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Dear Friends and Donors,

I wish you all a wonderful New Year of the Rabbit and give warm thanks to your support for autistic children. Your donations and help in various ways have kindly provided the children a brighter future and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for it. I am happy to report below an update of our work:

(A) Thanks to your support and our team of dedicated staff, our educational program called "Hong Kong Junior" is progressing very well. We have moved to a new premises and run our program within a primary school where our special needs kids can have better chances of integration with kids in a regular primary school.

This is great for their learning and social skill training.

- (B) A fully fitted sensory development/occupational room is set up in the school and currently we provide free sensory developmetal services to 15 children. These include vestibular stimulation, sensory integration, self awareness and body coordination.
- (C) Free speech therapy services are currently provided to 26 children aged from 6 to 12. We are happy that parents' feedback are very encouraging: better eye contact, longer attention span, and more verbal responses and imitation from some kids.
- (D) Free english reading/tutorial program are provided to 7 typical kids of the regular primary school twice a week to help them to cope with study problems.
- (E) We have joined hands with Heep Hong Society (an NGO specialised in helping autistic kids) to offer speech therapy services for very young autistic children (usually aged 2-4) who are still on the waiting list and are not receiving any Government help. The first phase of the program was launched last October in Fanling. Some 48 children benefit from this program.

There are undoubtedly challenges ahead but with your help, we always feel confident and encouraged. Thank you once again for all your generous support, we really appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Ms Eva To
Founding Director
Autism Children Foundation