

# Saahifa Zaidi

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## EDUCATION

### Hong Kong Metropolitan University

*Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours, Politics and Public Administration (PPA)*

**Memberships:** Toastmasters International, University Staff-Student Consultative Committee Member.

**Hong Kong SAR, China**

*Sep 2023 - Present*

### Li Po Chun United World College

*Bilingual International Baccalaureate*

**Societies:** Initiative For Peace (Leader), Diverse Intersectional Voices of Ethnicity Club (Leader), Peace Committee (Member), Dragon Dance (Member), College First Aider.

**Hong Kong SAR, China**

*Sep 2021 - May 2023*

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Home Affairs Department, Government of Hong Kong

*District Youth Development and Civic Education Committee Member*

**Hong Kong SAR, China**

*April 2025 - Present*

- Advise district officials on youth engagement and empowerment strategies in Wong Tai Sin District.
- Co-organize youth exchange trips to Mainland China and overseas, fostering cross-cultural understanding and personal growth.
- Guide local organizations in preparing funding applications for youth development and civic education activities, and oversee their implementation and evaluation of effectiveness.

### Consent Culture Movement

*Co-founder*

**Hong Kong SAR, China**

*June 2024 - Present*

- Lead an ongoing initiative advancing consent education and preventing sexual harassment in Hong Kong.
- Design and facilitate workshops on sexual harassment awareness and prevention, and organize outreach booths at university campuses.
- Manage research, develop strategic communication plans, and create educational resources for community engagement and digital campaigns.

### Christian Action Centre for Refugees

*Student Intern*

**Hong Kong SAR, China**

*Oct 2025 - Feb 2026*

- Manage financial tracking and reporting for refugee initiative programs in collaboration with the Outreach Coordinator.
- Maintain accurate budgets and expenditure records through detailed Excel spreadsheets and reconciliations.

### Hong Kong Metropolitan University

*Research Assistant*

**Hong Kong SAR, China**

*Jan 2025 - July 2025*

Project: "China's Role and Social Power in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)"

Principal Investigator: Dr. Emilie Tran

- Conducted literature reviews and exploratory research on China-Arab states relations, focusing on economic, political, and cultural aspects.
- Compiled and maintained a comprehensive database of significant Artificial Intelligence projects and key stakeholders, mapping major government entities, corporations, and international and regional organizations, including the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and the Arab League.
- Assisted with qualitative data organization and analysis using citation management and research software.

### Youth Plus Mission (YPM)

*Organizer*

**Hong Kong SAR, China**

*August 2024*

- Organised a 4-day camp at Li Po Chun United World College for secondary school students to foster socio-cultural understanding and promote peacebuilding.
- Designed and conducted activities focused on peacebuilding and leadership development.

## LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

### The Amber Foundation

*EMPOWER Scholar*

**Hong Kong SAR, China**

*Sep 2025 - Present*

- Selected as one of 40 ethnically diverse young women in Hong Kong for the prestigious EMPOWER leadership and professional development program.
- Participate in job-focused workshops, mentorship sessions, and networking events led by professionals to strengthen career skills and build a lasting support network in Hong Kong.

### Humanitarian Affairs Asia

*Peace Ambassador*

**Bangkok, Thailand**

*Jan 2025 - Jan 2026*

- Represented Hong Kong and Hong Kong Metropolitan University as a selected delegate at the 4th Global Peace Summit at the United Nations headquarters in Bangkok.
- Engaged in high-level dialogue and collaborative sessions on peacebuilding, diplomacy, and sustainable development with youth leaders and experts from around the world.

**U.S. Department of State***Madeleine K. Albright Young Woman Leaders Program Alumna***United States of America***June 2025 - July 2025*

- Selected by the U.S. Consulate in Hong Kong as one of three women to represent Hong Kong in the Madeleine K. Albright Young Women Leaders Program.
- Participated in an intensive five-week academic exchange hosted by the Women's Global Leadership Consortium, a partnership of four U.S. colleges.
- Developed adaptive leadership skills and volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, Letters Against Isolation, and at a retirement home in Kansas, United States.

**Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC)***Youth Ambassador***Hong Kong SAR, China***Jan 2024 - Jun 2024*

- Received comprehensive sexual harassment training to promote effective bystander intervention.
- Engaged in mentorship programs with special education needs (SEN) students from local secondary schools.
- Gained practical experience in assisting athletes with disabilities to promote a barrier-free community.

**Initiative for Peace (IFP)***Student Leader***Hong Kong SAR, China***Sep 2021 - May 2023*

- Collaborated with local non-governmental organizations (NGOs), endeavoring to bridge the divide among marginalized communities.
- Coordinated external events such as workshops, conferences, summits, and Peace Camps in collaboration with Rotary Clubs of Hong Kong.

**Run Hong Kong***Physical Education Coach***Hong Kong SAR, China***June 2022 - July 2022*

- Assisted in organizing physical education training programs for refugee children residing in Hong Kong.

**CERTIFICATIONS**

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**U.S. Department of State, Study of the U.S. Institutes Program on Public Policy**, July 2025**Steward of Children Prevention Training, Child Sexual Abuse Prevention**, May 2025**Youth Plus Mission (YPM), Organizer**, August 2024**The Mental Health Association of Hong Kong, Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)**, July 2024**Equal Opportunities Commission, Understanding Sexual Harassment**, April 2024**Association Concerning Sexual Violence Against Women, Youth Ambassador**, July 2019**SKILLS & INTERESTS**

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**Languages:** English (Native), Urdu (Native), Punjabi (Native), Arabic (Beginner)**Interests:** International Human Rights Law, Diplomacy, Humanitarian Work.