hong Kong in 1940. He struggled hard to survive during the war. After that, he had to work seven days a week to make a living for his family. Despite his hard work, he did not receive the equal reward in his later stage of life as his children are too busy to take care of him. It was really heartbreaking when I heard that. I have been pondering over the elderly issue in HK since then, wondering why there are people who had worked so hard all their lives when they were young and helped building HK as one of the most developed cities in the world, yet receiving very little respect from people and the government nowadays.

In addition, taking care of our elderly parents is the least thing we should do. I wonder why many children could ignore this responsibility due to long working hours as well as limited salaries.

Regarding this issue, I talked to many people like my parents, teachers and classmates. I seriously think that there are more to be done by the government for the needy in this society. The big wealth gap and status disparity must be dealt with as soon as possible. Social fairness is to a large extent the most vital target that HK people should seek. I am not going to leave the needy alone. My biggest wish right now is to study with no effort spared. Studying to serve our society thoroughly is my target. I believe my outgoing caring and persistent personalities can help me to achieve my ultimate goal - to make HK a better place. Nothing is too late.