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總裁的話

子曰：「七十而從心所欲不踰矩。」孔子說這句話的意思是指七十歲能隨心所欲而不越出規矩。我想借用這句話的寓意來慶祝香港明愛，服務社群七十載。香港明愛創立至今，一直秉承明愛的初心和服務的重心，與各方同心付出關心和愛心，為社會上有需要的人照亮前路，帶來希望。

今年是香港明愛成立七十年，我們特別創作了一句口號：「關愛同行七十載，燃亮希望照未來。」縱然社會經濟不斷發展，科技一日千里，我們深信在社會裡仍然在不少黑暗的角落，有著憂傷、失落、無靠、被忽略的一群，需要與他們手牽手、心連心，關愛同行，為他們劃破黑暗，燃點希望，共創未來。

所謂：「前人種樹，後人乘涼。」感謝七十年來在明愛努力耕耘的前輩和同工，以及無私的支持者和義工，你們所付出的一切心力和捐助，造就了今天的明愛。

在此，我要特別感謝已故的楊鳴章主教，他生前十分重視年青人的發展和教育，因而在教育領域播下了一顆別具意義的種子——提升明愛專上學院成為首間天主教營辦的大學。整個籌備過程，儼如經歷寒冬一樣，異常艱辛。在有限的資源和人力情況下，慶幸得到明愛同工和明愛專上學院一眾教授及職員團隊的堅持努力，並蒙上主眷顧，派來很多「天使」，包括熱心教友和善長，在他們無私和不懈支持和慷慨解囊下，這顆種子慢慢發芽滋長，終於在2024年1月開花結果。明愛專上學院獲行政長官會同行政會議批准，授予大學名銜，並取名聖方濟各大學 (Saint Francis University)。這是明愛成立七十周年，上主賜予我們一份極其美好的禮物。

展望未來的歲月，我們必須洞察當今社會的改變及需要，作出合適的調較，提供更佳、更適切的服務。服務非以「量」，而是以「質」為準則，並因著信靠主基督的愛，堅持以愛服務弱勢社群，為他們締造希望，共建未來。

讓我們繼續傳承先人的智慧，努力不懈地開拓新的視野，一起承擔使命，落實地為更多有需要的弟兄姊妹提供適切的服務，努力為明天而奮鬥。



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Message from the Chief Executive

Confucius said, “One follows his heart at seventy, without overstepping the bounds”, which denotes that with the experience and knowledge gained over the years, one could get his own way. I would like to borrow the wisdom of this saying to congratulate the 70th anniversary of Caritas – Hong Kong. Since her establishment, Caritas – Hong Kong has long been abiding by the original intent, placing emphasis on the quality of service and collaborating with people in different societal sectors in offering love and care to the needy in society in order to illuminate the way ahead and bring hope to them.

Caritas – Hong Kong is celebrating her 70th anniversary this year. We have created a slogan for this special occasion: “Walking together with love. Lighting up the future with hope.” Despite socioeconomic growth and technological advancement, we believe deep in our heart that there are still hidden in different corners of society the neglected ones who need our love and care. Let us walk with them hand in hand, heart to heart, and work together to light up the darkness for a brighter future filled with hope.

As said in the Chinese proverb, “Forefathers planted trees for future generations to enjoy the shade”. The selfless devotion of our predecessors and colleagues, coupled with the relentless support of our patrons and volunteers throughout these years, their conscientious support and donation have contributed to make Caritas – Hong Kong what we are today.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the late Bishop Michael Yeung, who always emphasized the importance of development and education of young people. Therefore, he sowed a seed with special meaning in the education field, that is, promoting Caritas Institute of Higher Education to become the first University operated by the Catholic Church in Hong Kong. With our limited resources and manpower, the preparation work was as arduous as enduring a severe winter. The goal could not have been achieved without the hard work and perseverance of our fellow colleagues, professors and teaching teams of the Institute. Thanks to the blessings of our Lord, many “angels” including parishioners and donors were sent to give generous and selfless support. The “seed” sprouted and finally bloomed in January 2024. Subsequent to the approval by the Chief Executive-in-Council, the Institute was conferred with the title of an University and was renamed as Saint Francis University. This is a wonderful gift from the Lord in our celebration of the 70th anniversary of Caritas – Hong Kong.

In planning for the future, we have to keep pace with the changes and needs of society so as to make appropriate adjustments for better and more suitable services. Our focus should be on service quality instead of quantity. With our faith in the love of Lord Jesus, we insist on serving the underprivileged with love and building for them a better future filled with hope.

Let us continue to pass on the wisdom of our predecessors and widen our horizons in fulfilling the missions entrusted to us. Together, we are committed to providing more suitable services for our brothers and sisters in need, and to strive for a better tomorrow.

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