

## 百仁基金第十五屆理事會就職典禮 - 主席致辭

尊敬的李家超行政長官、劉光源副主任、各位百仁基金同仁、各位嘉賓，各位朋友：

晚上好!非常感謝各位出席「百仁基金」第十五屆理事會就職典禮。

不知不覺，「百仁基金」已經走過了十五個年頭。古時，學童到了十五歲，要束髮入學，十五歲又稱為「束髮之年」，是成年、成才的重要標誌。十五年來，「百仁基金」與香港青少年同成長，共進步。我們始終不忘「扶貧濟困」之初心，深耕青年工作，通過一系列品牌活動，幫助青少年成才，包括【菁青相惜】分享會、【童擁 AI】編程學習計劃、【百仁·愛學】計劃、【beANGEL action】計劃、「共創明 Teen 計劃」，以及行業探索、國內交流及實習等，累計幫助超過 17 萬人。

感恩十五年的風雨同舟，作為「百仁基金」的創會和現任主席，我謹向各位關心我們的領導、支持我們的友好，以及無私奉獻的百仁基金同仁們，表示衷心的感謝！

面對科技變革和社會進步，「百仁基金」不斷探索切合時代需要的發展路徑，近年來，加大資源，加強培訓同學們的科學素養和全球視野，鼓勵同學積極裝備自身，為全球性議題貢獻才智。

尤記得在第十周年之際，面對人工智能方興未艾的熱潮，「百仁基金」根據香港教育界需要，以推動編程教育普及化為目標，推出【童擁 AI】編程學習計劃，幫助基層兒童平等地獲得學習科技技能的機會，以更好地應對未來複雜多變的就業環境。由 2019 至 2023 年底，【童擁 AI】計劃，促成約 6 萬 7 千名基層學生開始系統性地學習編程；隨著計劃在餘下兩年繼續進行，整個計劃，合共 8 萬 3 千 5 百名學生受惠，總支出為港幣 1 千 6 百多萬。

這一路走來，我們非常高興看到特區政府對 STEAM 教育的重視和投入。為評估「童擁 AI 計劃與編程教育普及化」，去年初，本會聯同「香港初等教育研究學會」展開研究，通過對學生、家長、教師以及相關人士進行近 2000 份調查問卷和聚焦訪談，提出強化高小編程教育的 8 項建議，提交給了特區政府及各持份者參考。相關內容可於本會網站下載及瀏覽。

過去一年，我們也分別拜訪了政務司司長、教育局局長、創新科技及工業局局長，我們希望積極配合政府的教育政策，並發揮民間機構的靈活性，做一些前瞻性佈局，為香港的未來做好準備。展望未來，我們提出了「立仁、立業、立天地」的新口號，立者成就也，成就青年人成為仁者、成就青年人事業發展，並立足天地間，有海納百川的眼界胸懷，還有悲天憫人的靈魂。

面對全球氣候變化和糧食危機的新趨勢，響應國家「雙碳目標」和實施戰略，「百仁基金」積極轉型，在過去科技教育的成績上，進一步訂立「科技向善」和「可持續發展」兩大發展方向，為香港和國家培育科技精英和 ESG（環境、社會和公司治理）人才，讓香港青年人在世界性議題上出力及發展。

去年 11 月，我們與香港資優教育學苑及香港桂冠論壇，組成「G3 聯盟」，所謂 G3，分別是 Gifted（才能）、Groom（培育）、Giving（貢獻），以此理念為核心，通過舉辦「少年創科達人大獎」比賽等活動，發掘 STEAM 範疇表現傑出的學生，啟發和培育他們在 ESG 領域的才能和創意，鼓勵他們發掘社會需要，提出 ESG 解決方案，爭當 ESG 領袖。

去年 9 月，韓正副主席在出席紐約「聯合國可持續發展目標峰會」上提出四點提議，其中提議「重振全球發展伙伴關係。發達國家要履行發展援助和氣候融資承諾。發展中國家要深化南南合作。要充分調動社會各界力量，匯聚推動發展的強大合力。」

本會將夥伴瑞銀及聯合國機構，在大灣區以香港、深圳為倡導基地，共同搭建以投資人類未來為題的「未來論壇」，提供潛在氣候變化解決方案的展示平台，讓年青的創科達人，接觸優質的孵化平台，我們希望感召有場景和有願景的企業加入，結集官、產、學、民的資源，結合「善資金」，共同

孵化有應用性和市場性的產學研方案，為延緩氣候升溫出一分力。為此，我們也希望得到特區政府支持。

朋友們，當前我們正處於百年未有之大變局，機遇與挑戰並存，我們的未來，有賴於「4個C」：

- Children，我們的下一代；
- City，香港，我們的家園；
- Country，祖國是我們的根基，也是我們的優勢，以及
- Climate，氣候，我們地球和未來！

我期盼百仁與在座各位攜手，結集「善的力量」，為了我們孩子、我們的城市、我們國家以及我們的氣候而努力，4C，Foresee，未來可期！

最後，龍年將至，預祝大家新一年如意吉祥、平安順遂！

李家傑博士

百仁基金第十五屆主席

## Chairman's Message

Over the past fifteen years, Centum Charitas Foundation (CCF) has been growing with the youth of Hong Kong. We uphold our mission in “helping the underprivileged groups” by our impactful youth and community efforts. We have assisted young people to grow through different kind of programmes, including the “Youth Empowerment Sharing Session”, the “AI Coding Education Programme”, the “beANGEL action”, the “Strive and Rise Programme”, as well as industry exploration, exchanges and internships programme, with over 170,000 beneficiaries in total.

As the founder and current chairman of CCF, I am grateful to walk with CCF throughout the past fifteen years. My sincere appreciation for all the leaders who care about us, our supportive friends, and specially CCF members!

CCF has adapted well to the impact of technological advancement and related social evolvement by exploring developments pathways for the youth that meet the needs of the future. In recent years, we have devoted more resources to strengthen students Tech-for-good knowledge and global perspectives. We encourage students to actively equip themselves and contribute their talents to address the emerging global issues.

In retrospect, I did highlight the emerging challenges from artificial intelligence during the 10th inauguration ceremony and had addressed the importance of early AI coding education for our youth to equip them with future skills. We pioneered the “AI Coding Education Programme (The Programme)” for underprivileged youth allowing them equal opportunities to learn AI skills and better equip them for the complex and ever-

changing future job market. From 2019 to the end of 2023, the programme had enabled over 67,000 students to learn AI coding programming in a systematic manner; as the programme will be carried on for the next two years, a total of 83,500 students will be benefited from the entire programme, with a total committed programme fund over HK\$16 million.

Throughout this journey, we are delighted to witness the increasing Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government funding and recourses for STEAM education. We conducted a programme evaluation in early 2023 with the Hong Kong Primary Education Research Association to evaluate The Programme as well as the generalisation of AI coding education in Hong Kong. Through nearly 2,000 questionnaires and focus group interviews with students, parents, teachers, and other stakeholders. We have summarised eight recommendations for strengthening AI coding education in primary schools. These recommendations were submitted to the HKSAR Government and related stakeholders. Details can be downloaded at our website.

In the past year, we had also visited the Chief Secretary for Administration, the Secretary for Education, and the Secretary for Innovation and Technology of the HKSAR Government. Leveraging on the flexibility of the private sector, we are committed to facilitate the HKSAR Government's education policy by sharing forward-looking insights and recommendations in order to prepare for a better Hong Kong. Looking ahead, CCF is committed to nurture our youth to embody benevolence, to advance career development and to embrace difference with compassion and love.

CCF has been transforming in responding to global climate change and potential food crisis as well as in aligning with China's "Dual Carbon Goals". Riding on our positive

impact in driving AI coding education, we move forward to set up two new directions in pursuing “Tech-for-good” and “Sustainability” education with the intention to develop young talent in these perspectives as well as “ESG” (Environment, Social and Governance) field. We envision to enable and empower our youth development with global perspectives so that they can participate and contribute to the emerging global issues.

In last November, we formed the “G3 Alliance” in partnership with The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education and The Hong Kong Laureate Forum. The G3 represents Gifted, Groom, and Giving, with the primary objective of identifying talented students in the STEAM field through the “Young STEAM Talent Award” competition. Our goal is to inspire and nurture talent with creativity in the ESG field, motivating them to identify social needs and propose relevant ESG solutions to be future ESG leaders.

In last September, vice president of the People's Republic of China Han Zheng attended and addressed the Leaders' Dialogue of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Summit at the United Nations (UN) headquarter in New York with four recommendations. He emphasised the importance of revitalising global development partnerships, with developed countries should fulfil their commitments to development aid and climate financing, while developing countries should deepen South-South cooperation. It is essential to mobilise all sectors to nurture momentum for development.

We are planning to collaborate with UBS and the United Nations Organisations to host the “Future Summit” in the Greater Bay Area, with Hong Kong and Shenzhen as the base. This platform will focus on investing in the future of humanity and presenting viable solutions to climate change. Young innovators will have access to top-notch

incubation platforms. Our goal is to unite cross-sector forward looking organisations from HKSAR Government, business, academia, the public, along with effective philanthropic funds, to develop practical and viable solutions that can mitigate the impact from climate change. For this, we also seek support from the HKSAR Government in advocating this platform.

Here and now, we are encountering both opportunities and challenges Our future will be relied on “4Cs”:

**Children**, our next generation;

**City**, Hong Kong, our home;

**Country**, our motherland is our foundation and our strength; and

**Climate**, our planet and our future!

I look forward to collaborating with all of you to be the “forces of good” for our children, our city, our country and our climate! With “4Cs” we foresee a promising future.

The Year of the Loong is around the corner, I wish everyone a peaceful and prosperous new year!

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