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NEWSLETTER

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Support Service Centre for Ethnic Minorities

Summer is here, and what better way to celebrate? It is getting a party together! We cordially invite you to have a look through our newsletter covering exciting and educational upcoming activities that will be held from August 2023 to October 2023.



You may also check out our website www.hkcenlink.hk and follow us on our Facebook page [Hong Kong Community Network-Link Centre](https://www.facebook.com/HongKongCommunityNetwork-LinkCentre) for more information.





PROGRAMME SCHEDULE 活動時間表*



Programme	Date	Time	Venue	Staff
Courses 課程 पाठ्यक्रम کورسز				
Elementary Chinese Course (4)	05/08/2023-12/08/2023 (Every SAT)	4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.	LINK Centre	Whitney
Intermediate Chinese Course (3)	30/07/2023- 17/09/2023 (Every SUN)	2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.		
Advanced Chinese Course (2)	03/08/2023- 21/09/2023 (Every THUR)	2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.		
Elementary English Course (2)	04/08/2023- 08/09/2023 (Every FRI)	2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.		
Intermediate English Course (2)	01/08/2023- 03/10/2023 (Every TUE)	2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.		
Intermediate English Course (3)	02/08/2023- 04/10/2023 (Every WED)	2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.		
Advanced English Course (3)	05/08/2023- 12/08/2023 (Every SAT)	12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.		
Advanced English Course (4)	19/08/2023- 28/10/2023 (Every SAT)	12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.		
Summer Tutorial Class (K3-P3)	July to August (Every TUE-THUR)	4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.		
Summer Tutorial Class (P4-P6)	July to August (Every TUE-THUR)	4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.		
Summer Tutorial Class (S1-S6)	July to August (Every TUE-THUR)	4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.		
Tutorial Class (K3-P3)	September to October (Every TUE-THUR)	4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.		
Orientation and Familiarisation Programmes 迎新及融入活動 भिमुखीकरण र एकीकरण गतिविधिहरू واقفیت اور انضمام کی سرگرمیاں				
'My History Tour"- Jamia Mosque	20/08/2023 (SUN)	1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Central	Snow
'My History Tour"- Happy Valley Hindu Temple	09/09/2023 (SAT)	1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Happy Valley	
Interactive Family Cantonese Fun (7)	13/08, 20/08, 27/08 & 03/09/2023 (SUN)	11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	LINK Centre	Kusum
Interactive Family Cantonese Fun (8)	10/09, 17/09, 24/09 & 08/10/2023 (SUN)	11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	LINK Centre	
Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students	22/09/2023 (FRI)	2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.	LINK Centre	Gigi
Other latest information on resources & education system	13/10/2023 (FRI)	2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.	LINK Centre	
Eligibility criteria and online application guidance	13/10/2023 (FRI)	2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.	LINK Centre	
Explore Long Ping Organic Farm	07/10/2023 (SAT)	1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Yuen Long	
Useful Government Apps Class	05/09,12/09,19/09 & 26/09/2023 (TUE)	2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.	LINK Centre	
Integration Programmes 共融活動 कर्मचारी परिचय انضمام پروگرام				
Parent-child Toy Design Competition	19/08/2023 (SAT)	1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.	LINK Centre	Snow
Introduction on iAM Smart App	10/08/2023 (THU)	2:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.	LINK Centre	Kiran
Family Day trip to Tai Tong Organic ECO PARK	12/08/2023 (SAT)	9:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Yuen Long	
Visit to Space Museum	26/08/2023 (SAT)	12:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.	Tsim Sha Tsui	
Health Talk	10/08/2023 (THU)	2:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.	LINK Centre	
Fire Safety Talk	20/09/2023 (WED)	2:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.	LINK Centre	
Cultural Tour- Wan Chai Mosque	20/08/2023 (SUN)	2:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Wan Chai	
Cultural Tour- Chung King Mansion	23/09/2023 (SAT)	2:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Tsim Sha Tsui	
Cultural Ambassador Training (3)	01/08,03/08,08/08 & 10/08/2023 (TUE & THU)	2:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.	LINK Centre	
Celebrating Pakistan Independence Day	13/08/2023 (SUN)	2:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.	LINK Centre	
Multi-cultural Carnival	16/09/2023 (SAT)	1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Citywalk 2	

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Value-added Programmes 增潤活動 मोडस्चराइजिड गतिविधिहरू मونسप्राइजिंग सरग्रमिया

Summer Programmes (2) Chinese Story Telling	12/08, 19/08, 26/08, 02/09, 09/09, 16/09, 23/09 & 07/10/2023 (SAT)	3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	LINK Centre	Kusum
Summer Programmes (2) Electronic Game Competition	12/08, 19/08, 26/08, 02/09, 09/09, 16/09, 23/09 & 07/10/2023 (SAT)	3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	LINK Centre	
Summer Programmes (2) Group Games	13/08, 20/08, 27/08, 03/09, 10/09, 17/09, 24/09 & 08/10/2023 (SUN)	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	LINK Centre	
Summer Programmes (2) Children's Movie	13/08, 20/08, 27/08, 03/09, 10/09, 17/09, 24/09 & 08/10/2023 (SUN)	12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	LINK Centre	
Mental Wellness Ambassador (2)	19/08/2023 (SAT)	12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	LINK Centre	
Summer Camp 2- bamboo forest, baking, Island Exploration	06/08, 13/08, 20/08/2023 (SUN)	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Various locations	Dora
Nature Explorer- Solar Visit & Beach Day	19/08/2023 (SAT)	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Mui Wo	

Youth Programmes 青少年活動 वा कार्यक्रम के लिये प्रोग्राम नोजवानों के लिये

Youth Mutual Support Group (3)	26/08, 02/09, 09/09, 16/09, 23/09 & 07/10/2023 (SAT)	2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	LINK Centre	Kusum
Developmental Interest Class (17)- Art Classes For All	02/09, 09/09, 16/09 & 23/09/2023 (SAT)	3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	LINK Centre	
Developmental Interest Class (18)- Bollywood Dance Class	03/09, 10/09, 17/09 & 24/09/2023 (SUN)	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	LINK Centre	
First-Aid Training (4)	12/08/2023 (SAT)	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	LINK Centre	
Advanced STEM Class	10/09, 16/09, 17/09 & 23/09/23 (SAT & SUN)	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	LINK Centre	Snow
Youth Ambassador Programme	12/08, 19/08 & 26/08/2023 (SAT)	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	LINK Centre	
Woodball Experience Day	13/08/2023 (SUN)	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	LINK Centre	
Beach Volleyball Day	10/09/2023 (SUN)	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Lido Beach	
Floor Curling experience day	08/10/2023 (SUN)	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	LINK Centre	
Moon Festival Quiz	24/09/2023 (SUN)	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	LINK Centre	
Kayaking	27/08/2023 (SUN)	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Tai Mei Tuk	
Shuttlecock Competition	17/09/2023 (SUN)	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	LINK Centre	
Art Featured-Activity- M+ Learning	23/08/2023 (WED)	9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	M+	
Developmental Interest Class- African Drum	29/08, 05/09, 10/09 & 12/09/2023 (TUE & SUN)	7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Mong Kok	Dora
Hong Kong in My Eyes: Youth Union Action Photography Exhibition	09/09/2023 - 15/09/2023 (SAT-FRI)	10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.	The Mills	
Hong Kong in My Eyes: Youth Union Action Photography Exhibition & Ceremony	16/09/2023 & 17/09/2023 (SAT & SUN)	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	City walk 2	
Volunteer Training- Input and practicum workshop	17/09/2023 & 24/09/2023 (SUN)	1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	LINK Centre	Gigi
Centre programme volunteering service	07/10/2023 & 14/10/2023 (SAT)	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	LINK Centre & Outdoor	
Community Outreach- Interactive activities	21/10/2023 (SAT)	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Island (TBC)	
Super Sport Park	30/09/2023 (SAT)	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Olympics	Kiran

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CENTRE INTRODUCTION 中心簡介 केन्द्र जानकारी مرکز کا تعارف

LINK Centre serves as a “Service Station” to assist Ethnic Minorities to overcome the difficulties arising from adapting to life in Hong Kong. The Centre aims to facilitate Ethnic Minorities to integrate into the community, enable them to have equal access to public services and, enhance young Ethnic Minorities to unfold their potential as well as develop their well-being.



OBJECTIVES 目標

To Assist Ethnic Minorities to:

- Break the language barrier and encourage them to interact with local people
- Build up capacity and improve employability
- Build up social network and gain access to public resources
- Adapt to multi-cultural environment and to achieve social integration



SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS UNDER INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS 惡劣天氣指引

चक्र मौसम परिस्थितिहरू अन्तर्गत विशेष व्यवस्था

سرکاری معلوماں انکلمنٹ موسم کی شرائط کے تحت خصوصی انتظامات

Weather Condition	Centre Service	Indoor Activities	General Outdoor Activities
Typhoon Signal No.1	✓	✓	✗
Typhoon Signal No.3	✓	✓/✗	✗
Typhoon Signal No.8 or above	✗	✗	✗
Amber / Red Rainstorm Warning	✓	✓/✗	✗
Black Rainstorm Warning	✗	✗	✗
Thunderstorm Warning	✓	✓	✗
✓ Will be continued and opened ✓/✗ Depends on weather conditions ✗ Cancelled or postponed			



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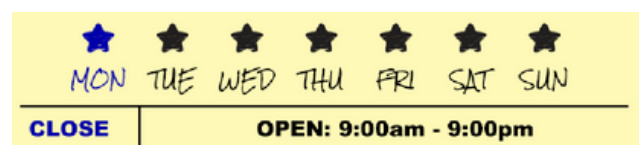
Transportation :

MTR - Kwai Hing Station Exit A

Bus - 31M, 32M, 36A, 36M, 38A, 40, 40X, 43A, 46P, 46X,
47X, 57M, 59A, 61M, 67M, 235M, 260C, 935, E32

Opening Hours :

Tuesdays-Sundays (9am-9pm)**Mondays & public holidays closed





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HOME VISIT

OUR SOCIAL WORKER, ACCOMPANIED BY
NON-CHINESE LANGUAGE-SPEAKING
STAFF, CONDUCTS HOME VISITS
REGULARLY TO SHOW SUPPORT AND CARE
TO NON-CHINESE FAMILIES.

EASY JOB SEARCH 搵工易

THROUGH THIS VACANCY SEARCH TERMINAL (VST) IN
THE RECEPTION AREA AT LINK CENTRE, JOB SEEKERS CAN
NOW ACCESS TO THE VACANCY DATA BASE OF LABOUR
DEPARTMENT FAST AND EVEN PRINT OUT THE SELECTED
VACANCY JOB SHEETS INSTANTLY.



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PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS 焦點活動
कार्यक्रम हाइलाइटहरू प्रोग्राम की जहेल

INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES



BUBBLE SOCCER



ROLLER SKATING



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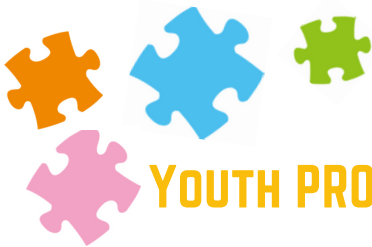


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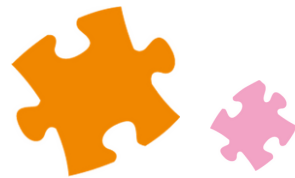
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PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS 焦點活動

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YOUTH PROGRAMMES



GOVERNMENT CORNER

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Statutory Minimum Wage

Statutory Minimum Wage \$40 per hour

The Statutory Minimum Wage (SMW) rate is raised to **\$40 per hour** with effect from **1 May 2023**.

If 1 May 2023 falls within a wage period of an employee, the SMW rate of \$40 only applies to any hour worked on or after 1 May 2023 in calculating minimum wage for that wage period.

The monetary cap on the requirement of employers recording the total number of hours worked by employees is also revised to **\$16,300 per month** with effect from **1 May 2023**.

For details about SMW, please refer to SMW reference guidelines published by the Labour Department.

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Exclusive Interview - Sahal Zaman

When you were 11 years old, you may want to become a doctor, teacher, or whatever you were so desired, but you would not know whether your dream could come true or not, just like Sahal Zaman, who is now known as one of the famous child actors after winning the best new performer at the Hong Kong Film Awards, did not imagine himself getting into the film industry at a young age.

When Sahal was 4 years old, he immigrated from Pakistan to Hong Kong with his family. He was new to the city, so he felt the formalities were a bit difficult to follow. He has been studying at Chinese Missionary Society Hui Tai Tung School (中華傳道會許大同學校) since 2018. He also joined the tutorial class at LINK Centre, which provides support services to ethnic minorities in Hong Kong, when he was in primary 1. He made a lot of friends and had a lot of fun, and even joined some activities organised by the Centre. LINK Centre also provides outings, and Sahal would participate without hesitation, which allow him to explore Hong Kong and add some adventure elements to his life. He has developed a love of sports, mainly football, as well as his studies! Sahal is a devoted Muslim and goes to pray almost every day, so he may not be as free as you think.

One day, while Sahal spent his after-school hours doing homework and having fun at the Centre, he noticed that the crew members of "The Sunny Side of the Street" sought a young actor who could speak both Urdu and Cantonese fluently. Sahal attended the audition and was selected to play the role of Hassan, a Pakistani refugee boy in the movie. This was where Sahal began his acting journey.

Eventually, Sahal's performance in the movie grabbed the audience's attention, leading him to be the first South Asian actor to be nominated for the best new performer at the Taiwan's Golden Horse Awards, and won the best new performer award at the 41st Hong Kong Film Awards. In addition, he won the best new actor award at the 2022 Hong Kong Film Directors Guild Awards.

Sahal said, "I was very happy but very nervous as well. There is a different kind of pressure when speaking on stage as I have to be very cautious and not to say anything wrong or inappropriate." He was shocked to find out that he was the first Pakistani, let alone South Asian, to win an acting award in Hong Kong. Sahal never thought that he would ever act in a movie. The only reason he joined the acting was to play and have some fun. If possible, he wants to act more! Sahal also wanted to share the experience of working in the film industry to those who would like to try out acting. "There is a lot of interaction and communication with the other actors and crew members. Memorisation of script is also very important. You may also have to retake different scenes from different angles which could make you tired. Some difficulties you may come across are the number of lines to memorise, the amount of movements, and the lights which make you sweat a lot. However, if you keep fighting and work hard with perseverance, you will be generously rewarded!"

As of today, Sahal believes that acting is truly enjoyable, but he does not want to pursue a career in acting at this moment. For now, he just wants to enjoy being a kid and have fun with his friends and family. He plans to embark on his own life journey and possibly enjoy his leisure time at the place where it all started, LINK Centre. "The Centre provided me with opportunities to develop my skills and learn a lot of new things, and I would like to continue to learn and grow up at the Centre," Sahal said.

