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Volunteering is a vital element in the areas of community involvement, civil labor, and social capital, especially in an era of increasing budget cuts in social services.

Volunteering reflects pro-active citizenship and it is connected to the concepts of social inclusion and justice. These in turn, can significantly contribute to a more cohesive, tolerant and equitable society. In Hong Kong, youth volunteering is growing rapidly, however, volunteerism in Hong Kong is still at an early stage but has been expanding and increasing drastically over the last 10 years. The presenter is funded by the Hong Kong Government in 2017 to carry out a research titled to “Demographic and Social Indicators of Youth Volunteering in Hong Kong”. This presentation will report on the findings on the current situation of youth volunteering in Hong Kong and will make suggestion on how to improve the quality of young people’s volunteering experiences, and sustain youth volunteering over time. This study adopted both quantitative (i.e., questionnaires and statistical analyses) and qualitative (i.e. focus groups) methods and this presentation will only report on the statistical findings. Participants are Hong Kong youth between 15 to 30 years old. Participants were recruited among selected NGOs in Hong Kong. For statistical purposes, data were also be gathered from two control groups of at least 100 ex-volunteers and 100 non-volunteers. Results will inform us about how future policies could significantly affect the local level of youth participation in the following key dimensions/areas:

1. The intrinsic motives for volunteering among local youth, and how Hong Kong policies can make volunteering more attractive to them.
2. Dispositional, social and situational factors that affect the increase and decline of the volunteering involvement among youth in Hong Kong.
3. Selected organizational characteristics that influence the formation of a volunteer identity and retention to volunteering.