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### **Privileged to be a Paulinian Helping the Underprivileged**

If I were Lilian's classmate, and I bump into her after all these years after graduation, I would be pleasantly surprised at how she is still very much the same as in her secondary school days – young, energetic and passionate about her mission in promoting the well-being of youths.

Lilian is currently the Executive Director of The Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong (香港小童群益會) and has, since graduating from The University of Hong Kong, focused her career on tackling youth problems. She was previously with the Children and Youth Division of The Hong Kong Council of Social Service (香港社會服務聯會) in the 1980s when the subject of youth policy was first brought up in Hong Kong.

"It is unfortunate that there are youths out there whose potentials are untapped due to poverty, family problems or other circumstances beyond their control. Everyone deserves a fair chance to release their potential."

After meeting Lilian and hearing all about her passion and her school life at St. Paul's Convent School, I flipped through a copy of *The Paulinian 1977* yearbook, and quickly landed on a page reporting on a Youth Congress of Hong Kong in 1976. I noticed that Lilian was one of the school representatives at the Congress where she and others examined the role they could play in promoting the well-being of youths and the community. Clearly, a seed had been sowed during her days at St. Paul's, well before she embarked upon a career serving youth interests.

"I am extremely grateful to SPCS for providing an environment that encouraged us to go beyond academic achievements. It is only when you are exposed to a wide variety of interests, activities and opportunities that you get to realize where your passion lies."

"We used to have an 'ABC' joke back in those days: there were so many extra-curricular activities available at St. Paul's that you could count from A to Z!" Indeed, Lilian was an avid participant in Athletics and Netball, the Bridge Club, the Chinese Society, the Drama Club ... and the list goes on!

Knowing that Paulinians often have courage and a strong conscience to serve and help others, she would like to appeal to fellow Paulinians to join her in helping underprivileged children.

“Being underprivileged means despite working hard, these children face a steeper learning curve than others in attaining the required standards in language and other subjects, and in today’s world of fierce competition, it becomes a real challenge for them to achieve upward social mobility. Being privileged ourselves, we have an obligation to help the underprivileged.”

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