

摘星計劃

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Twinkle Stars (TS) is a non-religious, non-political and non-profit making charity organization. It aims at helping needy students in China study for their bachelor's degree, and sowing seeds of love so that the students will help others in future.

1. Progress of work in 2021

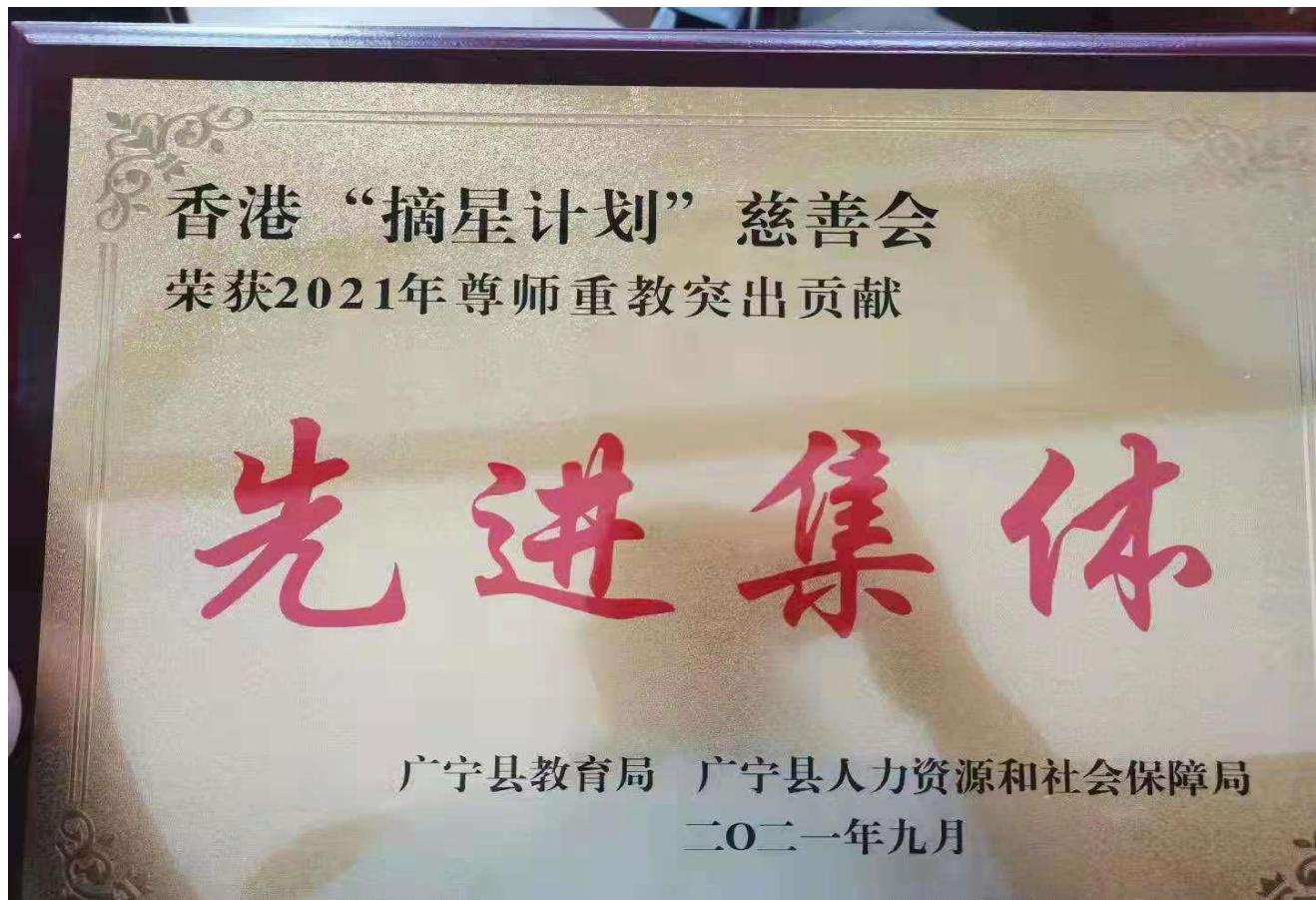
TS has helped 2,445 students since 2008, and is helping 885 students in 2021-22. 217 students joined the scheme in September 2021.

2. Recognition of the work of TS

In November 2020, the People's Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region awarded TS District Chairman, Mr Simon Kwok a Certificate of Honour for his contribution to education.



In September 2021, the Education Bureau of Guangning, Guangdong awarded TS the honour of 'Outstanding Charitable Organization' for its contribution to education.



Thanks to the success of the poverty alleviation effort in China, three districts have withdrawn from the TS scheme. As a result, TS is run in 13 districts in Guangxi and Guangdong in 2021. More than thirty students have also voluntarily ceased applying for TS

assistance or reduced the amount of aid applied, citing improvement in their financial situation or award of scholarships as well as their desire to offer the chance to other needy students.

3. Paying home visits to applicants
Students of TS scheme voluntarily formed home visiting teams to help TS vet new applications in July and August 2021.



4. Initiation of TS scheme in 2021

We used to hold summer camps in August to kick start the TS scheme of the year. But in 2021, because of the Covid pandemic, we could only hold one summer camp in Nanning, Guangxi and several small scale online-cum-face to face ceremonies in different districts.



Summer camp in Nanning, Guangxi

Welcome to the following site for more details of the camp:

https://www.bilibili.com/video/BV1Q3411e7K5?spm_id_from=444.41.0.0



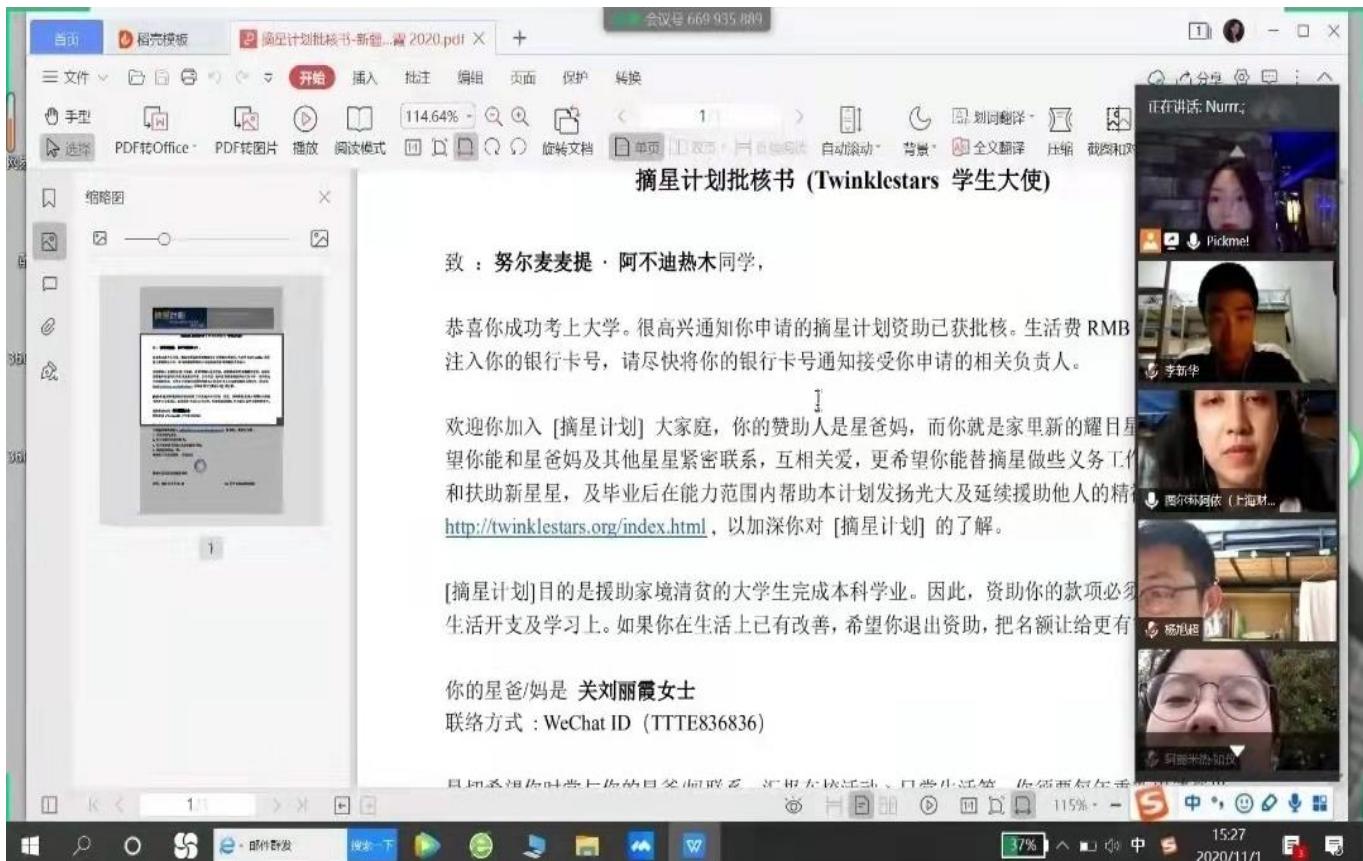
Initiation Ceremony in Tangxian, Guangxi



Initiation Ceremony in Huaiji, Guangdong



Initiation Ceremony in Guangning, Guangdong



Initiation Ceremony in Zhaoqing (For students from Xinjiang)

Mr Ng Yat Wa participated in the initiation ceremonies in 8 districts in Meizhou as representative of sponsors. Four of the ceremonies are:







5. Encouraging liaison between sponsors and students

In addition to financial aid, TS also aims at fostering a mentor-mentee relationship between sponsors and students. To this end, we call sponsors ‘star fathers or star mothers’ and students ‘stars’. Stars from different districts also form groups to liaise with and help one another.



Star Father Dave Siu and Star Mother Yvonne Bok (front 4th & 5th from right) who is also the TS District Representative of Huaiji gathered with stars in Guangzhou in May 2021.



Birthday Card from Guangxi stars to Mr Simon Kwok, District Chairman of Guangxi

6. Activities of stars in 2021



Stars in Nanning, Guangxi



Stars in Xinjiang



Stars in Guangning

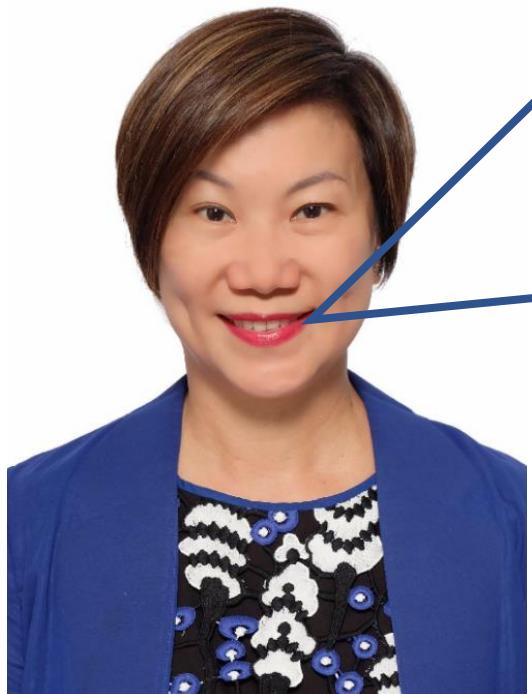


Stars in Tengxian

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https://www.bilibili.com/video/BV17R4y1g7QL?spm_id_from=444.41.0.0



Mrs Doda Kwan,
Chairlady of Twinkle Stars

My heartfelt thanks to the kind and loving donors and volunteers in Hong Kong and mainland China. Without their support and assistance, Twinkle Stars would not have been able to help 2,445 needy students realize their university dreams in the past 14 years.