

# If I were still **alive** ...

**Butterfly**

I'm a little girl who died as a result of the ferry collision in Hong Kong harbour on October 1st, 2012. A lot of people died from this tragic incident.

It was October 1st, The National Day of the People's Republic of China. Typically, my parents took my younger brother and me to Lamma Island for a night. At about 8:20 p.m., we were on the ferry heading to the Island. While all the passengers on board were watching the spectacular fireworks displaying for the National Day, we suddenly heard a loud crash and simultaneously we were thrown out of our seats by the force of the impact. All of us tried hard to grab on something in order to stay on board; however, it all happened so fast and it was completely out of our control. Many of us were thrown into the deep sea and I, unluckily, was one of them. I was very scared and didn't want to die. I screamed loudly hoping that my parents could hear me and save me. To my despair, I sank and sank till I totally lost my consciousness.

A few hours later, I was rescued and sent to the intensive care unit for swallowing too much water. Though the medical team tried hard to save me, I was certified dead five days later. Now I am in heaven leaving my family on earth.

To tell you the truth, I really didn't want to leave them so early. Therefore, I beg God to give me another chance to live. If I could survive from this tragic incidence, I would listen to my parents, take their advice seriously, have fewer

conflicts with them and stop making them worry about my studies. I would also help them take care of my younger brother, not to quarrel with him but rather be a good example for him to follow. In order to reduce my mother's workload, I would also be willing to help with simple chores and cooking. When my parents come home from work, I would greet them with smiles and words of kindness to give them comfort after a tiring working day. Above all, I would tell them I love them and I am very proud of being their daughter.

At school, I would be more attentive in all my lessons and would be a more active participant in the various learning tasks. I would behave well : be polite to everybody, be honest and humble. I would also be punctual, follow school rules and regulations, submit my homework on time and do my best to have a better relationship with teachers, classmates and others. I would work harder with my studies so that I could get better results. I would share my joy and sorrow with my classmates and invite them to my small but cozy home to meet with my family, play with my brother and have meals with us.

I wish I could have the chance to be a perfect girl for my parents, a supportive sister for my brother and a good student for my teachers. However, it was merely a fake dream. I hereby heartily plead you to cherish your life, always live in the moment and be the best of yourself every day. When facing difficulties, be brave and positive just as the saying goes - 'Rain before seven, fine before eleven.'