

Hong Kong Freemasons' Annual Charity Appeal 2013/14



Each year the District Grand Lodge of Hong Kong & Far East English Constitution, The District Grand Lodge of The Far East Scottish Constitution and the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Far East Irish Constitution conjointly invites applications to registered local charitable organizations to seek financial assistance for their community projects.

In 2013 five local charities requested financial assistance toward their community work.

'Helping Hand' charity established in 1978 constructed and operate three elderly homes for residents who are more mobile and three elderly homes for residents who need daily care.

One Care and Attention home offers integrated services including a dementia unit. One of the elderly homes is situated in China. The capacity of the elderly residents in the six homes is 800.

Helping Hand requested financial assistance to undertake renovation works to three of the elderly homes.

After considering other charity bids Helping Hand's bid was selected for the Annual Freemasons Charity Appeal 2013.

The two Districts and the Province takes turn in steering raising fund efforts for the charity appeal target sum. In 2013 it was the Provincial Grand Lodge turn to steer the fund raising efforts.

The conclusion of the Freemasons' Charity Annual Appeal 2013 fund raising was held on 15 March 2014 at the Irish Masonic Ball at the Jockey Club in Hong Kong Island when one hundred and fifty ladies, members and friends were present to witness Dr. Brendan Bong Provincial Grand Master of the Far East present a cheque amounting to HKD\$1,041,540 to Mrs. Lena Harilela a representative and Executive Board member of Helping Hand.

Photos at the Irish Masonic Ball 15 March 2014 Freemasons Annual Charity Appeal Cheque Presentation:

1. Mrs. Lena Harilela Helping Hand Executive Board Member and Mr. Brian Coak a Founder of Helping Hand Charity.
2. Mr. Luke Harilela & Mrs Lena Harilela & Mr. Brian Coak.



3. Presentation of Cheque by Dr. Brendan Bong Provincial Grand Master together with the Heads of Sister Constitutions.

