

Score and give more: charity basketball game has Dah Sing Bank employees fired up for Operation Santa Claus

Volunteers lace up their sports shoes at Wan Chai's Southorn Stadium and hit the court for fundraising campaign

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Raymond Qiu Chung-shing, 10, said he was a big basketball fan and excited to participate. Photo: Xiaomei Chen

Bankers have taken time out to team up with local children for a basketball game in which every hoop counted – literally.

The more buckets scored, the greater the donations were when Dah Sing Bank employees descended on Wan Chai's Southern Stadium in aid of Operation Santa Claus, the annual fundraising appeal jointly organised by the *South China Morning Post* and public broadcaster RTHK.

Games between bank employees were accompanied by a variety of charity challenges for the children, aged between six and 12, in which participants were put through their paces with basketballs on obstacle courses.



Bank staff and the youngsters had a good time. Photo: Xiaomei Chen

The Dah Sing Charity Basketball Challenge was hosted on November 17 by the bank to help employees build bonds with the community while raising money for a good cause.



About 150 employees of the bank came out to enjoy or help run the activities. Photo: Xiaomei Chen

Every hoop scored in both the games and challenge tasks counted towards the final donation figure.

About 150 employees of the bank, which has been supporting Operation Santa Claus for six years by hosting sports events, came out to enjoy or help run the activities.

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\$8,188,168

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They were joined by 50 children who have been beneficiaries of the ChickenSoup Foundation, a charity which provides tutoring, child care and counselling.

Seven-year-old Tse Ting-yan said she played in games led by Dah Sing Bank volunteers and very much enjoyed the experience.

Raymond Qiu Chung-shing, 10, said he was a big basketball fan and excited to participate.

Dah Sing Bank player Ron Chung Chun-yin described the event as “meaningful”.



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“We have an opportunity to play sport and raise funds for charity at the same time,” he said.

Fellow player Robert Tsui Chi-lung said his colleagues were always very keen to take part in charity sports events like this one.

Jack Lee Lin-wai meanwhile noticed that the children were eager to learn from the adult players.

“They can learn more about the importance of hard work and team cooperation,” he said.

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