

## From the President



I have enjoyed a long association with the Federation, but continue to remain amazed at the depth and breadth of services and programmes that are on offer to young people from all walks of life. From tackling immediate needs through counselling, referrals and remedial support, to long term planning through educational and career assistance; from sporting activities to innovative and creative competitions; to music, dance, leadership, public speaking and a whole lot more, the Federation caters to all the needs and covers all the concerns of young people.

This takes not only great organisation and coordination, but also tremendous hard work and effort. What members of the public see is only the end result: the enjoyment and satisfaction of contented young participants. What many do not see are the days and nights of planning, collaborating and organising that goes into providing all the Core Services of the Federation.

I therefore take this opportunity to thank every single staff member, particularly those in leadership, whose heart, passion and total commitment to the young people of Hong Kong ensure that such meaningful programmes and services are delivered. This is a priceless calling and it makes me very proud to be associated with the Federation.

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Of course, along with all the hard work of the staff, are the trust, support and encouragement we receive from many in the community. My deepest and heartfelt gratitude also goes to all who have given us resources more personally. These amounts have enabled the Federation to carry out specific services and programmes that have really altered the lives of many more disadvantaged young people. Furthermore, we have benefitted beyond expectation from many people in the community, who give so freely of their time and expertise. To everyone who has contributed to the Federation, thank you so very much.

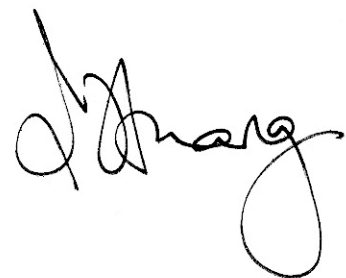
I also thank all these partners for their help, particularly the Labour and Welfare Bureau, the Social Welfare Department, the Labour Department, the Home Affairs Bureau, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the Development Bureau, the Education Bureau, the Financial Services & Treasury Bureau, the Innovation and Technology Commission, the Environmental Protection Department, the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks, the Tourism Commission, the Commission on Youth, the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education, the Narcotics Division and the Airport Authority Hong Kong. I must also thank the Lotteries Fund, The Community Chest of Hong Kong, The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, the Quality Education Fund, the Beat Drugs Fund, the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged, the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation, The Verdant Foundation Limited, the Hongkong Bank Foundation, The Keswick Foundation, the K&K Charity Limited, the Lee Hysan Foundation, the Lee Shau Kee Foundation Limited, the Ng Teng Fong Charitable Foundation, The D.H. Chen Foundation, the Tin Ka Ping Foundation, the Victor and William Fung Foundation Limited and the Au Bak Ling Charity Trust. We are equally grateful for the support from Hang Seng Bank, Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited, American Express, Sun Hung Kai Properties Limited and Prudential Hong Kong Limited.

For me personally, I am deeply grateful for the great wisdom and advice that I receive from my very able fellow Council Members. They are always so enthusiastic and insightful, making my responsibilities so much easier to carry out. I would like to thank them all.

Finally, let me inform you all, that after a long, distinguished and deeply committed life of service that has spanned 42 years, Dr. Rosanna Wong retired as Executive Director on 14 August 2017. I know I speak for all on the Council when I say that we will miss her, but thank her for her dedication and devotion to service. For many people, including myself, Dr. Wong has been the heart of the Federation. Her passion and tireless work has seen the Federation grow and prosper without ever losing sight of the needs of young people. The Council is very pleased that we have managed to persuade Dr. Wong to stay on as Senior Adviser.

Mr. Andy Ho Wing-cheong, the current Deputy Executive Director, takes over as the new Executive Director. Andy is a familiar face and has been working with the Federation for the past 30 years. The Council welcomes him to his new position and offers him all its support and backing.

This will be a big change, but I know that the Council and the amazing staff of the Federation, will continue to face the challenges and opportunities ahead, remaining committed to carrying out and supporting our mission to the betterment of young people of Hong Kong, responsibly and dutifully.



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