Social Service Summer Camp Reflection

After the six-day summer camp, I have learnt a lot. For instance, I have a better understanding towards the left-behind children problem in China after this trip. Although it was taught in secondary school, I never understand the seriousness of this issue. On the second day of teaching which have the craft section, I asked the kids to draw or say something to their parents. It turned out that many children said they missed their parents as they left the hometown to go to city to work. I was deeply touched by this because the greatest dream of the children in Wang Dong is just seeing their parents, which is not a big problem in Hong Kong. This make me to treasure the relationship with my parents more.

Another thing I have learnt is the ease of happiness. In Hong Kong, such a materialized city, people have rich material life and they demand a lot to achieve happiness. On the other hand, happiness is easy to be found among the children in Wang Dong. I remembered on the first day after the lesson, we played with the children till late. The children showed happiness and they were easy to be fulfilled, just have a playtime is enough. Looking back in Hong Kong, it is hard to find children smiling as they are frustrated by many stuffs such as academic results. This make me realize the value of education. Education is supposed to be enjoyable for students to learn new things. However, it goes astray in Hong Kong which is result-oriented and spoon-feeding. It is good to let children to learn more academic knowledge, but should it be achieved by sacrificing the childhood? This is the question we should all think of.

Speaking of improvement, I think the number of days of teaching can be extended ad 2 days of teaching is very limited for us to experience teaching. Besides, this summer camp needs to have a more thorough planning as there are many sudden incidents throughout the trip and there is no backup plan. Therefore, it is suggested to have better planning in order to secure the participants.