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東華籌募文化

Tung Wah's Fundraising Culture

1870年3月30日,政府通過《華人醫院則例》,成立東華醫院,宗旨是以中醫中藥免費治療貧病華人。東華醫院首30年的營運經費主要來自政府的建院費用及一次性的營運基金、民間善款、銀

行定存利息及嘗舖租金收入等。民間善款募集可分為定期募捐和不定期募捐,定期募捐多來自總理及社會中、上層人士和商人,主要為應付醫院施藥、施棺等經常性開支;不定期募捐主要針對賑災、救濟難民等突發事件。



(左起) 1964年新馬師曾、陳錦棠、靚次伯、羅家權於粵劇義演後獲東華 頒贈錦旗。

(From left) Sun Ma Se Tsang, Chan Kam Tong, Lang Chi Pak and Law Kar Kuen receive silk banners from Tung Wah after preforming in the Charity Cantonese Opera in 1964.

東華為開拓善源,成立至今不斷舉辦不同的籌 募活動,由單一形式的總理和商號捐款,到配 合大眾娛樂而推出不同的籌款項目。東華的募 捐對象除商賈大亨外,還延伸至普羅大眾,逐 漸形成一種獨特的籌募文化。東華過去舉辦的 活動,如傳統戲曲義演、仿效西方嘉年華會的 遊藝大會等,除體現社會華洋共處

的特色外,亦反映東華的 籌款活動在內容及形式上 敢於創新,貼近香港人的 生活文化。



1957年東華在荔園遊樂場舉行一連20天的慈善遊藝大會,全體總理在會場門前合照。
Tung Wah organised a 20-day charity funfair in Lai Chi Kok Amusement Park in 1957. This photo shows all the directors at the main entrance of

On 30 March 1870, the government passed the *Chinese Hospital Incorporation Ordinance* in support of the founding of the Tung Wah Hospital to provide free Chinese medical treatment to impoverished

Chinese people. In the first 30 years after its founding, the operation of Tung Wah Hospital was largely funded by government subsidies of the construction costs and a one-off operating fund, donations from the public, interest earned from time-deposit bank accounts and rent received for its tenement properties. Donations were divided into two types: regular donations which came mostly from Tung Wah directors, merchants and members of the middle and upper classes, with the monies being used to cover running costs, such as paying for free medical treatment and coffins, and irregular donations which were collected to offer relief in response to emergencies, such as natural disasters and relief for victims.

In order to increase income for philanthropic purposes, Tung Wah has had a long history of raising funds through gala events and activities since its founding. They ranged from soliciting one-on-one donations from its directors and businesses to hosting fundraising entertainment shows for the general public. The targets of appeal included not only wealthy merchants but also members of the public. This gradually formed a unique fundraising culture. Past events organised by

Tung Wah, such as charity performances of traditional Chinese opera and Western-style funfairs show that its fundraising campaigns were innovative in content and form, and were relevant to the Hong Kong people's lifestyle and culture.



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1989年歡樂滿東華慈善晚會 Television show of Tung Wah Charity Gala in 1989



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創院初期的籌募工作 Early Fundraising Initiatives

《1878年度東華醫院徵信錄》內載各工行的捐款情況。 Annual Report of the Tung Wah Hospital, 1878, records the donations made by various industries and sectors.

隨着東華在海內外華人社會的聲望日增,除了 提供恆常服務外,每當國內外發生災禍,東華 必義不容辭協助救濟和參與災後的重建工作, 因此東華需具備充足的資源以維持日常營運。

除了把政府一次性的營運基金放銀行生息外[,] 東華早年的營運經費基本上是由每一屆董事

As Tung Wah's reputation grew among local and overseas Chinese communities, it not only offered regular services but also felt duty-bound to provide emergency relief and assist with reconstruction in the aftermath of calamities in Hong Kong, Mainland China and overseas countries. Therefore, sufficient resources were crucial to maintaining its day-to-day operation.



「神威普佑」牌匾為清光緒皇帝於1879年御賜・以表揚東華醫院募集巨款・ 協助賑濟華北地區的大旱災。

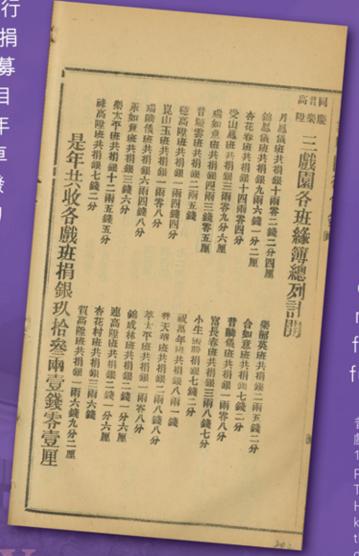
The plaque with the inscription "Shen Wei Pu You" was bestowed upon the Tung Wah Hospital in 1879 by Qing Emperor Guangxu to commend the hospital's fundraising efforts for the relief of a severe drought in North China.

In its early years, apart from earning interests from the one-off operating fund provided by the government, Tung Wah derived its operating funds mainly from each term of the board of directors, who either raised funds or made donations out of their own pockets. The major sources of income came from temple donations; donations from guilds, merchant associations,

directors or individuals; and fundraising campaigns at home and abroad. In times of economic stagnation, donations would decline substantially. Even though in later years, the government began to provide financial assistance to Tung Wah, the subsidies were far from adequate, and Tung Wah continued to rely on public donations to develop its services. By the late 19th century, Tung Wah had gained widespread recognition for its charity work. Its fundraising initiatives, such as door-to-door fundraising, were rather effective.

普樂(前身為昇平戲園)、同慶、高陞戲園是香港最早的三座 戲園,專門演出粵劇。早年東華在戲園存放緣簿(捐款冊), 1885年的《徵信錄》記有24個戲班捐款報效東華醫院。

Po Lok (formerly Sing Ping Theatre), Tung Hing and Ko Sing Theatres, built for Cantonese opera performances, were Hong Kong's earliest theatres. In the old days, Tung Wah kept a donation register at each of the theatres. According to the Annual Report in 1885, 24 Cantonese opera troupes had donated funds to the Tung Wah Hospital in that year.



EARLY FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES



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拓展及淪陷時期的籌募工作

Fundraising Initiatives during Tung Wah's Expansion and the Japanese Occupation

20世紀爾經籌及寓曲悉華麻平開初務加,景動入。為等的院公院東斯衛子等。為年屬局籌與別,等全華式眾中人,下在款願東華,於縣等,戲熟廣油太,演

戲籌款的先河。戲曲表演是東華最長壽的籌款項目之一,直到今天,不少粵劇紅伶依然樂意為東華義務演出。1930年代,全球金融動盪,香港經濟不景,募捐更見艱難。東華遂在1934年開辦賽馬彩票,又舉辦遊藝大會、萬善緣勝會、賣花籌款等活動,以開拓善源。

1941年,香港淪陷,東華的醫療救濟工作卻從未間斷,但籌募工作只限於總理認捐、賣旗籌款及沿門勸捐。賣花、賣旗都是仿效西方的募捐方法。東華舉行賣花籌款始於1935年,賣旗則可追溯至日治時期。為降低成本,東華在1967年後停止賣花籌款,但賣旗至今仍是東華



1930年東華醫院及救傷隊在利舞臺戲院演超群大集會籌款壹元券

One-dollar Charity Voucher for Theatre Fundraiser organised by the Tung Wah Hospital and St. John Ambulance at the Lee Theatre in 1930

In the early 20th century, Tung Wah continuously expanded the scope of its services. Meanwhile, as the global economy was sluggish, Tung Wah introduced popular elements to its fundraising initiatives and engaged members of the public to enjoy. Charity performances of Chinese opera were the best known. In 1913, the Kwong Wah Hospital, along with its affiliate Yau Ma Tei Public Dispensary, organised a charity Chinese opera performance in the Tai Ping Theatre; it was the first of its kind in the history of Tung Wah, and the beginning of one of its longest-standing fundraising initiatives. Even today, many renowned Cantonese opera artistes are delighted to perform in charity shows for Tung Wah. In the 1930s, Hong Kong's economy slumped in the midst of a global financial crisis, and fundraising became more difficult than ever. In light

of this, Tung Wah organised a charity sweepstake in 1934 and subsequently made a bid to increase its income by launching other fundraising initiatives, such as funfairs, the Yulan Festival Mass Rituals and charity flower sales.

In 1941, Hong Kong fell to Japan. Tung Wah continued to provide healthcare services and emergency relief to those in need but could only raise funds through donations from the directors, charity flag sales and door-to-door fundraising. Inspired by similar functions in the West, Tung Wah organised the first charity flower sale in 1935 and charity flag sales during the Japanese Occupation. But as the cost of flower sales was rather

high, the initiative ceased after 1967, while charity flag sales have remained one of Tung Wah's major fundraising initiatives even to this day. In recent years, Tung Wah has commissioned local illustrators to design the flags. Also, other interactive games have been created to make the traditional flag sale activities more interesting.



東華舉行賣旗籌款,善長慷慨解囊。 Tung Wah held a Flag Day to raise funds from generous benefactors.

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES
DURING TUNG WAH'S
EXPANSION AND
THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION



1931年東華董事局會議紀錄 記有廣華醫院的沿門勸捐活 動由東華總理發起・每位總 理皆有各自的「派數」・即 須籌得的善款金額。

According to the minutes of Tung Wah Board Meeting in 1931, the Kwong Wah Hospital's door-to-door fundraising campaign was initiated by the directors of the Tung Wah Hospital. Every director had a donation quota to meet.



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戰後百花齊放的籌募工作

Diversified Fundraising Initiatives after the Second World War



1981年《歡樂滿東華》宣傳海報 Poster for Tung Wah Charity Gala, 1981



1956年《蓋世霸王》慈善首映禮場刊 House Programme for Charity Film Premiere of *The Conqueror*, 1956

戰後香港社會民生漸趨安定,市民對大眾娛樂 需求大增。東華再次擴大募捐範圍,配合大眾 需求,舉辦一系列結合消費的籌募活動,如慈 善晚會、粵劇名伶義唱及大型電視籌款節目,如慈 讓市民欣賞節目之餘,也可作出捐獻。1950年 代起,粵語片在香港大行其道;1970年代, 民的生活條件有所改善,電視機成為家庭必備 的物品,電視文化亦普及起來。1974年,《歡 樂今宵之東華籌款晚會》開創了香港電視籌款 節目的先河,它更是《歡樂滿東華》的前身。 東華借助新興電視文化的影響力,透過電視直 播進行籌款,別樹一幟。1980年代至1990年

代,香港經濟由製造業轉型為金融服務業,市民普遍收入上升,中產階級冒起,潮流生活和娛樂模式更趨多元化,因此東華的籌募活動亦推陳出新,更講究趣味性。千禧以後,東華的籌募活動更強調個人參與和滿足感。

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1960年林家聲演唱《花染狀元紅》。 Lam Kar Sing preforms *Flower and the Top Scholar*, 1960.

1965年東華三院慈善遊藝大會獎券 TWGHs Charity Funfair Raffle Ticket, 1965

DIVERSIFIED
FUNDRAISING
INITIATIVES AFTER
THE SECOND WORLD WAR

As society slowly stabilised after the Second World War, demand for mass entertainment in Hong Kong began to surge. Tung Wah once again expanded the scope of its fundraising work by gearing it towards consumer habits to attract public participation, such as charity galas, charity Cantonese opera performances and fundraising television galas. People could donate money while enjoying the programmes. In the 1950s, Cantonese films rose to popularity in Hong Kong. In the 1970s, with living standards improving, television sets became essential household items and television culture flourished. In 1974, Tung Wah Charity

Night on Enjoy Yourself Tonight, the predecessor of Tung Wah Charity Gala, was launched as Hong Kong's first fundraising television show. Tung Wah stood out from its peers by leveraging the influence of the emerging television culture and raising funds through live TV broadcasts. In the 1980s and 1990s, Hong Kong's economy underwent a shift from manufacturing to financial services. People generally earned more money. Also, the city's growing middle class had more choices on trends, lifestyles and forms ofentertainment. Keeping abreast of the times, Tung Wah introduce more innovative

and exciting elements into its fundraising initiatives. Since the new millennium, Tung Wah's fundraising culture emphasises personal participation and satisfaction.



1961年任劍輝(右)、白雪仙義演粵劇《白蛇新傳》。 Charity Cantonese Opera Performance of *The Romance* of the White Snake performed by Yam Kim Fai (right) and Pak Suet Sin in 1961.



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東華籌募文化與社會發展

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2020年「失業及短期經濟援助籌募計劃」海報 Poster of Donation Campaign for Short Term Financial Aid for the Unemployed & Low-Income Families in 2020

對東華而言,市民多年來捐贈的一分一毫,都 曾幫助該院維持及發展服務。善款背後所反映 的是香港市民的善心、愛心及同舟共濟的團結 精神。這種集腋成裘的籌募方式,富有濃厚的 香港慈善精神。

東華的歷史與香港社會發展息息相關,而東華的籌募文化亦間接反映香港人的生活面貌。透過不同種類的籌募活動,可了解到東華如何將籌募普及化,讓籌募文化與消費形式、大眾娛樂聯繫起來。東華近年更積極培養企業行善文化,鼓勵年青人關懷社會,推動社會的慈善事業和籌募工作的發展。

除了確保市民對機構的認受性,東華對善款的監察也非常嚴謹。為讓每分每毫的善款發揮最

大效益,東華主辦的各項籌募 活動均不會從善款中扣除行政 費用,讓善款全數撥用於東華 服務,令更多有需要的市民受惠 惠。這些籌募項目凝聚了廣大 市民的愛心和善心,將愛傳表 給每一位受惠人士,從而達致 關愛他人、全民行善的目的。



2020年8月·東華假香港蘇富比網站舉行 「滑板藝術網上展覽暨慈善拍賣」·為東華 屬校學生的藝術及音樂教育籌募經費。圖為 藝術家何博欣以「東華村莊」為題的作品。 In August 2020, Tung Wah held a Skateboard Deck Art Online Exhibition cum Charity Auction on Sotheby's website to raise funds in support of art and music education for the students of Tung Wah schools. The picture shows the work of artist Vivian Ho under the theme of "Tung Wah Village".

For Tung Wah, every cent donated by members of the public over the years has helped the Group sustain and develop its services. Raising funds this way—accumulating small donations to make a difference — exemplifies the Hong Kong people's benevolence, compassion and spirit of unity.

Tung Wah's history is closely linked to the social development of Hong Kong, while its fundraising culture indirectly reflects the lives of the city's people. Its rich portfolio of fundraising initiatives shows how Tung Wah popularised fundraising and linked fundraising culture with consumer spending and mass entertainment. Tung Wah has strived in recent years to help corporations build a benevolent culture, encourage young people to care for society and drive the development of charitable and fundraising work in Hong Kong.



薛家燕(左)、魯振順參與2006年 《歡樂滿東華》卡拉之星演唱籌款環節。 Nancy Sit (left) and Henry Lo participate in Celebrity Karaoke Fundraiser, Tung Wah Charity Gala in 2006.

Apart from ensuring the organisation's recognition by the public, Tung Wah stringently monitors the use of donations by ensuring that 100% of the contributions is used to support its services and help people in need. No

administrative expenses from the donations collected are deducted. Tung Wah's fundraising initiatives affirm time and again that compassion can be pooled, benevolence can be shared, and community resources thus generated can help reach out to everyone in need.

東華賣旗日 TWGHs Flag Day

FUNDRAISING CULTURE
AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

