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The outward teenager volunteer team of St. Francis Xavier High School

On 16 August, the outward teenager volunteer team of St. Francis Xavier High School (FXSH) set out for Philippine to start off service learning for ten days.

With enthusiastic hearts, they came to ST. John's Institution, a sister school of FXSH in Philippine. After settled down, they rummaged out all the equipment as of crayons, paper, etc. they had prepared for their work.

First they came to the kindergarten in GK Village. The children were shy and reserved at first, but after the interaction warmed up, they began to hang around the big brothers and sisters from overseas. The

barrier was lifted, so they began to learn, to draw, to cut and make cards, and play. They ran into the volunteers from Taiwan intentionally to play “loving hug” , and run away bursting into laughter. The link between each other was gradually strong in love.

One of the volunteers, Xu Nian Ci, said, “I hope to help more people other than the children here in the kindergarten in the future when I am capable of rendering more benevolent deeds.”

Later on, they came to the “Home of Joy” , an orphanage affiliated to The Missionaries of Charity. They helped with laundering, mending clothes, and tidying up the rooms. Being babysitters, they took care of the babies in their arms, and fed them in a state of turmoil. Exhausting their physical strength, they smoothed them down.

In the afternoon, the volunteer students played with the orphans in the playground. A student, Hong Chen Yu, affectionately said, "They stuck around expectantly, grasped my hands vigorously, and embraced

my neck lovingly, I could not help holding them tight indulgently.”

Life is rich when shared. The members of the volunteer team from FXSH remarked in chorus, “It is a great journey. We learned from the process of service learning of humility, thanksgiving, and charity.”



Making cards with children in the kindergarten in GK Village



Playing with the orphans in the Orphanage



Playing games with children.