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A WORLD WHERE EVERY CHILD CAN



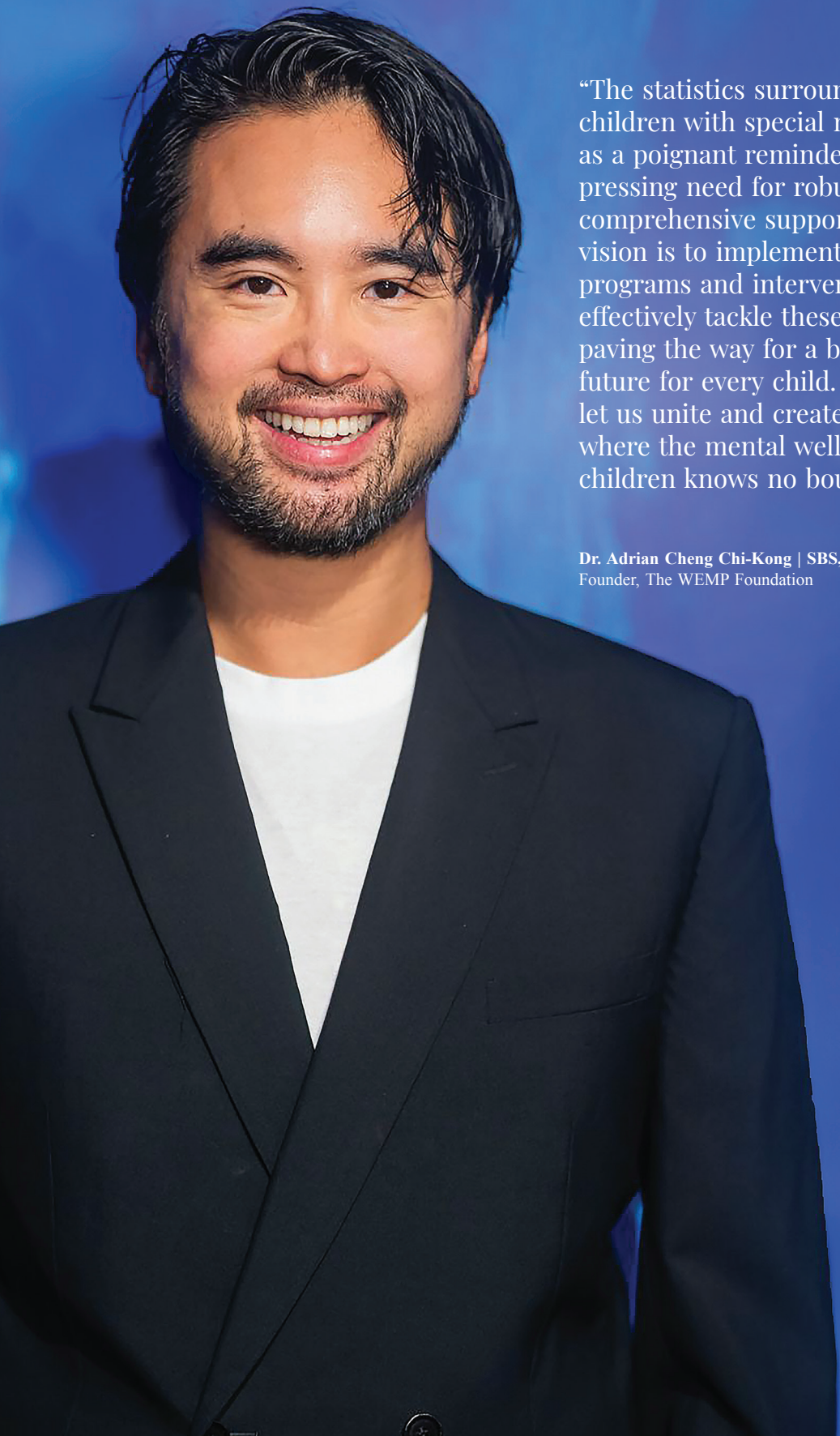
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HOST
Dr. Adrian Cheng Chi-Kong

CO-HOST
Mrs. Natalia Vodianova Arnault



“The statistics surrounding children with special needs serve as a poignant reminder of the pressing need for robust and comprehensive support. Our vision is to implement strategic programs and interventions that effectively tackle these challenges, paving the way for a brighter future for every child. Together, let us unite and create a world where the mental well-being of children knows no boundaries.”

Dr. Adrian Cheng Chi-Kong | SBS, JP
Founder, The WEMP Foundation

MESSAGE FROM HOST



At The WEMP Foundation (Well-being, EQ, Mental Health and Parenting), our vision is to create a world where the mental well-being of children and their families is prioritized and nurtured. The WEMP Foundation was founded in 2021, stemming from a vision that took shape amidst a time of silent crisis faced by children.

Our mission is to provide comprehensive support, resources, and interventions that empower parents and caregivers to foster the holistic development and mental wellness of children. We firmly believe that by equipping families with the tools and knowledge they need, we can create a positive and nurturing environment where children can thrive emotionally, socially, and academically.

We cannot accomplish our goals alone. It is through the

collective efforts of compassionate individuals and organizations that we can truly make a significant impact. The more people who come together, the more powerful our endeavors become. Together, with my co-host Mrs. Natalia Vodianova Arnault and valued partner the Naked Heart France, we exemplify the power of collaboration and partnership in creating lasting change.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your presence and unwavering support. Your participation in The Children Ball directly contributes to the well-being and future of our children. Together, we will continue to inspire minds and nurture hearts, creating a world where children's potential knows no bounds.

“ For me, our goal must be nothing less than making sure autistic children from all backgrounds, ethnicities, genders, and ages – in all parts of the world – get the support they need to live full and happy lives. ”

Mrs. Natalia Vodianova Arnault
Founder and President, Naked Heart France



MESSAGE FROM CO-HOST



About 1 in 36 children has been identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) according to the latest research data. This diagnosis is more common, than Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, and paediatric oncological diseases all together.

It is our common mission to show the whole world that those children matter; that they have something to offer; that no matter where they're from or how much money their parents have, no matter what they look like or what language they speak, they have a place in this world. A world which recognises, understands and values children with autism, and where they, and their families, receive the services and support they need throughout their lives.

My sister Oxana was born with multiple disabilities, and she has been the driving energy and an

endless source of inspiration behind my humanitarian work. Since the launch of Naked Heart in 2004, we have invested our resources to advocate, provide and develop high-quality services, information, and support, in partnership with others, for all those whose lives are affected by autism. Our philosophy has always been based on the idea that people with autism spectrum disorder should live their lives with dignity, choice, and independence to the maximum of their ability.

The Children Ball provides us all the opportunity to become a positive force behind the support for families of autistic children. It really means the world to those families to have you – such compassionate individuals – onboard.

Thank you.



THE WEMP FOUNDATION



The WEMP Foundation was established in 2021 with Dr. Adrian Cheng’s vision to promote children’s mental health. Since our inception, The WEMP Foundation has been dedicated to serving children and families in Hong Kong. Through collaborative efforts and partnerships with numerous schools, professional experts, and institutions in psychiatry, we have impacted the lives of over 61,400 children and parents.

partners, our programs have created a profound impact. “18-District Positive Parenting School Tour” has empowered numerous parents, equipping them with invaluable tools and strategies to cultivate positive parent-child relationships. Our “Emotional Resilience Program”, encompassing emotion cards, art therapy, and music therapy, have provided children with effective outlets for self-expression and emotional growth.

Thanks to the exceptional support from our collaborative

In our pursuit of holistic care, we understand the vital importance of intervention in complex cases. Our dedicated team of professionals works closely with families through our “Mindful Support” program, crafting personalized plans and support systems tailored to their unique needs. Our forthcoming initiative will provide early assessment services for children with potential neurodivergence or Special Educational Needs (SEN), ensuring timely intervention and support.

The collaboration with Naked Heart France serves as a testament to our collective commitment to making a lasting and positive difference in the lives of children and families. We strive to create a future where children are cherished, understood, and empowered to reach their fullest potential. By joining hands, we amplify our impact, raise awareness, and provide vital support to those who need it most.



NAKED HEART FRANCE



Naked Heart France was established by Natalia Vodianova to build on and amplify the profound humanitarian work that was launched back in 2004. Since then, Natalia's philanthropic initiative has impacted 28,014 children and young adults with special needs and their family members.

The foundation focuses on building a society that is open to people

with special needs by encouraging inclusive leisure, education, employment, and the creation of free support services for affected families. The primary focus lies in non-medical, educational, and psychological interventions, as well as family education and support programs. These areas are crucial because while there is no "cure" for autism, behavioural and communication interventions have proven to be highly effective.





Naked Heart France's strategy relies on three main pillars. First – is raising awareness about evidence-based programs for children with autism and their families. This is done through conducting a series of awareness events, seminars, masterclasses with top international experts in autism as key speakers. One of the plans in this area is to launch a multifunctional digital platform Naked Heart Online that will provide informational support to parents and experts. The second pillar of work includes the knowledge exchange and support for cultural adaptation in France of the most effective programs, and bringing Caregiver Skills Training (CST) to France. And the third pillar is related to the development of Naked Heart France's state-of-art modern evidence-based early intervention service for families raising young children with Autism in Ermenonville, l'Oise region.

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