



Hong Kong Children's Symphony Orchestra



Cheers! We are grateful to have a talented troupe of budding musicians visiting our office. Photo shows our Director Mr Owin Fung (front row, fifth right) with members of the orchestra.

Our office was livened up upon the visit of a group of close to 70 members of Hong Kong Children's Symphony Orchestra (HKCSO) on August 7. Extending a warm welcome, our Director briefed them on the work of ETO and the latest ASEAN developments. Two young talented violinists, Tiffany and Chloe, showcased their musical flair in live gigs that captivated all the audience at scene. They were part of HK's promising and talented young generation who knew dedication and perseverance, from a young age, were crucial to musical success. Founded in 1996 by Dr Yip Wai-hong, HKCSO recruits members aged 7 to 18 through highly competitive open auditions for the opportunity to learn under the baton of Maestro Yip Wing-Sie.

Since 2001, it has been mesmerizing global audiences through concert tours around the world. The orchestra staged a public performance in Victoria Concert Hall and attended master classes at Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music in Singapore, before returning to HK to stage a post-tour concert in mid August at the Hong Kong City Hall.



Talented members of the HKCSO - Tiffany Li (left) and Chloe Chan (right) showcasing a violin performance



(Photos above) Young member of HKCSO sharing his thoughts and experiences in the Singapore trip.



HKCSO's public performance at Victoria Concert Hall



Mr Owin Fung (second right with microphone) briefed Islands District Council members on the cultural events organised by HKETO to promote people-to-people ties.



The Islands District Council members were interested to learn about the membership of ASEAN which now consists of 10 countries, with East Timor becoming the 11th member in near future.

Islands District Council

Our office welcomed 10 members of the Islands District Council led by its chairman Mr Randy Yu and accompanied by Assistant District Officer (Islands) Mr Thomas Li in August. They were visiting Singapore in a study trip calling on various Singapore authorities including the National Parks Board, Land Transport Authority, Housing Development Board and Public Utilities Board. In their visit to our office, our Director, Mr Owin Fung, briefed them on the relationship between Hong Kong and ASEAN, HKETO's work on attracting talents and businesses into HK, as well as the ASEAN internship scheme for Hong Kong higher education students. He also emphasised the strong alliance with other ETOs as we take forward our promotional work in ASEAN, and addressed various members' questions on the socio-economic developments in ASEAN.



Members of HKCSO enjoying their tea session with local delights.

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