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Good people, good deeds

Nowadays, we can see many people attending voluntary work for various reasons, such as gaining reputation or considering it as an interest. The most popular reason is that students want to accumulate Other Learning Experiences (OLE) which helps them to get a ticket to university. However, there are also people who have voluntary work because of their desire to help others.

As we know, cancer is a kind of disease which keeps risking human lives for decades. Even though it's not entirely impossible to cure, huge medical expenses will be a heavy burden to patients throughout their treatment. At one point in time, a man stood out.

Tam Chi Keung, often called "Tam sir", is a 71-year-old volunteer who has been helping cancer patients over the years. In 2015, he started "A Little Run Around Taiwan for Charity" alone and finished running 930km in 40 days, which helped raise funds for the cancer patients. I admire Tam sir's dedication to helping the patients to pass their most difficult time.

After ten years, Tam sir started his journey again. However, the time isn't an individual battle; 40 volunteers started the journey with Tam sir, and 15 of them are cured from cancer. In the past ten years, although Tam sir's physical strength had continued to decline, even leading to foot inflammation, he didn't stop helping the cancer patients to raise funds.

At the end of this 14-day journey, the fund raised already exceeded the established goal, with a total amount of HKD210,000, which was all donated to the Hong Kong Cancer Fund.

As Tam sir said "My goal can't be achieved without the support of every volunteer." This kind of spirit is worth practicing and praising.