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## Outstanding HK employers get recognition

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The outstanding employers, their employees and organizers pose for a picture.

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Three employers of foreign domestic workers were given recognition as “outstanding employers” as part of a search organized by the non-government organization Open Door, in collaboration with Apexart.

The awarding ceremony was held at the Central Oasis Gallery in Central Market on Jul. 17.

Among the awardees was Lau Miu Yuen, who was nominated by her Filipina domestic helper Lory Jean T. Yungco, who has been with the family for 20 years now. Lau proudly said in her acceptance speech that her family treats Yungco as one of their own.

In an interview with The SUN, Lau urged her fellow employers to be more understanding and supportive of their helpers.

Another awardee was Mong Lai Kwan who was nominated by her Thai helper Riem Incharoen, who has been with the employer’s family for the past 27 years.

The judges cited Mong for taking care of Incharoen even when the latter had serious health issues.

Another awardee, Chung Yin Kwan, cited for helping her Indonesian worker Iswati fulfil her potentials by sending her to school.

Doris Lee of Open Door said the contest aims to portray the positive behaviors and relationships that exist among domestic workers and employers.

Apart for the contest, Open Door also displayed a collection of letters and drawings expressing gratitude of employers to their domestic helpers. The collection was developed through a separate project called “Part of the Family”.

Open Door is made up of employers of foreign domestic workers and other Hong Kong citizens who promote good policies for both domestic workers and employers.

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