Have you ever considered volunteering abroad? Imagine how life-changing it would be. For Tsang Ka Yuet, Gaga, a Year 4 Faculty of Arts student, her voluntary experience in Cambodia has definitely been a fulfilling and transformative one. Gaga has been awarded the SERVICE 100 Fund due to her voluntary service in Cambodia last year. She and her teammates established Beyond Belief Hong Kong and initiated the "Football Pitch Construction Project" after witnessing the lack of proper playgrounds for children to play in. There was a bond between Gaga and children of Cambodia ever since she first volunteered as a teacher a few years ago, she has always wanted to offer them more. When she saw children, shoeless and covered in dirt, playing football on an unpaved, rocky ground, laughing and shouting in joy despite the circumstances, she was deeply moved by the scene. As an athlete herself, she is prompts to promote values of sportsmanship, and therefore decided to build a proper sports arena for children where they could safely engage in sports.

Her construction journey proves to be hard yet fruitful. Throughout the experience, Gaga has successfully implemented what she had learned in HKU, including how to craft sustainable projects, compose practical proposals and sketch planning with her teammates. She also gets to put her leadership skill in practice as she solved disputes among teammates and allocated work wisely. Every night, they would hosted a reflection session, in which Gaga would find inspiration from her teammates, local Cambodian teams and even the construction work itself. These all transform her worldview and enables her to see beyond her limits.

Despite the hardships during the volunteering journey, Gaga believes the genuine smiles and compassion it spreads is worth it all.

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