

The Celebration of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

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3 non-profit organisations teamed up for a joint celebration of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on the 12th March, 2016 at Tamar Park. The highlight of the celebration included a concert from people of different races, a Human Library, and other activities.

We Care, an NGO aimed at social inclusion; Hong Kong Unison, an NGO dedicated to serving ethnic minority residents; and Section Juan, a Filipino youth association organised the event “IN.VISIBLE. Be in. Be visible!”

The concert featured performances from the Unsung Heroes, a choir composed of foreign domestic workers; Interzone Collective; students from Hong Kong Taoist Association The Tuen Yuen Institute No.3 Secondary School, a school with students of mixed races; and members of the 68-year-old Hong Kong Musicians’ Union who performed a medley with instruments of different ethnic origins.

One of the secondary school performers, half Chinese and half Pakistani, mentioned her sole reason to come out and perform was “to enjoy every moment on stage performing for my school which has people of different nationalities and that is why our group is so diverse.”



The Human Library, an activity based out of Denmark, involves people with their personal tales as interactive “books.” The audience was given library cards that they could use to talk to some of the

“books” present. These “books” were ethnic minorities of Hong Kong who shared their stories whether they were of struggle or of triumph.



Dr. York Chow, Chairperson of the Equal Opportunities Commission was invited to officiate the opening ceremony during which he said, “I’m happy to see that this amphitheatre is more harmonious than the building next door,” referring to the surrounding government offices.

