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

The results were surprising. For the first time, it showed that the most attractive job that came first place for girls was to be a scientist. The job that came second place for girls was a vet. In third place, results showed that girls wanted to be a doctor.

"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 subjects at college and university.

Recently, students of Hong Kong study **STEM** subjects. This makes girls more interested in these jobs.

An officer from the Education Bureau told JobsForYou that there is a worry about girls not wanting to choose jobs linked 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 done 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. She has good skills that would be perfect for the job and she is great at planning and organising. Therefore, to get her dream job, she will study hard to get an Environmental Science degree at university.

Today's news shows that you should be able to pick a job that you want to do in the future. It doesn't matter if you are a boy or a girl. 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

Equal - the same for everyone