

Youth Hostel: Joseph's House

2023-2024 Annual Overview

1. Introduction

Joseph's House began operations in September 2023. It provides up to 84 hostel places, with monthly rent ranging from \$5,300 to \$7,000 per room. There was no major maintenance or facilities upgrades, apart from minor works carried out at the balconies of several rooms.

2. Activities

In 2023-24, tenants have participated in various community or volunteer services, including:

- (a) monthly distribution of necessities to under-privileged families of Shamshuipo and nearby areas (including festive gifts such as Rice Dumplings for Dragon Boat Festival, Mooncakes for Mid-Autumn Festival etc.)
- (b) 綠在深水埗 activities to support the Environmental-protection initiatives
- (c) the Queen Mary Hospital Volunteering Programs to support sick patients during weekdays on a regular basis

To enhance the hostel life of tenants and widen their social networks, the following activities were also organised at Joseph's House:

- (a) Welcome Parties for groups of new tenants who had just moved-in
- (b) Christmas Party for all tenants
- (c) Chinese New Year Party for all tenants
- (d) "Switch" Competitions
- (e) Board-games Competitions
- (f) Talk & Demonstration by a Tenant who is a Chinese Medicine Practitioner
- (g) Film Shows
- (h) Demonstration & Sharing of Tarot Cards
- (i) Music Sharing Sessions
- (j) Animation Sharing Sessions
- (k) Basic Tips in Advertising Sharing Session

3. Discretionary admission

Taking into consideration the applicants' individual circumstances, 3 tenants were admitted by discretion at Joseph's House in the 2023-24 operational year.

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