



HONG KONG & MACAO COME OUT STRONGER & UNITED AFTER TYPHOON MANGKHUT

It's just a week over after Super Typhoon Mangkhut ripped Hong Kong and Macao on 16 Sept 2018. We're fortunate as advance warnings from government and good preparation spared us from any casualty! There have been serious damages sustained to properties especially those communities next to the shoreline and over 17,000 trees have fallen just alone in Hong Kong. This will take some time to repair and clean up. The Hong Kong & Macao Government have taken swift actions to substantially restore life to normal within a few days. Unlike the last attack by super typhoon Hato in 2017, there is no urgency for immediate services for Zonta clubs to assist needy typhoon victims .



The next stage is the massive clean-up work that ensues. Social media has been vastly used to effectively mobilize the public at large to volunteer their service to speed up the restoration of local communities in needed. I joined 2 members from the **Zonta Club of HK East** and their families to clean Shek O District on 22 Sept 2018, the first Sat after Mangkhut.



We were joined by many young parents with children and young people show up voluntarily. We collected rubbish washed ashore and sort them into recycled items and landfilled wastes. Saw half-fallen trees and gathered trunks and branches aside



unfit for convention waste management. Volunteers came and went at their free will. Nevertheless, we already saw results after a few hours !

It will take at least another 2-3 weeks to clear all debris. All Zonta Clubs have been alerted of the social media channels on typhoon clean-up by districts for members to offer their services as well as that of the Z Clubs and Golden Z Clubs to be a part of this "Love Our Communities" exercise.

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