

**PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM
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**ALEXANDRA CHAN HIU CHING
OXFAM HONG KONG**



Ms. Alexandra Chan Hiu Ching was born in mainland China, migrating and reuniting with her family in Hong Kong when she was five years old. The experiences of being a new immigrant in Hong Kong and a left behind child in her hometown have largely shaped her identity and cultivated her passion on issues, particularly on the rights of migrant labor and their citizenship. She studied sociology as an undergraduate and international human rights law for a master's degree, both at the University of Hong Kong.

After her graduation, she has been working for advocacy, research and campaigns on the rights of rural to urban migrants in China. She manages a wide variety of migrant labor projects for Oxfam Hong Kong, with the aim to empower workers and promote social justice, as well as for sustainable development. She is also committed in pro bono projects. For example, she works as an associate editor for the United Nations Human Rights Defenders Global Survey projects and as a legal researcher for the discrimination experiences research project on foreign domestic workers for the Equal Opportunities Commission, a statutory body in Hong Kong.

In her spare time, she organises and teaches community yoga classes for the vulnerable and marginalised.

Ms. Chan has been placed at the International Labor Rights Forum in Washington, D.C.

**CHANG HSI TZU
INTERNATIONAL CITY WANDERER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**



In 2013, Chang Hsi Tzu, a young college student with a strong motivation for education, discovered that more than 18% of college students in Taiwan lacked purpose in life due to “diplomaism” – the prioritization of receiving a degree over practical real-world experience. In response, Ms. Chang and a few friends set up City Wanderer in Taiwan. Participants in City Wanderer receive 30 missions to challenge themselves in their daily lives during competitions.

Due to the missions and the gamification of activities, over 10,000 16-26 year old youth have shared food with hundreds of homeless people, assisted local non-profit organizations, protected traditional culture, and overcame many other challenges over the past five years. The statistics show that participants are becoming braver, more confident, and more empathetic towards minorities.

Ms. Chang was named in 30 under 30 Asia (Social Entrepreneurs) by Forbes in 2017.

Ms. Chang has been placed at the Center for Project-Based Learning, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Massachusetts.

GUAN ZHEN
PLAN INTERNATIONAL CHINA



Ms. Guan Zhen is a child protection program manager at Plan International in Xi'an. She currently works in the Plan China Country Office managing the child protection program and providing technical support to projects implemented in nine Chinese provinces.

In the past four years, Ms. Guan has made significant contributions to raising the profile of Plan International's work in child protection and strengthening internal technical capacity. She has worked on the development and implementation of large projects including several funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and the European Union (EU) with multi-million euro budgets. She has also taken the initiative to develop and maintain a partnership with the Ministry of Civil Affairs through the EU and

SIDA projects, to enhance Plan China's advocacy work at the national level. Ms. Guan is strongly committed to the promotion of children's rights.

When she isn't glued to a computer screen, she spends time on reading, travelling, and trying very hard to learn to swim.

Ms. Guan has been placed at the National Children's Alliance in Washington, D.C.

LAI YUEN SHAN
MISSION TO NEW ARRIVALS, LTD.



Ms. Lai Yuen Shan, aka Poco, works for Mission to New Arrivals, Limited (MNA), which provides holistic support to impoverished new arrivals in Hong Kong and the needy, helping them to acquire strengths from Christian faith and empowering them to become valuable members of the community. After working for the social enterprise division of MNA for two years, she has recently been promoted to an executive and promotion officer position at headquarters; she has helped to restructure the team and revamp the work flow to streamline administrative procedures. Currently, Poco is developing new strategies of fundraising and promotion, and building the volunteer network.

Poco worked in the corporate area for three years after graduating from university. She then took her first full time job in a non-profit organization/social enterprise to serve youth with poor educational attainment, few skills and low income, by providing training, coaching, and counseling. By empowering people, she helps them to help themselves, and through sales and marketing she help them to acquire job opportunities.

Poco enjoys hanging out with her friends, watching criminal investigation movies, and learning to play the cello.

Ms. Lai has been placed at Groundwork Lawrence in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

LANZHOUJIA
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY



Mr. Lanzhoujia was born in Tibet. At age 25, he traveled to Lhasa, the capital of Tibet, to seek NGO work. Fortunately, a European Union-China rural development program found him and inspired him to learn about rural development. During his work with different NGOs he thought about the challenges and good ways to solve rural development problems. His focus is on community participation in development projects and conservation activities. He emphasizes community participation because he feels that the dialogue between rural communities and government agencies can be improved through building trust and sharing benefits.

Mr. Lanzhoujia graduated from Ateneo de Manila University (Philippines) with an MA in social development. Later, he worked for UNDP-GEF and the Wildlife Conservation Society on biodiversity protection. At present, he is promoting “0” grassland fencing in Tibet. Linear barriers such as roads and fences have become major threats to ungulates on the Tibetan plateau. The impact of grassland fencing resulted not only in restructuring community power relations but also reducing biodiversity in Tibet. In the future, he hopes the authorities and world donors will pay more attention to linear barriers created by development programs and ineffective land use in rural Tibet.

Mr. Lanzhoujia has been placed at Conservation Northwest in Seattle and Olympia, Washington.

LI ANG
INNOVATIVE GREEN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS



Li Ang is an expert on China’s low-carbon development, focusing on national and sub-national low-carbon transition in terms of policy-making and evaluation. She works actively with China’s policy-makers and academic communities for environmental economy policy-making, energy transition strategies and practical projects to identify effective means to achieve low-carbon transition.

She oversees research in urban low-carbon development and green finance with a leadership role in projects such as “Policies and Practice in China’s Low-Carbon Pilot Cities,” ” Low-Carbon City Development: A Guidebook for Strategic Planning and Action,” and “Green Financing Case Studies in Low-carbon Cities.”

Ms. Li holds an MSc in energy policy from the University of Exeter and a BA in environmental science from the Beijing University of Technology.

Ms. Li has been placed at the Coalition for Clean Air in Sacramento, California.

LI JIE
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Since graduating from China Agricultural University with a degree in sociology, Mr. Li Jie has spent his career working for different NGOs, starting with World Vision for four years, then five years with The Salvation Army, and finally for Habitat for Humanity since 2009. The projects of all three organizations are related to rural China, including the sponsorship of children, micro finance, and rural development; all were and are implemented in his home province, Yunnan.

As the program coordinator in the Habitat for Humanity Yunnan program office, he has focused on rural housing, volunteer exchange and disaster response. Through financial support, volunteering, or advocating for affordable housing, the projects try to help homeowners build or improve the places they call home.

Mr. Li has been placed at Total Action for Progress in Roanoke, Virginia.

LIU CHUNHUA
SAVE THE CHILDREN



Ms. Liu Chunhua is a senior education project officer with the Save the Children China Program based in Kunming, Yunnan province. After graduating from university, she worked for foreign companies for a few years, joining Save the Children in 2006. She travelled to different project sites, most of them in remote rural areas, to write program progress reports for internal and external audiences, and supported her colleagues in training, monitoring and evaluation. She talked with children, parents and community members about their feelings and sense of change resulting from the projects, and also interviewed government partners and other stakeholders for their comments and suggestions for grassroots development work. She also involved media in campaigns to attract attention to and support for civil society and child rights work in China.

In 2013, she was selected as one of two Chinese candidates to attend a seven month Mekong Region Young Scholars Training Program in Chiang Mai, Thailand, organized by the Mekong School of Earth Rights International. Participants studied the environmental and human rights issues associated with development projects. Her understanding of rural development work grew, as did her understanding of the relationships among environmental degradation, human rights abuses, and community participation.

In 2014, she returned to Save the Children. She is responsible for building local partnerships with various stakeholders, and researching early childhood care and development policy and practice to provide technical support to local government partners.

Ms. Liu has been placed at Parent Possible in Denver, Colorado.

LUK SHUN LING
MANAN TRUST



Ms. Luk Shun Ling, aka Eva, graduated from the University of Hong Kong with a double degree in business and law, studying international law and human rights. She has worked for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) handling asylum claims, as well as the Hong Kong Policy Research Foundation, promoting local social enterprises. Most recently, she was the grant administrator for Porticus, an international family foundation, responsible for grant administration, country research, issue mapping, strategy development and results assessment, with a special focus on education in Asia.

Eva now works at Manan Trust, an in-house philanthropic consultancy for an investment team. She manages the grants portfolio and refines impact assessment frameworks. She has worked on early childhood education, poverty alleviation, neonatal care, and migrants, visiting project sites in a refugee camp in Mae Sot, an urban slum in Manila, and a rural clinic in Phnom Penh. The areas served includes Southeast Asia (Philippines, Cambodia, Myanmar, Indonesia, Thailand), South Asia (India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka) and Greater China (China, Hong Kong).

Eva is keen to explore ways of doing good and what works best. She loves meeting new people and travelling to new places in her free time.

Ms. Luk has been placed at the Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors in New York City.

MA LING
CAIXIN FOUNDATION



As deputy secretary-general of the Caixin Foundation, China's leading media foundation, Ma Ling focuses on promoting professional journalism in China through providing a dynamic set of initiatives to mid-career journalists to strengthen their skills. The Caixin Foundation team under her leadership launched 15 journalism fellowship programs which covered a range of fields including economics & finance, health care, and the environment, among others. The fellowship programs have benefited more than 650 journalists (including over 250 editorial board members) from nearly 200 media outlets across 30 provinces of China.

Ma Ling started working in the media sector in 2007, when she worked as head of brand & communications at China's *Caijing* magazine. She holds a master's degree in journalism from Peking University, and a bachelor's degree in English linguistics & literature from Beijing International Studies University.

Ms. Ma has been placed at the Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

**TSAI SUNG-HUA
 TAICHUNG ADHD ASSOCIATION**



Mr. Tsai Sung-Hua, aka Allen, is executive secretary of the Taiwan ADHD [Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder] Association where he develops supportive activities for individuals and families with ADHD. He also visits schools to introduce ADHD, hoping to raise awareness of the issue among educators in Taiwan.

Mr. Tsai received his bachelor’s degree in English from Fu-Jen University.

Allen loves NBA games. In 2018, he became a Lakers fan because of Lebron James.

Mr. Tsai has been placed at the Center for Exceptional Children in Arlington, Virginia.

**WANG TING-JUNG
 B LAB TAIWAN**



Wang Ting-Jung grew up in Pingtung, a rural area in southern Taiwan. She studied there until she went to university in Taipei. She participated in many activities as a student. She was lucky to meet many mentors in different fields. They are willing to guide her and to pass on their valuable experience. She, in turn, wants to do something for society.

As an impact analyst at B Lab Taiwan, Ms. Wang is responsible for promoting the global B Corp movement in Taiwan and supporting the company to pursue the goal of becoming a “better company.” She strongly believes that for-profit companies have the most resources, and therefore can make the world a better place by distributing resources effectively. Through PFP, she wishes to learn more about what is the best way for NGOs to communicate with for-profit companies, find out what companies really care about, and how companies could be more involved in the issues that NGOs deal with. She feels honored to be part of the Professional Fellows Program and to work with the most outstanding and enthusiastic people in the world. “We are all doers and together we could make the world a better place.”

Ms. Wang has been placed at Total Action for Progress in Roanoke, Virginia.

WANG XIAOXIA

YUNNAN JIAXIN CHILDREN'S ASSISTANCE CENTER



Wang Xiaoxia is a professional child practitioner, working at the Yunnan Jiaxin Children's Assistance Center in Kunming. She has been working for NGOs for more than 10 years. By managing child protection projects and through case management, she has gained valuable experience in working with disadvantaged children and children with special needs. She enjoys working with and for children; having the opportunity to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves is the best reward at work for her.

Ms. Wang is a graduate of Xi'an International University.

Wang Xiaoxia has been placed at Saint Francis Community Services in Salina and Wichita, Kansas.

YU XIANRONG

BEIJING FUQUN ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE



Yu Xianrong has a master's degree in environmental sciences and a bachelor's degree in renewable energy. She is now acting as co-founder and executive of a grass-roots non-governmental organization that aims to promote community-based conservation and environmental improvement in China. She has five years of experience working with ethnic groups in western China on ecological and environmental education, as well community sustainable development. She previously spent ten years working with German International Cooperation, a worldwide development agency, successfully implementing the Sino-German Enterprises Environmental Consultancy Program, Sino-German Corporate Social Responsibility Project, and EU-China Environmental Governance Program.

Ms. Yu has been placed at the North American Association for Environmental Education in Washington, D.C.



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