

Strive and Rise

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[Sharon Chang] Removing a lot of weeds was fun. While doing it, the vines got stuck, but when I tried harder I could do it.

[Text on screen] Strive and Rise

[WWF Staff] This whole stem is the weed.

[Luanne Lim] The Strive and Rise programme is a city-wide mentoring project and as one of the largest employers in Hong Kong, this programme is an important part of our community partnership across HSBC.

[William Chiu] The Strive and Rise programme is an important government initiative which aims to help young people of Hong Kong, especially those from financially deprived communities, and really help these young people connect to opportunities through mentorship programmes to develop their career aspirations and also to help look at their future more positively.

[Sharon Chang] I saw a message on TV saying the Strive and Rise programme can help me improve my abilities, so I signed up.

[Sally Pang] I hope she can broaden her horizons and find out what she really likes, and what she might look for in a career in the future. I hope she can look ahead and get to know what she is good at.

[Luanne Lim] We have chosen to focus on the youth of today because they are our future. It is important to nurture the next generation and support them in acquiring the skills that will enable them to prosper and to play a fulfilling role in business and in our society.

[William Chiu] We would like some of these mentees to visit HSBC and to visit our workplace and really understand what it is like to be working for an organisation like HSBC.

[Daisy Lam] When my job involved meeting clients, I would bring people here.

[William Chiu] HSBC volunteers should be taking the mentees to interesting and inspiring activities so that the mentees would broaden their horizon, learn about a range of other different things, and connect with people from all walks of life.

[Daisy Lam] The most important thing is to help young people to think positively.

I really want to do something for society. I hope I can play a role with the Strive and Rise programme, help my mentee, at least give her some ideas for how her life could develop.

[Luanne Lim] Our next generation needs to know that Hong Kong is full of opportunities and those opportunities are open to all.

[Leer Yang] If it's possible when I grow up, I will also help young people like Daisy is doing. To encourage them to study harder, see and visit places they want. Because the world is big. Go exploring. Fortune favours the prepared mind.

[Daisy Lam] Yes! I always encourage her to strive for opportunities. Prepare first and equip yourself, and then, when you have an opportunity, you can seize it.