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Hong Kong Disneyland Celebrates 20 Years of Granting Magical Wishes in First-ever Wish Alumni Reunion

Photography wish granted to young Disney fan and HK\$800,000 donated to support wishes of children with critical illnesses



HONG KONG, April 13, 2026 – Hong Kong Disneyland Resort (HKDL) hosted its first-ever wish alumni reunion, the “**Hong Kong Disneyland 20 Years of Magical Wishes Party,**” to mark the milestone of 20 years of collaboration with Make-A-Wish® Hong Kong in granting wishes that lift the spirits of hundreds of children battling critical illnesses.

More than 250 guests were invited to this special occasion to celebrate the World Wish Month together, including wish children and HKDL wish alumni who had their Disney wishes come true at HKDL. They celebrated their wish journeys together with their families and wish granters in the reunion.



At the Wishes Party, HKDL also announced a donation of HK\$800,000 to Make-A-Wish Hong Kong to support wish granting for children with critical illnesses. Part of the donation came from

the sale of 1,000 limited-edition Hong Kong Disneyland 20th Anniversary Celebration vinyl last winter.

Disney fan Ernest's photography wish comes true at HKDL

Among the wish children is 14-year-old Ernest, who overcame kidney disease with a transplant procedure. This year, his wish for a photography experience was granted by HKDL in collaboration with Make-A-Wish Hong Kong.

After being diagnosed with kidney disease, Ernest found comfort and encouragement through Disney magic at HKDL, a place he had loved for years. Every visit to HKDL lifted his spirits and created joyful moments that helped him stay positive throughout his treatment journey.



HKDL also inspired his artistic photography dreams. With his health restored, Ernest wished to celebrate this new chapter of life with a professional-grade camera capturing the magic of HKDL through his own lens. Making his wish come true, HKDL curated a series of special, in-park experiences – Ernest was gifted a camera from Make-A-Wish Hong Kong to capture these precious moments with his favorite Disney friends, accompanied by a professional photographer who offered hands-on lessons to hone his photography skills.

Ernest's photographs, themed around HKDL's 20th anniversary, were displayed in the Wishes Party's photo exhibition, showcasing his discovery of joy and happiness, confidence, and sense of possibility at HKDL.



Ernest shared, "When I was first diagnosed, I was frightened, overwhelmed, and at times unable to see any hope. But every time I completed a round of treatment or surgery, I was able to visit Hong Kong Disneyland, and the pain seemed to fade away. Meeting Disney characters brought

me so much joy and gave me the strength to continue my treatment. I know that by cooperating with the doctors and focusing on recovery, I will one day be able to leave the hospital and see Mickey Mouse again.”

HKDL wish alumni find strength through wishes

At the Magical Wishes Party, Ernest joined a moving march-in moment together with wish alumni and their HKDL wish granters, symbolizing the enduring power of wishes across generations.



(from left) 2006 wish alumna Sin Yee, 2009 wish alumna Ting Hei, 2021 wish alumna Josephine with their wish granters

Demonstrating how wishes continue to inspire long after they come true, 2006 wish alumna Sin Yee, now a young adult, shared her personal journey and reflected on the lasting impact of her wish. Together with the HKDL Entertainment team, the wish alumni presented a series of special stage performances. 2023 wish alumnus Jarvis performed the drums alongside Mickey Mouse, and 2025 wish alumna Yee Sun danced with Minnie Mouse.



(Second from the left) 2006 wish alumna Sin Yee shared her personal journey and the lasting impact of her wish



(From left) 2025 wish alumna Yee Sun and 2023 wish alumnus Jarvis presented a series of special stage performances



“Disney stories teach us that even during life’s toughest moments, wishes and hope can light the way forward,” said Tim Sypko, Managing Director, Hong Kong Disneyland Resort. “Over the years, we’ve proudly supported Make-A-Wish Hong Kong through wishes, VoluntEARS, and charity initiatives — all driven by our belief that every child deserves joy. Let’s continue to believe in wishes — and in the incredible magic that happens when we come together to make them come true.”

Cynthia Leung, Chairperson of Make-A-Wish Hong Kong shared, “We are deeply grateful to Hong Kong Disneyland for 20 years of unwavering support, and to the healthcare professionals, partners, and volunteers who have walked this path with us. Your support has allowed us to witness a profound truth: a wish is never just a fleeting moment of joy—it



is a life-changing force that brings immense courage. A wish allows a child fighting a critical illness to shine with their most radiant light, a brilliance that truly illuminates the hearts of us all.”

HKDL continues support for wish granting

Since opening, HKDL has proudly granted around 400 wishes. Globally, Disney has worked with Make-A-Wish® for 45 years, granting wishes and creating happiness and joy for children and families when it’s needed most, in ways that only Disney can. On average, a Disney wish is granted every hour of every day. Disney is proud to be the world’s largest wish granter for Make-A-Wish®, having fulfilled more than 175,000 wishes for children with critical illnesses worldwide since 1980. Join Disney in making wishes come true with Make-A-Wish. Visit WorldWish.org to learn more.

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About Make-A-Wish Hong Kong

Make-A-Wish Hong Kong was registered in Hong Kong as a charity (registration number: 91/5366) in 1998. As a member of Make-A-Wish International, the world’s largest wish-granting organization, we have granted over 2,500 life-changing wishes to children aged 3 to 17 living in Hong Kong and Macau who are fighting critical illnesses. These include oncology, cardiology, nephrology, neurology, and various rare diseases. Through the wish experience, we empower children with hope, strength, and joy. Additionally, our community activities—including hospital visits, workshops, and school talks—have reached more than 48,000 beneficiaries.

A wish is not a "last wish." With advancements in medical technology, over 85% of our Wish Children eventually recover. A wish serves as a turning point in their battle against illness, providing the inner strength to face adversity and the resilience to navigate their future lives.

About Make-A-Wish International

Make-A-Wish creates life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. Founded in 1980, Make-A-Wish is the world’s leading children’s wish-granting organization, having granted more than 650,000 wishes in nearly 50 countries worldwide. Every 25 seconds, a child is diagnosed with a critical illness and becomes eligible for a wish. Wish experiences can restore the childhood stolen by a critical illness diagnosis and improve physical, psychological and emotional well-being. Together with generous donors, supporters, staff and more than 27,000 volunteers around the globe, Make-A-Wish brings the power of a wish-come-true to children and their families when they need it most. For more information about Make-A-Wish International, visit worldwish.org.

About Hong Kong Disneyland Resort

Hong Kong Disneyland Resort offers unforgettable, culturally distinctive Disney experiences for guests of all ages and backgrounds. Filled with your favorite Disney stories and characters, Hong Kong Disneyland Resort offers guests the opportunity to explore eight diverse lands that are home to award-winning, one-of-a-kind attractions and entertainment. Complete your adventure with stays at the resort’s luxurious Disney hotels. The magic doesn’t end at our doorstep; as a dedicated member of the local community that cares deeply about societal wellbeing, Hong Kong Disneyland Resort spreads its magic through community service programs that help families in need, boost creativity among children and families, encourage the protection of the environment and inspire healthier living.



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The Hong Kong Disneyland mobile app keeps guests informed of all the excitement at Hong Kong Disneyland Resort, from operating hours to entertainment schedules. Reserve your park visit and get Disney Standby Pass to meet Disney friends inside the park. Use the GPS-enabled map to find your way around the park or make reservations for park and hotel restaurants, and make every moment count with wait times for each attraction. Magic Access members can also view block-out calendars and

membership privileges, designed to make your visit even more magical.

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