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The Christian Centre for Gambling Rehabilitation
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30th Anniversary Gambling Rehabilitation Testimonies Meeting

Thanks be to God, on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Christian Centre For Gambling Rehabilitation this year, with the support of the Chinese Church in London, brothers and sisters were mobilised to assist and provide a venue to hold a "Gambling Rehabilitation Testimony Meeting" on August 17 at the Soho Outreach Centre near London's Chinatown to spread the good news.

The service personnel that day (66 people in total)

- Reception: 20 escorts, 5 receptionists, 5 clerks, and 2 welcome staff
- Stage: 7 hymn leaders, 2 witnesses, 1 chairperson, 1 violinist
- Logistics and Catering: Kitchen 10 people, Hong Kong-style milk tea 2 people, administrative staff 2 people
- Technology and Audiovisual: Photography 1 person, Videography 1 person, Projection 1 person, Sound System 1 person
- Other assistance: 5 people

Participants on the day (61 people in total)

- New friends in Chinatown: 7 people
- Unbelievers: 10 people
- Children: 2 people
- Brothers and sisters in Christ: 42 people

Total attendees: 127

We extend our sincerest gratitude. Thank you to all the staff and participants for your support; your every contribution is a powerful driving force propelling us forward. We pray that all those bound by gambling may come to know God the Father, regain their freedom, and receive abundant life in the Lord Jesus. Through faith in Jesus Christ, may they be saved by grace and become new people. May their lives, from broken pieces, be pieced back together into a vibrant, beautiful stained-glass window. Let us rise up together to prevent gambling and raise up a new generation free from its harms! We look forward to your continued prayers, support, and participation. Please spread the word about the centre; may God bless you!



A sermon sharing session on overcoming gambling was held on August 17th at the Soho Outreach Centre of the Chinese Church in London.









Two guests shared their testimonials about overcoming gambling.



Introduction of new staff, volunteers, and board members

Co-worker Cat Yan (Part-time counsellor)
Catherine (Cat), is a staff member at the Christian Centre For Gambling Rehabilitation. She primarily participates in group and individual counselling work. When accompanying clients facing difficulties in life, she often discovers that she is not only the one giving; each time she listens, communicates, and walks alongside them, she learns from different life stories and receives encouragement and blessings.

Cat has previously worked in women's and family services in Hong Kong, the UK, and Shanghai, participating in counselling, casework, and group work. She also pursued a Master's degree in Counselling and Social Work in the UK, receiving professional training. These experiences have deepened her understanding that everyone needs to be heard, accepted, and respected. Cat believes that companionship is not only about accompanying others on their journey of growth but also about providing oneself with continuous learning opportunities. She is willing to learn from and support each other at Christian Centre For Gambling Rehabilitation, becoming a blessing to one another in every encounter, growing together on this journey, and making each other a blessing in life.

Co-worker Neil Cheung (Case Manager)
Neil holds a Master's degree in Social Work and has over thirty years of experience in family and social services. He has received training in catechism, Satir therapy, affective therapy, and professional supervision, and is a certified Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP) practitioner. In recent years, he has focused on exploring the application of affective therapy in counselling. He specializes in individual, marital, and family counselling, covering emotional and mental health, depression, anxiety, parenting education, parent-child relationships, marital growth, and the treatment of gambling-related injuries and trauma. He has conducted lectures and workshops at various educational and theological institutions and has supervised social work students and trained counsellors. Guided by Christian beliefs, he is dedicated to providing professional counselling support to individuals and families affected by gambling problems.

Volunteer Pastor Derek Wong

Pastor Wong chose to retire in early 2026 at the age of sixty and settled in the UK with his wife from Hong Kong. Their two sons both attended university in the UK and now work in London. He was born and educated in Hong Kong, became a Christian during his university years, was baptised at Grace Baptist Church, and served as a deacon and chairman of the deacon council. He previously worked in the Hong Kong government's public works department, and also pursued a full-time Master's degree in Environmental Engineering at Imperial College London, where he was a senior civil engineer before leaving his post.

He was called by God to begin full-time ministry in 2008, was equipped at Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary, and obtained a Master of Divinity degree. Before retiring, he served at Kwong Lam Baptist Church for ten years, and was ordained as senior pastor in 2018. Guided by God, after Pastor Wong came to England, he was introduced by Pastor Aaron and began voluntarily participating in CCGR activities and ministry in June. He is happy to deepen his sharing of CCGR's vision and mission.

Director Revd Dr Linberg Wong

Reverend Wong was born in Sibu, Sarawak, Malaysia. His ancestral home is Fuzhou, Fujian, China, making him a fourth-generation Malaysian Chinese. Due to his unique upbringing, he is fluent in Mandarin, English, Malay, Fuzhou dialect, and Cantonese. As a child, Pastor Huang attended Sunday school with his sister. In his youth, he came to Christ and was baptized through the Christian Boys' Scouts and youth fellowship. Since then, he has grown and served within the church, responding to the calling to dedicate himself full-time.

Before embarking on full-time ministry, Pastor Huang was a chartered accountant who worked for seven years in auditing firms, private companies, and accounting colleges. In 2014, he responded to the call to pursue further studies at Trinity Theological Seminary in Singapore, where he was awarded a Master of Divinity degree. He was subsequently ordained as a long pastor at the Sarawak Chinese Annual

Conference of the Methodist Church and obtained a Doctor of Missions degree from Baptist Theological Seminary in Malaysia in 2024.

Reverend Wong and his wife have two sons. In August 2025, at the behest of the Sarawak Methodist Church, Pastor Wong and his family went to the United Kingdom to join the pastoral team of the Methodist Church in the UK. He was appointed as the senior pastor of King's Cross Church in London, responsible for pastoring the Mandarin, Cantonese and English congregation.



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