# **Family Council**

"Strengthening Family Cohesion and Solidarity" Family Education Videos — Scaling new heights as the power of family ignites FU Ka-chun, Marco

Marco FU : Being a father is simply wonderful

like no other feeling of joy

one can ever experience to be comparable

Even now, the day my first daughter was born

is still a vivid memory for me

# Introduced to snooker by father

Marco FU : When I was little, my dad loved playing snooker

There were snooker halls everywhere

and snooker competitions on TV all the time

so I became keen on the sport

To me, it stood out from other sports

I then asked my dad

if he could take me to visit a snooker hall

Bit by bit, I got to know the sport

and found it to be very fascinating

I really never thought that I'd go professional

until I was 15, 16 or so

Only as I got increasingly better at my game

did I dream of becoming a snooker player

## Shouldering responsibilities as husband and father

Marco FU : I married my wife in 2011

My elder daughter is nearly 10 now

and the other girl 7

Time really flies

I've already been a father for 10 years in the blink of an eye

Since becoming a father

I've taken my career even more seriously

In the past, I believed that

everything I did was for my own sake

But after starting a family

I had to consider making a living for my wife and the girls

The drive and the goals I had for my career

have been much boosted

Everything I do becomes centring around family

so I feel a greater sense of responsibility since becoming a father

To me

the support and motivation I receive from my family are crucial

# **Backing from wife**

Marco FU : My wife means the world to me

Being a full-time housewife and mother

ever since the birth of our daughters

she has been taking care of our family with all her heart

She also gives me tremendous support for my career

and encourages me to just play well when on overseas competition tours

This gives me the peace of mind when I compete

and clears my worries on the home front

My wife's backing is indispensable to me

and I'm grateful for my family's support

# Grateful for family's company during eye disease battle

Marco FU : In 2018, I suffered from retinal degeneration

and needed to undergo laser surgery

After my surgery

I was unable to compete for a while

and put on hold for about 6 to 9 months

for travelling to any other countries

During that time, I was anxious about

what if I could no longer perform at my previous level

What should I do then?

I'd talk to my wife about my worries no matter how big or small

pouring out my heart to her

I believe that talking to family members is very important

because for problems of whatever significance

one cannot think them out on one's own

My first impulse was certainly to deal with the eye disease

But to some extent, I was also a bit thankful for it

because I could stay in Hong Kong to be with my family for a while

and do whatever I usually simply couldn't do with them

Maybe I could attend friends' birthday parties with them

for which I missed out on lots of the opportunities before

Maybe I could also watch my daughters' Christmas performances at school which I often couldn't attend in the past

I finally had the opportunity to take them to school and do all sorts of these things

## Words for wife and daughters

Marco FU : I'm immensely grateful to my wife

for offering me so much help along my career

Basically, she handles all sorts of chores at home

from the education of our daughters

to all household matters

She takes care of them single-handedly.

That's why I have to thank my wife

for her sacrifice to the family and support for me over the years

As for my daughters

my wish is simply

that they can grow up healthily and happily

Whenever I'm in Hong Kong

I hope to spend more time with them

and watch them grow up to be healthy and happy

I don't expect them to have to learn snooker in the future

and play for Hong Kong in competitions, nothing like that

I want to help them find out what they love doing

and what they are interested in

or gifted in

I actually think I should give more thought to these things

to help them achieve what they love doing

and lead in their career fields in future

As a parent, I must have a clear focus and help them carve their own path Then I'll be very contented as a father