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Latest Survey Shows Children's Dream Jobs

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Photo: Science has attracted more girls now than ever before.

What do children want to be when they grow up?

- **JobsForYou, a job app, asked Hong Kong primary school students.**
- **Surprising results!**

The owner of the job seeking app JobsForYou asked children from primary schools across Hong Kong about their dream jobs. He found that the most popular job for boys was to be an astronaut followed by being a doctor, a **paleontologist** and a teacher.

The results were even more surprising. For the very first time, it showed that the most attractive job that came first place for girls was to be a scientist. The second most popular job for girls was to become a vet and working as a doctor came in third position.

"More girls under the age of 14 want to become scientists", says the owner of JobsForYou. Being a scientist or a vet **requires** people to study science related subjects at college and university.

Recently, students of Hong Kong have been introduced to **STEM** subjects. This **encourages** girls to be more interested in these jobs.

An officer of the Education Bureau once remarked in a careers conference that there is a worry about girls not wanting to choose jobs related to STEM. In the past, people used to believe that some jobs were for women and others were for men. The results of this survey mean that more girls will choose to do STEM jobs when they are older.

The principal of ACE Primary School is happy about this year's results from the survey carried out by JobsForYou. He thinks that 'the better the balance, the better the world' and that there should be an **equal** balance between men and women in the workplace.

What do you want to be when you grow up and why?

Mel Chan from Ace Primary school wants to be an environmental scientist. It is because she loves plants and animals. The good skills that she can bring to her dream job are that she is creative and is also good at planning and organising. Therefore, she will do her best to get an Environmental Science degree and hopes to create a green future for Hong Kong and the rest of the world.

Today's news shows that what you want to do in the future shouldn't be based on whether you are a girl or a boy. The most important thing is to follow your dreams and never give up.

Glossary:

Paleontologist - someone who studies plants and animals that lived millions of years ago

Requires - to need to have something

STEM - Science, technology, engineering and mathematics

Encourages - to give hope, support or confidence

Equal - the same for everyone