國際交流及境外活動

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國際義工協會

國際義工協會致力促進和加強義務工作 在世界各地的發展,現時共擁有來自 70個國家或地區的會員。本局是協會的 會員機構,於2020年4月獲邀加入其新 成立的「全球義工領袖網絡」,與海外其 他義工組織共同推動義務工作的發展。 本局就企業義務工作,接受協會的研究 訪問,概述香港的服務趨勢。

國際義工協會於2020年4月就新型冠狀 病毒與義務工作為主題,舉辦一系列 網絡研討會,本局總幹事鍾媛梵女士 應邀擔任第一場研討會的講者,分享 香港義工應對疫情的經驗。本局撰寫 的文章「香港義工同心抗疫」亦刊登於 協會其後於5月出版的電子雜誌。同年 11月,鍾媛梵女士獲協會委任為「全球 義工領袖網絡研究顧問委員會」委員, 就「領導義務工作:應對Covid-19經驗 | 研究給予意見。研究目的是了解不同國 家及地區的義工領導組織在應對疫情 時,在動員義工、倡導和發展義工服務 時遇到的挑戰及解決方案。

年內,國際義工協會與Emirates Foundation 合辦一項名為「虛擬創意馬拉松 — 運用 義務工作建立抗逆力」的比賽,邀請世界 各地的義工隊伍發揮創意,構思在疫境 下如何於以下三個範疇行義:醫療、 精神健康及弱勢社群支援。本局由職員 和義務職員組成的參賽團在董事羅汝衡 博士的指導下,參與一連3天以義務工作 提升精神健康為題的比賽,過程中增進了 不少知識和經驗,獲益良多。

International Association for Volunteer Effort (IAVE)

The International Association for Volunteer Effort (IAVE) is a global alliance with members from 70 countries and regions, dedicated to the promotion and strengthening of the development of volunteerism. As a member organization of IAVE, AVS was invited to join its newly established Global Network of Volunteering Leadership (GNVL) in April 2020, to work with counterparts overseas to advance the volunteering agenda. AVS also took part in an online interview for the Research on Corporate Volunteering conducted by IAVE, to share the corporate volunteering trends in Hong Kong.

IAVE organized a series of webinars on the theme of Covid-19 and volunteering. Ms Flora Chung, AVS Chief Executive Officer, was invited to speak in the first webinar held in April 2020, to share the volunteering experience in combating Covid-19 in Hong Kong. An article on 'Volunteers Fight Coronavirus in Hong Kong' was published in the IAVE E-Magazine in May. In November, Ms Flora Chung was appointed as a member of the IAVE GNVL Research Advisory Committee to give advice on the research 'Leadership for Volunteering: the Covid-19 Experience'. The purpose of the research was to create a body of knowledge on the challenges faced by the national leadership organizations and the solutions thereby adopted to mobilize volunteers, advocate for and develop volunteering in response to the pandemic.

In the year, 'Virtual Ideathon - Volunteering to Build Resilience' was launched by the Emirates Foundation in cooperation with IAVE. It aimed to bring together volunteers from across the world to develop ideas and present solutions to building resilience under the pandemic. The event presented three key areas of challenges in 1) Volunteerism in the Medical Sector; 2) Volunteerism in Mental Health Support Sector; and 3) Volunteerism to support the Vulnerable. Board Member Dr Anne Loh led a team of staff and volunteer staff to participate in the 3-day event under the theme of 'Mental Health Support'. The experience was an exciting and valuable one.

聯合國志願人員組織一 香港大學生義工實習計劃

本局自1998年開始成為聯合國志願人員 組織的香港合作夥伴,攜手協助推廣 聯合國義工服務。2015年在民政事務 局的資助下,本局與該組織合作,聯同 香港志願者協會及和平發展基金會推出 「聯合國志願人員組織 — 香港大學生義 工實習計劃」, 安排本地大學生到海外 聯合國屬下單位進行為期6個月的義工 服務。

獲選大學生藉著參與該計劃,提升自身 能力及透過各地生活和文化的體驗, 擴闊視野,並為世界和平及發展作出 貢獻。過去5屆共有68位大學生參與, 分別派往中亞及東南亞國家進行義工 服務,因疫情關係,第6屆計劃需延期 進行。

聯合國義工一香港大學生 義工計劃舊牛會

聯合國義工一香港大學生義工計劃舊 生會於2017年12月成立,由完成「聯合 國志願人員組織一香港大學生義工實習 計劃」服務的義工組成,致力提供一個 知識共享及聯繫網絡,協助推動義務 工作及推廣聯合國和平發展的價值。 年內,舊生會執行委員會組隊參與本局 50周年亮點慶祝活動「同心共建義工林」 綠色行義日,為建設美好家園一同出力。

UNV—Hong Kong Universities **Volunteer Internship Programme**

As a cooperating organization of the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) in Hong Kong, AVS has been assisting with the promotion of the UNV Programme since 1998. In partnership with UNV and with funding from the Home Affairs Bureau and support from the Hong Kong Volunteers Association and the Peace and Development Foundation, AVS launched the Programme in 2015. Undergraduates from local universities were selected and sent to the field units of the United Nations (UN) agencies for a 6-month volunteering assignment.

The Programme contributes to global peace and development while enabling the undergraduates to develop their personal capacities and broaden their horizon through the multi-cultural experience. In the past 5 rounds, in total 68 undergraduates have participated in the Programme and worked in offices in different Central and Southeast Asian countries. Due to the pandemic, the 6th round of assignment was postponed until further notice.

UNV—Hong Kong Universities **Volunteers Alumni Society**

Acting as a knowledge-sharing platform in support of the development of volunteerism and the United Nations' values of peace and development, the UNV-Hong Kong Universities Volunteers Alumni Society was established in December 2017 by volunteers who have completed the UNV-Hong Kong Universities Volunteer Internship Programme. In the year, the Executive Committee of the Alumni Society took part in the 'Together • We Plant' Volunteer Greening Day, one of the highlight events in celebration of the 50th anniversary of AVS.

