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The Hong Kong of today is a very different place from the Hong Kong of fifty or sixty years ago, when the Jockey Club's role as a major community benefactor first came to prominence. At that time, surging immigration and a struggling post-war economy meant that many of the population lived in desperately poor conditions, and the city's social welfare needs were manifold. Accordingly, most of the Club's donations were directed at meeting those urgent and pressing needs.

Today, in contrast, the majority of Hong Kong people are able to enjoy a fairly comfortable lifestyle, and the Club has been able to redirect many of its contributions to the city's longer-term development – for example nurturing talent, opening up more sporting and recreational opportunities and enhancing the environment. Yet inevitably there remain needy groups in society who for one reason or another require help and support with their daily lives – the single elderly, the disabled, new arrivals to the city and ethnic minorities, to name but a few.

Mindful of this, the Club has never forgotten its charitable mission, and social welfare needs still account for a significant portion of its annual donations. It remains as committed as ever to care.

Many of the Club's initiatives in this area are implemented in partnership with Government departments or non-governmental organisations (NGOs). For example, the Club launched a scheme in 2005 whereby social services groups and agencies who are long-term partners of the Club can receive a three-year Community Project Grant (CPG) through its Charities Trust to implement smaller welfare projects that would not otherwise attract public funding. In 2011/12, the Trust awarded CPGs to 55 different local agencies, for projects ranging from an Outreach Befriending Service for the Suicidal Elderly to a Parents' Resource Centre for Visually Impaired Children.

On a much larger scale is the Jockey Club Elderly Facilities Modernisation Scheme, which supplements the Improvement Programme of Elderly Centres announced by the Government in the 2012/13 Budget. The programme is being implemented by Social Welfare Department for 78 NGOs operating elderly centres around the city. The Government has allocated HK\$900 million for this six-year project from the Lotteries Fund, while the Club's Charities Trust has agreed to contribute another HK\$110 million directly to provide additional equipment at the refurbished centres. Some 200,000 senior citizens are expected to benefit from this collaboration at around 250 elderly centres citywide.

The Club's support will allow these centres to procure non-standard furniture and equipment such as gymnastic equipment with rehabilitative functions, tablet PCs, musical instruments, photographic tools, cognitive games, electric-powered wheelchairs and home safety demonstration facilities. In this way the Club hopes to promote continuous learning and enhanced physical health, prevent dementia and strengthen home safety and carer support. By enabling Hong Kong's elderly to engage more fully in community life, the refurbished centres will ultimately benefit all seniors in the city.

During the past year, a HK\$9 million Trust-funded upgrading of facilities and equipment has also been completed at the SAHK Jockey Club Elaine Field School, a special school for students with physical and mental disabilities. The school in Tai Po was established in 1996 with funding of over HK\$37 million from the Club's Charities Trust, and this latest donation has allowed it to add facilities such as a dynamic funland and sensory garden as well as purchasing computer and audio-visual equipment, thus contributing to the students' all-round development. Total Trust donations to SAHK since 1968 have now exceeded HK\$207 million.

At another special school on Hong Kong Island, the Red Cross John F. Kennedy Centre, Club funding of HK\$4.66 million enabled a new footbridge to be opened last December spanning its two campuses, allowing the school's disabled students to cross a public road more safely. And in response to a shortage of specialised wheelchairs for severely disabled patients in New Territories West, the Club recently donated HK\$2.23 million to Tuen Mun Hospital to expand its wheelchair bank from 29 to more than 100. This will improve the self-care ability of many people with disabilities, thereby relieving the pressure on their carers.

One of Hong Kong's most active NGOs dedicated to serving social welfare needs is St. James' Settlement (SJS). The Club has been a close



惠及 二十多萬名長者

·億一千萬港元

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donations in total since 1968

三千七百多萬港元 捐助成立學校 九百萬港元 優化學校設施 自一九六八年共捐款 超過二億零七百萬港元

相對於馬會慈善事業初登歷史舞台的五、六十年前,今天的香港已不可 同日而語。當時,如潮湧入的難民和戰後凋零的經濟,令市民生活水深 火熱,社會福利需求殷切。因此,馬會捐款泰半用以賑濟燃眉之急。

今天,香港市民普遍生活舒適,五、六十年前的困境不再;而馬會亦 將公益目標,轉移到應對長遠的挑戰及發展,例如培育各界人才、發展 康樂體育及改善環境等。但社會上難免有貧病老弱、新來港人士又或少 數族裔,需要我們伸出援手,風雨同行。

明乎此,馬會毋忘其匡助社群的使命,並身體力行,每年撥捐善款支 持推行數以百項的社會福利計劃,繼續發揚樂道善行、關愛為懷的精神。

在馬會參與的相關項目中,不少與政府部門或非政府組織合作推行。 例如馬會於二〇〇五年起,透過其慈善信託基金,開展「社區資助計 劃」,為那些長期與馬會合作,一起服務社群的夥伴機構,提供三年一期 的捐助,推行適切但未必獲得其他公共撥款的社區服務,以支援不同的 弱勢社群。計劃於二〇一一/一二年間共捐助五十五家機構,包括「生命 共行] 外展長者服務, 以至視障兒童家長資源中心等

另一更大型的公益項目,是配合政府於二〇一二/一三年財政預算案 中提出的「長者中心設施改善計劃」而推行的「賽馬會智安健計劃」。為期 六年的計劃,由社會福利署統籌七十八家非政府機構所營運的長者中心 優化設施。政府由獎券基金撥出九億港元,改善中心環境;而馬會慈善 信託基金則撥捐一億一千萬港元,為長者中心分期添置全新設施。經優 化後的全港約二百五十間長者中心,預計可惠及二十多萬名本地長者。

馬會的捐款將協 助這些長者中心添置 非標準傢具及設備 如健身器材及復康設

施、桌面電腦、樂器、攝影器材、認知遊戲、電動輪椅及家居安全示範 教材等。馬會希望藉此推廣持續學習概念,及促進長者身體健康,預防 腦退化,同時加強家居安全及對照顧者的支援,從而鼓勵長者活出豐盛 陌年

去年,馬會慈善信託基金捐助九百萬港元予香港耀能協會田綺玲學 校,優化該校設施,以助殘疾或弱能學生全面成長。該校在一九九六年 成立於大埔,由基金捐助三千七百多萬港元建成。新一筆捐款將用作興 建賽馬會動感樂園及賽馬會感知花園、添置電腦、影音及其他復康器材 等。自一九六八年至今,基金共捐款超過二億零七百萬港元予香港耀能 協會。

另一獲馬會捐助的特殊學校是位於港島的香港紅十字會甘迺迪中 心,共四百六十六萬港元捐款為學校興建一條於去年十二月啟用的有蓋 行人天橋,連貫被行車路分隔的新翼和主樓,大大保障了學童的安全。 此外,有見新界西公立醫院為嚴重肢體殘障人士提供的特殊輪椅供不應 求,馬會亦捐款二百二十三萬港元,以擴充屯門醫院的輪椅庫,由原有 二十九部輪椅,增加至一百多部,改善區內傷殘人士的自我照顧能力, 提升他們的生活質素,及減輕他們身邊照顧者的負擔。



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St. James' Settlement 聖雅各福群會 HK\$138 million for redevelopment of Kennedy Road Welfare Centre over HK\$190 million donations in total since 1953

捐助一億三千八百萬港元 堅尼地道大樓重建計劃

自一九五三年共捐款 **超過一億九千萬港元**

Hong Kong Red Cross John F. Kennedy Centre 香港紅十字會甘迺迪中心 HK\$4.66 million for a new footbridge spanning two campuses

捐助四百六十六萬港元 為學校搭建一條有蓋行人天橋連貫 被行車路分隔的新翼和主樓

partner of SJS for more than half a century, and recently assigned funding of HK\$138 million to redevelop its Kennedy Road Welfare Centre. When completed around mid-2013, the new 15-storey building will be able to offer a range of new facilities such as a sheltered workshop and day activity training centre for the disabled, a dementia care service, a youth education and development centre and a health promotion hub for patients with chronic illnesses. Since 1953, the Club has donated over HK\$190 million in total to various SJS projects and programmes.

On some occasions, social welfare needs arise urgently and unexpectedly, especially in the case of accidents or natural disasters. To provide a faster means of getting support to those affected, the Club's Charities Trust established the Jockey Club Emergency Relief Fund in 2010. During the past year, in consultation with Social Welfare Department, it has made 19 different emergency grants ranging in value from HK\$20,000 to HK\$3.3 million to victims or family members of those affected by unforeseen tragedies, most notably the Fa Yuen Street fire in November 2011.

An organisation that has been providing humanitarian and emergency relief services in the city for more than 60 years is the Hong Kong Red Cross (HKRC). In 2011, the Club's Charities Trust approved an HK\$80 million donation to the organisation to build a new 11-storey headquarters in West Kowloon, replacing the outdated existing premises which have been in use for 45 years.

The new building will bring all the HKRC operations under one roof including its Blood Collection Centre, First Aid & Health Training Centre, Volunteer Development and Activities Centre, Humanitarian Education Centre and Emergency Response Unit, benefiting over 400,000 local residents each year. The Club's total donations to HKRC since 1951 now exceed HK\$200 million.

The Club also believes that when urgent needs require to be met, its contributions should not be confined by frontiers. Since the early 1990s, the Club has made numerous emergency donations to help victims of natural disasters in Mainland China, Taiwan and South-east Asia. It has also organised public fund-raising drives where appropriate through its racecourses, clubhouses and Off-Course Betting Branches.

In 2008, when a massive earthquake in China's Sichuan province killed some 80,000 people and left millions more homeless, reducing many schools, hospitals and sports facilities to rubble, the Club went a stage further still. Besides making an immediate relief donation of HK\$30 million and organising a public fund-raising drive that raised a further HK\$9.5 million, it pledged an unprecedented HK\$1 billion towards reconstruction projects in the worst-affected areas.

Since then seven reconstruction projects have been implemented, all

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八千萬港元 指助卿建新總部大樓,每

捐助興建新總部大樓,每年為超過 四十萬名市民提供服務

一九五一年至今捐款 **逾二億港元**

Jockey Club Emergency Relief Fund 賽馬會緊急援助基金 19 different emergency grants last year, ranging from HK\$20,000 t0 HK\$3.3 million

去年向十九個緊急個案 **分別發放二萬至三百三十萬港元** 緊急援助金



Sichuan earthquake 四川省地震

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HK\$9.5 million from a public fund-raising drive organised by the Club

HK\$1 billion

towards reconstruction projects

即時捐款三千萬港元

動員公眾籌得 **九百五十萬港元賑災善款**

撥備十億港元 開展重建項目 熱心服務香港貧苦大眾的聖 雅各福群會,與馬會合作逾半個 世紀。最近,該會再獲馬會捐助 一億三千八百萬港元,進行堅尼地 道大樓重建計劃。整項工程預計二 〇一三年中竣工,重建後的堅尼地 道大樓將樓高十五層,讓聖雅各福 群會可開展更多服務,如復康人士

職業訓練工作室、日間訓練中心、腦退化症患者支援中 心、青年支援及發展中心及長期病患者健康推廣中心。馬 會自一九五三年共捐款超過一億九千萬港元予聖雅各福群 會,推行多個項目。

突如其來的變故,如意外或天然災害,令緊急支援刻 不容緩。為了更有效率及彈性地支援緊急危難個案,馬會 慈善信託基金於二〇一〇年成立賽馬會緊急援助基金。過 去一年,基金在社會福利署協助下共捐助十九個緊急個 案,發放金額由二萬至三百三十萬港元,以協助不幸事故 的受害者或家屬,其中包括二〇一一年十一月造成多人傷 亡的花園街大火。

為香港提供人道及緊急援助服務逾六十年的香港紅十 字會,於二〇一一年獲馬會捐助八千萬港元,支持其興建 新總部大樓部分工程費用。位於西九龍的新總部樓高十一 層,將取代已有四十五年歷史的舊總部大樓。

新大樓內設捐血站、急救及健康護理訓練中心、義工 發展及活動中心、人道教育中心及緊急救援資源中心,每 年為超過四十萬名市民提供一站式服務。馬會與香港紅十 字會的夥伴關係始於一九五一年,至今共捐款逾二億港元 支持該會的工作。

馬會深信一方有難,八方支援,樂道善行的使命,不 應受地域所限。自一九九〇年代初,馬會已屢次捐款賑濟 中國大陸、台灣及東南亞天災的災民。馬會亦曾於轄下馬 場、會所及場外投注處組織公眾募捐活動,宏揚關愛善心。

二〇〇八年,一場無情地震令中國四川省八萬居民喪失寶貴生命, 數百萬人流離失所,無數學校、醫院和體育設施被夷為平地。馬會立即 當仁不讓,以賑災援建為己任。除即時捐款三千萬港元及動員公眾籌得 九百五十萬港元賑災善款外,馬會更破天荒撥備十億港元,予受災最嚴 重的地區開展重建項目。

至今,共七項緩建工程已經展開,並相繼落成或接近竣工階段。馬會 認為恢復和優化教育及醫療服務,同時協助國家為應付未來災害作好準 備,及對災後管理和重建進行研究,是災區當務之急,七個援建項目亦 按此原則挑選。除硬件設施外,馬會更為災區籌劃復康及災後救援人才 的軟件培訓。

透過七項援建工程,馬會不僅協助四川持續發展,更希望為全國發展 立下楷模,可見馬會關愛為懷的行善決心長流不息,澤及四海。

of which are now completed or close to completion. In selecting the seven projects, the Club put a priority on restoring and upgrading education and medical services in the quake-stricken areas, while helping the nation prepare better for future natural disasters by driving research into disaster management and reconstruction. The Club has also taken care to ensure that as well as providing new hardware, it puts appropriate software in place in such areas as staff training in rehabilitation care and disaster response.

Through these seven projects, the Club aims not only to contribute to the sustainable development of Sichuan but also to set models for the whole nation. Far from diminishing, its commitment to care now reaches further afield than ever.



