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## STANDING OVATION FOR THE “MOTHER TERESA OF TOMORROW”

為「明日的德蘭修女」而喝采

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Not everyone is enamoured with the idea of sainthood as we are often taught to think critically about society and religion. Instead of shunning and discouraging beliefs, THE ONE Hong Kong adopts an all-embracing philosophy. On 16 May 2018, THE ONE Hong Kong Humanitarian Award 2018 celebrated the bravery, commitment and devotion of their award finalists, who all have the potential to become what they coined as the “Mother Teresa of Tomorrow”.

成長於一個對社會和宗教都充滿批判的社會，相信我們不是每位都迷戀和期望成為聖人。THE ONE Hong Kong 香港無名英雄對此並沒有迴避，也沒有被勸退，反而採取了一個全方位包容的理念。在2018年5月16日，香港無名英雄獎2018向得獎入圍者致敬，感謝他們的勇氣、承擔和奉獻精神。他們每一位都有潛力成為「明日的德蘭修女」。

The award ceremony cum gala dinner was held at the Holiday Inn Golden Mile Hotel. Founded by Hong Kong entrepreneur and philanthropist Dr David Harilela, THE ONE Hong Kong is an annual award that celebrates and empowers local heroes spending tireless efforts to alleviate poverty and suffering. The winner will be awarded HK\$200,000. Two runners-up will be awarded HK\$80,000 each – the prize monies aim to bolster their humanitarian efforts and expand existing service projects.

Before the meaningful event started, we had had the opportunity to speak with Dr Harilela and one of the finalists. Past District Governor (PDG) Dr Harilela is an ardent businessman but more importantly perhaps, a philanthropist. His love of charity and Rotary stems from his family – his father and uncles were all Past Presidents of their individual Rotary clubs.

To those not in the know, The Rotary Foundation is a non-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. THE ONE, a project by Rotary International District 3450, looks to find a hero, an angel or a healer – someone who wakes up every morning and puts others before himself/herself; someone who embodies the Rotary motto “Service Above Self”. THE ONE was conceptualized and founded by Dr Harilela, who gladly took us back to the day when the idea was born.

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頒獎典禮以及晚宴已於香港九龍尖沙咀金域假日酒店順利舉行。由香港企業家及慈善家Dr David Harilela創辦，香港無名英雄獎目的是表揚在社區服務中長期表現傑出、默默貢獻的無名英雄。得獎者將會獲得獎金HK\$200,000，而兩位決賽入圍者將會各獲得獎金HK\$80,000，以支持他們的熱心服務及發展未來計劃。

在這個有意義的活動開始以前，我們很榮幸有機會與Dr Harilela和其中一位入圍者進行訪問。前區域總監(PDG) Dr Harilela是一位熱心的商人，但更重要的可能是一位大慈善家。他對慈善和扶輪社的愛和支持，是源於他的家庭，因為他的父親和叔伯，都是各個扶輪社的前主席。

扶輪基金是一個非牟利的組織，對國際扶輪社提出支援，通過國際的人道主義、教育和文化交流計劃，促進世界各地的相互理解與和平。THE ONE Hong Kong「香港無名英雄」是由國際扶輪3450地區舉辦的活動，希望尋找一位英雄、一位天使，或者是一位醫治者。他每天早上起床後，都是先考慮別人再想到自己；他是一位真正能實踐扶輪社的「超我服務」的人。無名英雄獎的概念是由Dr Harilela發起及創辦，他很高興與我們回顧這個想法誕生的那一天。





"I was asked by the President of Rotary International to do something different, something from the heart, something impactful to help the maximum amount of people. I came up with the idea of creating THE ONE, which is to look for unsung heroes in the world. As for THE ONE Hong Kong, it recognizes the heroes especially in this place where I was born." THE ONE Hong Kong was launched in 2014. In 2017, THE ONE Philippines was founded as part of a bigger plan to create a global legacy.

Apart from Mother Teresa, Hendrik Wuebben, a German doctor, was another muse who motivated Dr Harilela to come up with the award. Dr Wuebben has worked in hospitals in South Africa and later set off to work in Windhoek, Namibia, where fundamental problems such as poverty, unemployment, prostitution and drug trafficking prevail. He completely devoted to his cause despite working with no pay, having knives and guns drawn on him and being attacked by a drug trafficker's hit-man.

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"The inspiration of creating THE ONE harks back to my admiration towards Mother Teresa. Mother Teresa had always acted without calculation and just wanted to be there for those in need. I thought that was really fantastic and special. Why can't we do more to support and recognize people like her? Many people haven't heard of Mother Teresa until she died. We attempt to reward the heroes with the maximum amount of capital allowed in order for them to do the maximum amount of good deeds."

"The person who won THE ONE Hong Kong will automatically become the semi-finalist at THE ONE international next year. Our judging requirements are very high. It's for somebody who has dedicated his or her life one hundred percent in helping people in no less than five years. There are many people who write cheques, but somebody who is willing to spend his life every single day to offer kindness, this is the 'Mother Teresa Complex', the 'Dr Wuebben' we are looking for. Personally when I do something good, I feel good, and to me, this is 'God'."

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「我受到國際扶輪社總裁的邀請，要去做一件與別不同的事情，是要從心出發，同時能夠發揮作用，為最多人帶來正面影響。我便有了這個創造THE ONE的想法，那就是尋找世界上無名英雄。而THE ONE Hong Kong香港無名英雄更是在這個我出生的地方，表揚本地的英雄。」THE ONE Hong Kong香港無名英雄於2014年開始推行。2017年，THE ONE Philippines正式成立，目的是繼續拓展這個活動成為全球的傳統。

「創立無名英雄的靈感其實是源自我對德蘭修女的尊敬。德蘭修女一直無私付出，只希望支持有需要的人士。我覺得這太厲害，也太特別了。為什麼我們不能做更多的事來支持和認識像她這樣的人？許多人在德蘭修女去世時才聽說過她的事跡。我們希望用最大限度的資金資助和鼓勵這些英雄，讓他們能做最大的善舉。」

除了德蘭修女以外，德國醫生Hendrik Wuebben也感染了Dr Harilela去設立這個獎項。Dr Wuebben在南非的醫院工作，後來到了納米比亞的溫得和克；在那裡，充斥著貧困、失業、賣淫和販毒等基本問題。即使沒有工資，被刀槍指嚇，被毒販毆打，他仍然全心履行他的使命。

「『香港無名英雄獎』得獎者將會自動獲得下年度『THE ONE國際人道主義獎』準決賽的競逐資格。我們的評審要求非常嚴格。得獎者將是百分百投入，有至少五年貢獻香港的人道主義工作經驗。也許出錢支持的人很多，但有些人則全力每天不斷為慈善而努力，這就是我們在找的新一代德蘭修女和Dr Wuebben。個人而言，只要做好事，我便感覺良好，這便是“神的工作”。」



Born into an American Irish family in 1939 in Chicago, Sister Angela Mary was one of the finalists who has served the Brazilian community of Cidade Dutra for four decades. She remembered in vivid details about her grandmother who sowed the seeds of benevolence and righteousness in her young heart in 1944.

"I was with my grandmother and she was with this lady, who was an alcoholic. It was a hot summer at the night of Chicago and the air smelled of beer. The lady has rich brown hair and she was crying. It penetrated through my budding soul; to me, my grandmother was so kind and I thought, I wanted to do this for the rest of my life, to take care of people who are sad." In 1965, Mary went afar to Brazil to teach History and English at a college. After ten years, she decided she wanted to work with the poor. With all the unknown and uncertainties, it was almost like a charitable journey without maps.



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"I worked in Sao Paulo with the youths in the slums against the background of police violence and military dictatorship. With my partner, we bought a tiny piece of land sponsored partly from an unknown source. So that's how we started and remained there for the next 40 years."

Aside from feeding the needy with hot meals twice a day, she offers education and classes on Christian faith as well as painting, sculpture, theatre and sports for free. "Through the Projecto Sol, we enacted social transformations through a pedagogy based on the fine arts. The slum is so 'ugly'- because life of the youths who inhabited there is so deprived of anything beautiful. They see themselves as garbage."



Sister Angela Mary 在1939年出生於芝加哥，在一個美國愛爾蘭家庭長大，是其中一位入圍者。她在巴西Cidade Dutra社區服務了四十年。她能清晰地記得每一個細節，講述她的祖母如何在1944年，在她年輕的心靈中播下仁慈和正義的種子。

「我與我的祖母在一起，她則和這位酗酒的女士在一起。這是在芝加哥一個炎熱的夏天晚上，空氣中充斥著啤酒的氣味。這位女士有著濃密的棕色頭髮，而她的哭泣穿過了我正在萌芽的靈魂；對我來說，我的祖母非常善良，而我想，我希望在我的餘生也是這樣做，去照顧傷心的人。」1965年，Mary遠赴巴西，在一所大學裡教歷史和英語。十年後，她決定要和窮人一起工作。伴隨著所有的未知和不確定性，她展開了一段幾乎沒有地圖的慈善旅程。

「在聖保羅，我與貧民窟的青年一起，在警察暴力和軍事獨裁統治的背景下工作。我和合作夥伴一起購買了一小塊土地；當中部分資金是自來歷不明的贊助。我們就是這樣開始的，然後接下來的四十年，一直留在那裡。」

除了每天兩次為有需要的人提供熱食以外，她亦以基督精神辦學，並提供免費的繪畫、雕塑、戲劇和體育課程。「透過Projecto Sol，我們以建基於美學的教學理念去實現社會轉型。貧民窟是如此「醜陋」——因為居住在那裡的青年人都被剝奪了生活中的種種美好。他們認為自己是垃圾。」



Since Projeto Sol began, 8,000 youths and 3,000 families have gone on to live fuller lives, armed with dignity and hope for a brighter tomorrow. Most of the staff of Projeto Sol are past students that have been inspired by her teachings. Projeto Sol is an oasis for local children. As of today, Projeto Sol is expanding with a new land purchase. There is an extraordinary and lovely ballet room, a large art room, a theatre and a gymnasium.

Cidade Dutra, where most of its residents are unskilled and illiterate migrants from the northeast region of Brazil, is especially in need of a core group which nurtures self-esteem and focus in life. Rather than a privilege, it is the right for the youths there to receive quality education. Mary put it so well at the end of the interview: "When the worst part of the humanity takes over, the good has to strive more than ever to gain space".

Jeff Rotmeyer, who founded Impact HK and the Love 21 Foundation to care for the homeless, autistic and down syndrome communities in Hong Kong, won this year's award of THE ONE Hong Kong. Apart from Rotmeyer, all finalists including Mary, deserve our genuine appreciation for their significant contribution in the humanitarian causes. They have all worked around different kinds of restraints and really intent on making this world a better place for all people.



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自從展開了Projeto Sol, 8,000名青少年和3,000個家庭能過上更充實的生活, 擁有尊嚴, 並展望更加光明的明天。大部分Projeto Sol的職員, 都是過去受她教導啟發的學生。Projeto Sol是本地兒童的綠洲。時至今天, Projeto Sol能透過購入一片土地進行擴充, 將會有一間非凡而可愛的芭蕾舞鞋室, 一間大美術室, 一間劇院和健身房。

大部分Cidade Dutra的居民都不識字, 而且沒有工作技能, 他們都是來自巴西東北部地區的移民, 尤其需要一個培養自尊和關注他們生活的核心社群。接受優質教育, 並不是一種特權, 而是這裡年輕人的權利。Mary在訪問結束時說得非常好:「當人類的邪惡嘗試宣稱霸權, 人們更需使出無比的美善來抗衡。」

創立了Impact HK以Love 21 Foundation的Jeff Rotmeyer, 致力於關注香港的無家者、自閉症和唐氏綜合症社群, 是本年度THE ONE Hong Kong香港『無名英雄獎』的得獎者。除了Rotmeyer以外, 所有的入圍者, 包括Mary, 都值得我們真心致敬, 感激他們一直以來為人道主義作出的努力。他們一直都在各種條件限制下努力, 真誠地將這個世界變成一個更令人嚮往的地方。■

