

The Asian Foundation for the Prevention of Blindness (AFPB) 2019 Annual Report

2019 is considered a fruitful year with the following projects being launched/supported by the AFPB:

I) Cataract Blindness Eradication in Cambodia Project

- 1.1. Mr C Y Leung, Chairman of the Belt & Road Hong Kong Centre (BRHKC), invited AFPB to be the main collaborating partner to jointly launch the above project in Cambodia. To begin with, the project aims to eliminate cataract blindness for 8,000 to 10,000 cataract patients in Kampong Cham, Cambodia.



- 1.2 As the main collaborating partner, AFPB is responsible for overseeing the construction of the two Mobile Eye Treatment Centres, technical training for operating the METCs, purchase and transport of surgical ophthalmic equipment medication and consumables for cataract surgeries, coordinating with the Ministry of Health of Cambodia, Kampong Cham Hospital and Guangxi Health Commission to ensure Guangxi medical teams arrive Kampong Cham for cataract surgery as scheduled and cataract surgery is done safely according to plan. AFPB is also responsible for payment of all the above expenses.



1.3 Launching of the Project

The project has commenced operation in May 2018 after an official launching ceremony held at the Kampong Cham Hospital at which the Deputy Prime Minister of Cambodia and Mr C Y Leung, Chairman of BRHKC, officiated and witnessed by over 1,000 guests and local people.



1.4 Health Promotion Programme

In order to let more people know about this project, a promotion campaign has been launched in June 2019 in Kampong Cham in collaboration with the Ministry of Health of Cambodia. Publicity materials such as posters, leaflets have been distributed to people in communes and videos broadcasted at TVs. At the same time, vision screening teams from Kampong Cham Hospital have been sent to visit communes for vision screening during the week so as to recruit cataract patients for surgery.



1.5 Project Achievement

Up till September, 2019, 9 medical teams have been sent to Kampong Cham including 5 teams from Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region People's Hospital, 1 team each from Guangxi Medical University First Affiliated Hospital, Liuzhou Red Cross Hospital, Guilin Second People's Hospital and Guilin Nan Chi Shan Hospital. As at 29 August, 2019, a total of 4,337 cataract surgeries have been done and helped 4,337 cataract patients restore their vision and live happily with their families.



II) Donation of Two METCs to Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and Jiangxi Provinces

In December 2018, the Ip Chi Shing Charitable Foundation donated HK\$5.6 M for the construction of two Mobile Eye Treatment Centres, Sight Care No. 17 and 18 which were equipped with advanced ophthalmic equipment to replace the existing METCs which have been operated for 10 years in Jiangxi and Guangxi Provinces. Sight Care No.17 was received and administered by the Health Commission of Jiangxi Province and be operated by the Nanchang University Affiliated Eye Hospital. Sight Care No.18 was received and administered by the Health Commission of Guangxi and be operated by the Liuzhou Red Cross Eye Hospital. The two METCs were delivered to Nanchang and Liuzhou on 10 July after their medical personnel have received training from the manufacturer on how to operate the METCs.



III) Donation of a Mini-bus by Eye Care Foundation for Eye Care Project in Inner Mongolia

Dr Woo Chai Fong has donated, through the Eye Care Charitable Foundation, HK\$392,500 for purchase of a vision screening vehicle to conduct vision screening for children and youngsters living in Inner Mongolia. The Baotou Chaoju Ophthalmology Hospital will be the responsible hospital which will supply the ophthalmic equipment for implementation of this project. A Cooperation Agreement has been signed between the Baotou Chaoju Ophthalmology Hospital and AFPB in mid-July this year. The life expectancy of this vehicle is estimated to be 9 years. It will travel to 16 counties/regions to conduct vision screening on 100,000 children and youngsters.

IV) International Seminar on Inclusive Education for the Blind

In collaboration with the Qingdao Education Bureau, AFPB will host an International Seminar on Inclusive Education for the Blind from 23 to 26 October, 2019. The responsible organization will be the Qingdao School for the Blind. The purpose of this Seminar is to enhance students' self-development and social integration abilities and to promote the high-quality development of visually impaired education in the new era. The leaders of the Ministry of Education, the China Disabled Persons' Federation, the Qingdao Municipal Government and the International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) will be invited to officiate at the ceremony. Dr Frances Gentle, President of ICEVI, will give the keynote address. Dr Mani, CEO of ICEVI will conduct a mathematics workshop; Mr Todd Reeves, CEO of Overbrook School for the Blind, Professor Liu Ming, ICEVI Vice-Chairman of East Asian Region, Dr Kenneth Sin of Education University of Hong Kong and China Education experts will present reports.

In addition, about 120 scholars, experts and teachers from the field of visually impaired education at home and abroad will also be present. As one of the organizers, the AFPB will sponsor HK\$50,000 for seminar related expenses.

Future Plan

In the coming year, the Mobile Eye Treatment Centre Project will continue its service mission in China. It is planned to replace the existing worn-out vehicles for Shandong- Heilongjiang- Sichuan- and Anhui Provinces. Efforts will be made to promote visually impaired education and employment within the Asian region.

In addition, we will work in close collaboration with Mr. C Y Leung, Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference through the GX Foundation, to carry out cataract elimination movements in four countries in Asia and Africa, i.e. Cambodia, Laos, Djibouti and Kenya. As for the Cambodia Cataract Elimination Project, it will shift its work from Kampong Cham Province to Prey Veng Province as from next year.

亞洲防盲基金會

2019 年報

2019 年是亞洲防盲基金會(本會)頗有成就的一年，以下是本會在這年度內啟動及資助之項目：

I) 柬埔寨消除白內障手術項目

- 1.1 自 2018 年 5 月起，本會接受了一帶一路香港中心 (BRHKC) 主席梁振英先生的邀請，成為上述項目的主要合作夥伴。該項目旨在為幫助柬埔寨白內障患者重見光明。計劃第一步是為磅湛省 8,000 至 10,000 名白內障患者做復明手術。



- 1.2 作為主要的合作夥伴，本會負責監督建造兩部流動眼科手術車，安排手術車的技術培訓，購買和運輸眼科手術設備、藥物和手術耗材送到柬埔寨，並負責與柬埔寨衛生部、廣西衛健委及磅湛省醫院協調，確保廣西醫療隊按計劃到達磅湛省，並按照計劃安全地完成白內障手術。本會亦負責支付上述之所有費用。



1.3 開展項目

該項目於 2018 年 5 月在磅湛省醫院舉行正式啟動儀式後開始運作，啟動儀式由柬埔寨副首相和一帶一路香港中心主席梁振英先生主持，在場有千多位嘉賓和當地人見證。



1.4 計劃推廣

為了讓更多白內障患者了解這項目，2019年6月柬埔寨衛生部與磅湛省合作推出了一系列宣傳活動。包括在農村派發海報、傳單等宣傳材料，及在電視台播放宣傳視頻。與此同時，磅湛省醫院派出他們的視力篩查小組去農村進行視力篩查，以招募白內障患者進行手術。



1.5 項目成果

截至2019年9月為止，已有9支醫療隊前往磅湛省，其中包括廣西壯族自治區人民醫院5隊，廣西醫科大學附屬第一醫院、柳州紅十字會醫院、桂林市第二人民醫院和桂林南溪山醫院各1隊。截至2019年8月29日，共進行了4,337例白內障手術，幫助了4,337名白內障患者恢復視力，並與家人幸福地生活在一起。



II) 捐贈兩部流動眼科手術車與廣西壯族自治區和江西省

於二零一八年十二月，葉志成慈善基金會撥款港幣五百萬元，建造兩部配備先進眼科手術設備的流動眼科手術車新復明 17 及 18 號，捐贈與廣西和江西兩省，以取代他們已營運十年的手術車。復明 17 號由江西省衛健委接收和管理，由南昌大學附屬眼科醫院營運。同樣地，復明 18 號由廣西衛健委接收和管理，由柳州紅十字會眼科醫院負責營運。這兩輛流動眼科手術車已於 7 月 10 日交付給南昌和柳州，他們的醫務人員亦接受了製造商安排有關操作上的培訓。



III) 睛彩慈善基金捐贈小型巴士資助內蒙古眼睛健康項目

通過睛彩慈善基金，賀澤烽醫生捐款港幣 392,500 元，用作購買一輛視力檢查車，為內蒙古兒童及青少年進行視力檢查。包頭市朝聚眼科醫院將負責提供眼科設備及實施該項目。今年 7 月中旬，包頭市朝聚眼科醫院與本會簽署了合作協議。該部車的預期壽命估計為 9 年。它將前往 16 個縣/地區，為 10 萬名兒童和青少年進行視力篩查。

IV) 國際視障教育研討會

本會將與青島市教育局合作，於 2019 年 10 月 23 日至 26 日期間舉辦一國際視障教育研討會。由青島市盲人學校承辦。是次研討會的目的旨在提高學生的自我發展和社會融合能力，促進新時期視障教育的高質量發展。屆時將邀請中國教育部，中國殘疾人聯合會，青島市政府和國際視障教育學會的領導主持開幕儀式。國際視障教育學會主席 Frances Gentle 博士將發表主題演講。國際視障教育學會行政總裁 Mani 博士主持數學工作坊，美國費城盲人學校行政總裁 Todd Reeves 先生、國際視障教育學會東亞區副主席劉明教授、香港教育大學冼權鋒博士和中國教育專家將發表報告。

此外，還有來自國內外、香港及台灣視障教育領域約 120 名學者、專家和教師出席。作為主辦方之一，本會將贊助 50,000 港元用於支付研討會相關費用。

未來一年工作展望

未來一年將繼續開展中國流動眼科手術車項目，擬為山東省、黑龍江省、四川省及安徽省更換新車，著力推動亞洲地區視障教育及就業方面的緊密合作。此外還將積極參與以全國政協副主席梁振英先生任主席的共享基金會工作，在亞洲及非洲共四個國家開展消除白內障致盲行動，其中柬埔寨的行動將從磅湛省轉至波蘿勉省，另外三個國家分別是老撾、吉佈提與肯尼亞。