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最新消息!

請各位同學留意，《小小英語街》網站之使用期已結束，為多謝老師和同學們一直以來的踴躍支持，會員可保留現時的用戶編號及密碼，於即日起至 10 月 5 日，一個月內免費使用內容更加豐富和「好玩」的「動畫英語街 x C4CAT」網上學習平台。請即登入 <http://c4cat.englishstreet.com> 參閱有關網站內容及詳情。

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登記。同學請留意：由於我們只提供免費試用戶口優惠給《小小英語街》、《ES Junior》、《英語街》或經濟日報的訂閱學校，我們會按個別同學的登記，代為聯絡其就讀學校安排有關免費試用戶口。

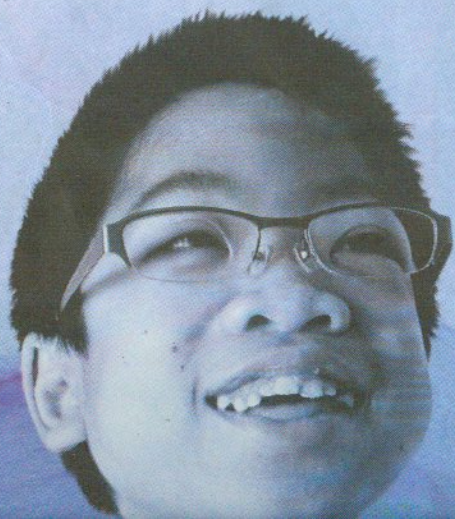
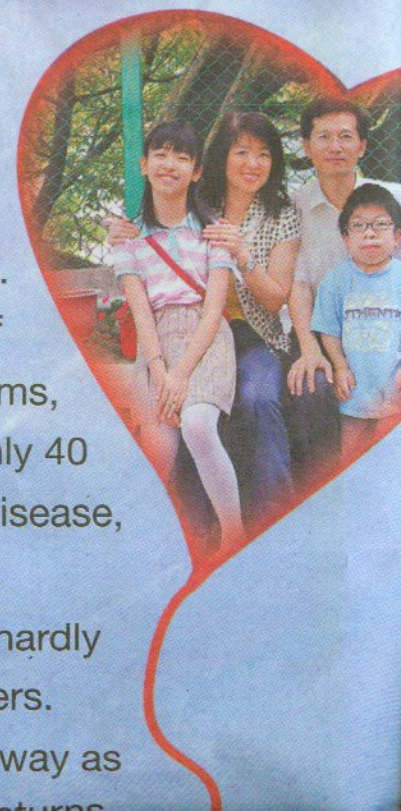


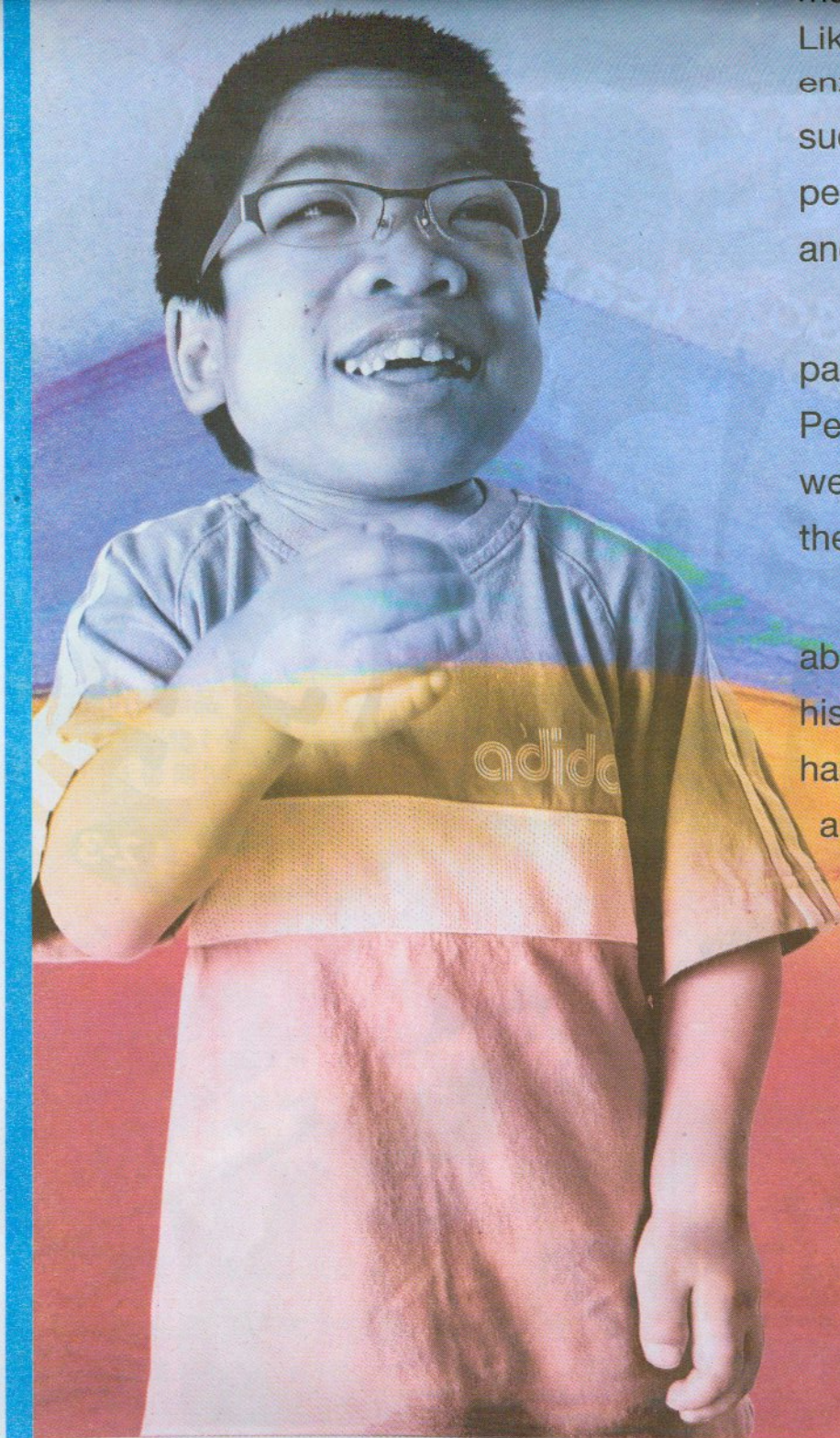
MA Lik-sang has had an **incurable** disease ever since he was born, but the boy has never felt lonely or helpless. He knows he has a supportive, loving father who is **devoted** to his care and will never abandon him, *writes Sara Chan.*

Father, son team Fight f

Lik-sang is now 14 years old but he is shorter than his peers. This is typical of someone who has mucopolysaccharidoses (MPS, 黏多醣症). Lik-sang's body is short of a certain type of enzyme, thus causing a lot of health problems, such as **stunted** body growth. There are only 40 people in Hong Kong who have the same disease, and they probably have a much shorter life.

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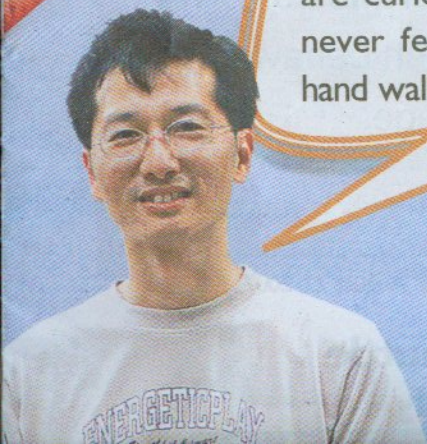
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While most of us think that Lik-sang is bitter about his childhood he has learned to accept his illness ever since he was a little child. He has a great family that always gives him comfort and encouragement, and teaches him to look at things positively. The disease has actually brought them closer together.



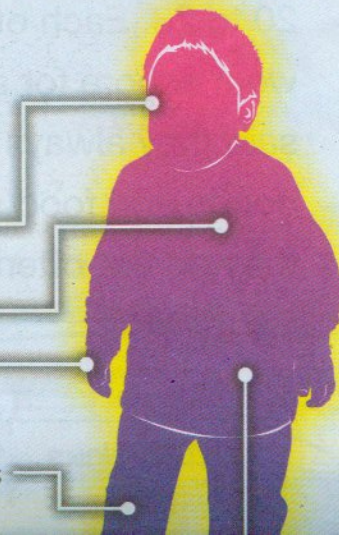
I am up in . . . or life

I am Stephen Lik-sang's father. My son is a considerate kid who never **grumbles** about life. He shares everything with me each night when we have a heart-to-heart chat during bath time. He knows I have given him the best care I can. I know there are curious eyes that **peer** at him, but I never feel embarrassed holding my son's hand walking across the street.



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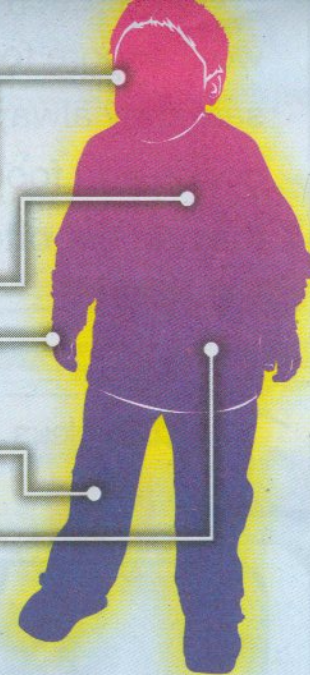




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- unable to digest enough food



MPS patients generally have a shorter lifespan (less than 20 years).

About the future...

Now, 14 years on, apart from his physical disadvantages, Lik-sang has grown up like any normal teen — playing computer games and watching football matches. His adorable character attracts many friends and they always give him a helping hand. He has also learned to cherish his life and embrace each day with gratitude. "I do know that I like maths and want to grow up to be a football commentator," he said with his soft voice.



What has Lik-sang's story told you? How should we face difficulties in life?

Glossary

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| 1 incurable | (adj. 不能醫治的) |
| 2 devoted | (adj. 獻身的) |
| 3 stunted | (adj. 阻礙的) |
| 4 grumble | (v. 嘮叨地埋怨) |
| 5 peer | (v. 凝視; 盯著看) |

*Big word(s) and Amazing phrase(s) are published on page 15.