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**Mainland children learned how to protect pandas**

## Panda protection trip

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FOPING - Twenty-four Hong Kong students spent a week helping children on the mainland to protect pandas last month. The teenagers from Hong Kong Institute of Education and Baptist University visited panda conservation centres in Foping in Shaanxi (陝西).

Cynthia Tam, who studies English education at HKIEd, said they used interactive drama, including a puppet show, and games, to encourage children at five schools to protect pandas. They also urged them to stop wasting paper and using disposable utensils.

Ocean Park Conservation Foundation (OPCF) helped to organise the trip along with Citywalk shopping mall, in Tsuen Wan. Joe Cheung, a senior community education officer from OPCF, said protecting pandas would also help protect other forms of animal and plant life.