



### Reconnecting with friends of Habitat

Since we last connected with you through this newsletter, the Habitat Hong Kong team have been re-connecting with many of you in person!

On 19 October, we were truly honoured to partner with Chinachem Group, Designing Central and the Central Market team to host a fun evening of building connections in a beautiful building. Guests at this Art Deco inspired event, dressed up in costumes from the 1920s and 1930s era and enjoyed a live classical music performance by the talented string quartet, Mitis Chamber. We were grateful to re-connect with Habitat supporters in person and have meaningful conversations at this historical location.

You will have read about the Hong Kong Housing Forum where we brought expert speakers together to address the intersection of inclusion and access to housing. Now you can read the Post-Event Report [here](#) and see the video of the discussion [here](#). At the Housing Forum, we also reconnected with students from three schools with our newly launched youth engagement workshop, raising awareness of the substandard living conditions of people living in subdivided units and what this has to do with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

We loved reconnecting with NGO partners and peers and Habitat supporters during the ReThink 2021 conference where our discussions included empowering communities through climate adapted shelter. We have also enjoyed reconnecting with our school partners and connecting them to our volunteers through our Project School Works programme. Thank you to all our partners who support Project School Works and help us provide students in local primary and secondary schools with a bright and inspiring learning environment. Volunteers work alongside students to paint beautiful murals around the school and have an opportunity to discuss the housing situation in Hong Kong both on the day and beyond.

Looking forward, we are excited about connecting with you online with the upcoming International Volunteer Day on December 5th that marks the launch of our Habitat Young Leaders Build 2022 campaign. Check out our social media platforms in the next few weeks and help us to connect with more schools and youth volunteers on how they can become part of the solution.

If you would like to reconnect with us and the Habitat mission in person, you can register [here](#) to receive updates on the latest volunteering opportunities.

Thank you,  
Jo Hayes  
CEO, Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong



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South China Morning Post

Written by Megumi Harker, Public Policy & Research Manager at Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong



#### Voices of volunteers

Patrick Tang, from SC Johnson, recently volunteered at our Project School Works programme. "I was very pleased that we chose to paint Noah's Ark because I have never painted such a large-scale mural painting of Noah's Ark. I am also very happy to work alongside my colleagues, young children and other volunteers to finish this art piece together." He was delighted to see everyone, no matter the age and background, putting the effort in making a difference to the school's environment. It was especially refreshing for him to see young children collaborate together, which made this volunteer experience more memorable and meaningful for him.

[More volunteer stories](#)



#### Our local impact

We held our Habitat Hong Kong Housing Forum 2021 on Monday 4 October – World Habitat Day. With over 70 participants, this hybrid event explored what the private sector and the public can do to build forward better, recognising that the housing sector is a key driver for economic and social recovery. It also raised awareness of SDG11 Sustainable Cities and Communities as a major driver and contributor to all the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and explored how to help Hong Kong accelerate its progress towards achieving SDG11.

[Read the Post-Event Report](#)



#### Our global impact

Habitat for Humanity advocated for inclusive, resilient housing at COP26 climate change conference.

Habitat for Humanity International called on delegates at the world's premiere climate change conference to ensure efforts to reduce carbon emissions don't raise the cost of housing while also helping the most vulnerable families adapt their homes to withstand rising seas, extreme temperatures, and increasingly intense weather events.

[Learn about COP26](#)



#### Together, we build a better future

Nearly 500 families supported by partnership with Reckitt.

Reckitt expanded its partnership with Habitat for Humanity last year, as part of its Community Anti-Epidemic Support Programme. Reckitt donated Dettol and Aeroguard cleaning, disinfection and protection products and enabled us to support nearly 500 low-income families and vulnerable elderly people to have a safer and more hygienic home. The programme also provided part-time employment opportunities to low-income women working as local domestic workers who had been financially impacted by the pandemic. A huge thank you to Reckitt for continuing to support our critical work in Hong Kong!

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## Housing in the news

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### In Hong Kong

- Hong Kong poverty rate hits 12-year high, government figures show [South China Morning Post](#)
- Hong Kong Property Stocks rally on Housing Development Plans [Financial Times](#)
- Hong Kong housing chief strikes more upbeat note on cutting wait time for public flats after earlier remarks anger lawmakers [South China Morning Post](#)
- Hong Kong Policy Address: Plans for 'Northern Metropolis'; to house 2.5 million people in New Territories [Hong Kong Free Press](#)
- Hong Kong house price fall by the most in nearly a year as volatile stock market hits buying sentiment [South China Morning Post](#)
- Hong Kong landlords to get choice between redevelopment and renovation in new bottom-up approach to urban regeneration [South China Morning Post](#)

### In Asia

- Investors see Southeast Asia's young population driving property market recovery after pandemic [South China Morning Post](#)
- Asia-Pacific property investment may surge to record next year, analysts say [South China Morning Post](#)

### Around the world

- Student housing provider hit by international travel restrictions [Financial Times](#)
- Celebrating 30 years of Habitat ReStore [Habitat for Humanity](#)
- These innovative projects are tackling homelessness around the world [WeForum](#)

## How you can support



We believe adequate and affordable housing plays a critical role in strong and stable communities. Together we build hope and pride! Please help us to achieve our vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Monthly donations help us to be a sustainable organisation and enable us to plan ahead.

[Become a monthly donor now](#)



Habitat Hong Kong provides free home cleaning, repair, and renovation services to elderly and low-income families, to provide a healthy, safe and sanitary home. You can join us to provide these families with a decent place to live, be our volunteer now!

[Yes, I want to join!](#)

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