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Cross-border Study Tour for Post-secondary Financial Talents



The Study Tour, commissioned by the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau of the Government, and organised by the Federation, was arranged so that business students in Hong Kong's universities would get a better understanding of monetary systems and financial markets both on the Mainland and locally.

This year, 29 nominated students from nine universities went to Shanghai for around five weeks. There they enjoyed work attachments and visits to government and regulatory bodies, as well as start-ups.



The Launching Ceremony was held on 29 May 2017 with Guest of Honour, Professor the Hon. K.C. Chan, GBS, JP, Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury.

A Buddy Scheme was also arranged by alumni of the Tour to encourage the interaction between former and current participants and to help build networks of financial talents.

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HSBC Youth Business Award

Solely sponsored by HSBC Commercial Banking, the Federation has been organising the "HSBC Youth Business Award" since 2011, which recognises outstanding young business enterprises that are pro-active, innovative and offer exceptional services.

In 2016, a record high 138 applications were received. The Judging Panel, chaired by former Financial Secretary, Mr. Antony Leung, GBS, JP, selected five outstanding businesses. They received awards totalling HK\$200,000 in cash, trophies, free magazine advertisements and online search marketing services. Ms. Twiggy Chan was the Gold Prize winner as the Co-founder of Boaz International Education Institute with Ms. Odilia Kan. She successfully overcame dyslexia to concentrate on teaching, using unique methods to help children with special educational needs to learn effectively.

A new category "Innovative e-Business Award" was also added to promote innovation and the first winner was Create Studio Limited, who used AR and VR technology. They won the Award, cash of HK\$30,000 and other prizes.



Innovation and Technology Scholarship Award Scheme

For the past seven years, 175 young talents in the fields of science, engineering and health-related studies have participated in the Innovation and Technology Scholarship Award Scheme.

Supported and sponsored by the Innovation and Technology Commission and HSBC, 25 awardees each receive a scholarship of HK\$150,000 to take part in a series of elite training opportunities through the Overseas/Mainland Attachment Programme, Mentorship Programme, Local Internship Programme and Service Project Programme.



This year, the scholarship also supported undergraduates to further their studies at such institutions as Stanford University, Yale University, the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge, among others. They were also able to intern in technology corporations and government departments.

Over the years, about 60% of graduated awardees have either set up their own technology businesses or working as employees in the innovation and technology industries; another 27% of them are now doing post-graduate studies.

In parallel with the Scheme, an Innovation and Technology Alumni Association offers a platform to all scholarship recipients to support each other and promote science and technology to those in schools and universities.



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The HKFYG Positive Life Attitude Award for Young People

The Award acknowledges young people who have shown a positive attitude to overcoming challenging life issues. In 2017, 170 nominations from 86 schools were received from which 15 winners were elected after two rounds of interviews. Each of the winners was awarded a scholarship of HK\$3,000 with which they could join courses to enhance their self-development at an Awards Ceremony, officiated by Mr. Walter Chan Kar-lok, SBS, BBS, JP, Council Member of the Federation. The inspiring life stories of these young winners were put together in a book entitled, *Life's Ups and Downs*, in order to encourage others to face their problems in a positive way.





The HKFYG Standard Chartered Hong Kong English Public Speaking Contest



One of Hong Kong's most popular events, this year saw 2,038 students participating at The HKFYG Standard Chartered Hong Kong English Public Speaking Contest. Celebrating its 14th anniversary, the Contest is co-organised with the English Speaking Union (Hong Kong), solely sponsored by Standard Chartered Community Foundation and powered by Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited. Each year, the winner competes at the International Public Speaking Competition in London and the National Competition in Mainland China. In addition, all winners are invited to join the "Sir T.L. Yang English Language Ambassador Outreach" to promote English public speaking through sharing sessions with their peers.



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The Hong Kong Youth Service Award

The Hong Kong Youth Service Award continues to honour, acclaim and encourage outstanding young people aged 18 to 35, who through their commitment, dedication and integrity, exemplify the true spirit of service to the community.

The five winners of 2016 were Mr. Paul Lee Kong-ngai, who encourages happy healthy lives through his initiative "Embrace with Empathy"; Mr. Arnold Chan, Co-founder of Teach4HK, which brings together grassroots children and university graduates; Mr. Cheung Sai-ho, who uses technology to forge new ideas to put people to work; Ms. Bonnie Chiu, Co-founder of Lensational, which uses photography to advance and address women's empowerment and racial harmony in Hong Kong; and Ms. Jasmine Lau Ching-yu, Co-founder of Philanthropy in Motion, which facilitates the rethinking of charitable giving.



The Hon. Rimsy Yuen Kwok-keung, GBM, SC, JP, Secretary for Justice, was the Guest of Honour and presented the Awards at the Ceremony.

