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### IS THERE ANY HOPE?

# Education for Refugees in Hong Kong

### WHO IS A REFUGEE?

A refugee is a person outside their country of nationality with a well-founded fear of persecution. They cannot return home without risk of extreme violations of their human rights, including torture or even death.

**1%**Else-

where

8%
Africa
&
Middle

88% South Asia

#### **Countries of Origin**

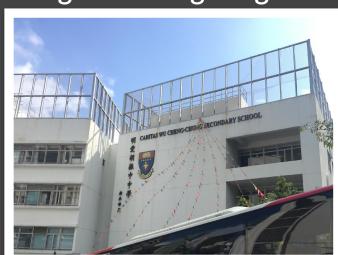
Central

Asia & East Europe

There are currently over 11,500 refugees and asylum seekers in Hong Kong



HKU SERVICE 100 FAIR Raising awareness about refugees in Hong Kong



REGULAR SCHOOL VISITS
Partnership with Caritas Wu
C.C. Secondary School

### LIFE AS A REFUGEE IN HONG KONG

"Refugees
often face
discrimination
and alienation in
Hong Kong."

"Refugees cannot work in Hong Kong unless special permission is granted."

"Protection and torture claims can often take as long as 10 years to process. The wait is very long."

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Humanitarian Needs



Mental Health Support



Community Representation



### **EDUCATION & TRAINING**



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**ENGLISH CLASSES** 

In partnership with British
Council

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PLAYGROUP

To help children learn healthy interactions with others

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HOMEWORK SUPPORT
Assistance in difficult subjects, like
Chinese and mathematics

WOMEN'S GROUP
Empowerment through arts and sports for well-being

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SCHOOL VISITS
Help students with school search

and application

### MAJOR TAKEAWAYS

**CORE SERVICES** 



REMEMBER

Being a refugee is not a choice. It can happen to anyone

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UNDERSTAND

Educate yourself about refugees and their situation

PARTICIPATE
Participate in fundraising and awareness campaigns

SUPPORT
Support refuge

Support refugees and their children to overcome hurdles



**Education statistics of 2015:** 

Over 5,300 attendances facilitated to various classes and activities 80 children provided with financial support to attend schools

### THERE IS HOPE.

Education is the hope for refugees.

Sources:
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UNHCR Hong Kong (www.unhcr.org/hk/)
Justice Centre (www.justicecentre.org.hk/facts/)







