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## "DREAMS COME TRUE": HSBC VOLUNTEERS HELP VULNERABLE GROUPS

"Share Your Dreams Exhibition" Held at HSBC Main Building Volunteers Completed 11,150 Hours of Service Despite COVID-19

Over 200 HSBC volunteers have helped nearly 40 elderly people and children with disabilities or rare diseases share their dreams, including through an exhibition at the HSBC Main Building in Central last Friday.

The "Share Your Dreams Exhibition" featured traditional Chinese painting styles, oil paintings, handicrafts made of recycled materials and a collection of anniversary wedding photos created by four seniors in their 70s. The exhibition idea came from one of the beneficiaries whose dream was to display her artworks at the iconic HSBC Main Building.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the exhibition, **Peter WONG**, **Chairman**, **The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited**, **and The Hongkong Bank Foundation**, said, "Throughout our 157-year history in Hong Kong, we have worked to support and give back to the community. Hong Kong's greatness is built on dreams, and we are proud to help these special people share their dreams here. And I'd like to thank my colleagues and our NGO partners: volunteering is in our DNA and every year thousands of HSBC employees donate their time and energy to make Hong Kong a better place for everybody. Despite COVID-19, our colleagues have donated 11,150 hours of volunteer service since 2020."

David LIAO and Surendra ROSHA, Co-Chief Executives, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, and Luanne LIM, Chief Executive, Hong Kong, HSBC, also attended the exhibition to show their support.

The "Share Your Dreams Exhibition" is part of a 18-month volunteering programme called "Share Your Dreams", which is a joint effort between The Hongkong Bank Foundation and the Agency for Volunteer Service (AVS) to enhance the wellbeing of the beneficiaries through realising their dreams.

AVS identified the beneficiaries in partnership with district groups. HSBC volunteers were assigned to work on different dreams with the beneficiaries under the guidance of AVS. "Share Your Dreams" is one of the 10 signature projects to mark the 40th anniversary of The Hongkong Bank Foundation in 2021.

The HSBC Volunteers Scheme (formerly known as Wayfoong Volunteers Scheme) was officially established in 1993. To date, HSBC volunteers have contributed over one million hours to serve disadvantaged communities, mentor young people and respond to environmental issues. They have become a core element of the Bank's charitable work.

Recently, over 300 employees have registered as mentors at the Strive and Rise Programme launched by the HKSAR Government. They will participate in a series of activities designed for disadvantaged students.

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## Note to editors:

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Peter WONG, Chairman, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, and The Hongkong Bank Foundation (back row, third from right), David LIAO (back row, third from left) and Surendra ROSHA (back row, second from left), Co-Chief Executives, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, and Luanne LIM. Chief

Executive, Hong Kong, HSBC (back row, second from right), officiated the "Share Your Dreams Exhibition" organised by HSBC volunteers.



The "Share Your Dreams Exhibition" featured artwork from four seniors in their 70s. The HSBC executives joined the guided tour led by beneficiaries.

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