

# Supportive Services for visually impaired students

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## Hong Kong Blind Union

- was established in 1964;
- is the first self-help organization founded and managed by people with visual impairment in Hong Kong;
- aims at promoting the spirit of self-help and mutual-help among visually impaired people as well as striving for equality, independence and opportunities for them.





Jockey Club  
**E-Learning For All (ELFA)**  
Project



## Project information:

- Sponsored by Quality Education Fund from May 2011 to April 2013 (Accessible E-Learning Support Project)
- Sponsored by Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust from August 2013 to July 2016 and renamed as **Jockey Club E-Learning For All Project**





## Target:

- students with print disabilities, including:
  - visual impairment;
  - physical impairments (unable to hold or manipulate a book)
  - dyslexia;
- their parents and teachers;
- agencies serving students with print disabilities.















## Services

- R & D on Assistive aids
  - to evaluate latest technical aids and develop suitable software for the use of the target students

 **NVDA**  
HK Version 香港版

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-BRITE

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BRITE





# Braille點字寶 Mini Writer



- The first digital assistant that support Cantonese, Putonghua and English Braille over the World;
- Various built-in functions, Visually Impaired users can take notes and enjoy readings anytime, anywhere;
- Connecting with Computer and Smartphone as Braille display machine;
- Handy with only 300g;
- A more compatible price than other similar products.



## Development of software

- NVDA (Hong Kong version) – screen reading software
- Easydots – EasyDots is a Cantonese Braille input method
- BRITE & Putonghua BRITE – translating traditional Chinese characters to both Cantonese and Putonghua Braille
- Mathcast – Math reading and editing software





## Objectives

- to foster positive and whole-person development of visually impaired (VI) students;
- to support VI students' parents, teachers and social workers;
- to assist VI students to face the New Senior Secondary curriculum, in particular fulfill the requirements of the Other Learning Experiences;
- to promote the integration of VI students into the society.





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## Target:

- students with visual impairment;
- parents, teachers and social workers of VI students.



## Jockey Club VERC



### Services

- Other Learning Experiences (OLE) activities suitable for VI students;
- Supportive and developmental groups for VI students with different needs;
- Counseling service for VI students;
- 1-to-1 tutorial classes for VI students with trained voluntary tutors (held in our centre);
- Consultation service for VI students' parents, teachers and social workers.



# Jockey Club VERC



Other Learning Experiences (OLE) activities



Inclusive school talks



Supportive Services



Educational Services



