



**CORE
SERVICES**



Youth S.P.O.Ts

The objective of the Federation's 22 Youth S.P.O.Ts (Space for Participation, Opportunities and Training) is to foster the holistic development of young people under the age of 35. The S.P.O.Ts are comprised of 16 Integrated Team Centres, 3 Children and Youth Centres, 2 Youth Centres and Youth S.P.O.T. 21.

The 22 Youth S.P.O.Ts continue to provide a wide range of learning opportunities, services and challenging experiences, with a special focus on Social Exposure and Development, Strengthening Classroom Learning, Extending Educational Opportunities, as well as Connecting Young People. By the end of March 2017, the Youth S.P.O.Ts had a total of 358,634 members, with a total attendance standing at 3,507,844.

The highlights of this year's programmes are:



Social Exposure and Development

Social Exposure and Development helps young people to widen their perspectives and horizons through training, presentation and community participation on a range of subjects – from social issues to neighbourhood matters. Over the last year, there was a total attendance of 397,240.

Youth Experiential Learning Project

220 young people in 53 teams joined this project which encouraged young people to explore the issue of "Poverty" from different perspectives and to express their views and concerns through multimedia platforms. Ms. Yuen Siu-ching, Senior Executive Producer of TVB spoke to the participants about media interviews, story presentation and analysis of social issue, while Mr. Matt Lui, video producer, taught the participants how to shoot videos.

A panel composed of Mr. Cheng Tung, Convenor of the Governance and Constitutional Development of Youth I.D.E.A.S. of HKFYG, Mr. Chow Chi-kwong, Media Officer of M21 and Ms. Yuen Siu-ching chose the outstanding videos and winners were sponsored to visit Japan to learn more about cross cultural poverty issues. All the videos were uploaded on M21.

'Passing Love On' Campaign

This year the focus was on DSE candidates, encouraging them during their exams and when their results were due. Ms. Kiyo Cheung, a young art designer designed a foldable postcard with supportive messages to be handed out. A series of caring activities and extension services were also available in the study rooms at different Youth S.P.O.Ts.

Strengthening Classroom Learning

During the year, a series of learning support services were provided by the Youth S.P.O.Ts to help young people consolidate classroom learning and improve their learning effectiveness to build up learning confidence. The total attendance to all services of Strengthening Classroom Learning was 256,425.



CORE SERVICES



Supporting Services to Primary Students

Supporting services to meet different study needs were provided to students. These included After-school Care Programme, Homework Tutorial Support Services, as well as personal development and extracurricular activities through 15 Youth S.P.O.Ts. Contextualising special needs depending on district, five Youth S.P.O.Ts provided Enhanced After-school Care Services to support children aged between 6 and 12, whose parents were unable to care for them after school and during school holidays. Families-in-need received subsidies to join the service.

Community-based Projects

Sponsored by The Moody's Foundation, 182 students with financial difficulties, joined the Moody's Community Maths Classrooms at Ping Shek and Cheung Wah Youth S.P.O.Ts and 134 students were able to benefit from the online platform of this project, which included 12 Maths videos broadcast through the M21 channel.

The purpose of the Maths Classrooms was to help underprivileged students to improve their level, and capabilities in Maths, thus motivating and energising other aspects of their school life. Apart from the regular Maths Classroom, monthly and summer activities were also provided.

With the support of Sun Hung Kai Properties, the SHKP Smart Kids Learning Project was launched in January 2017. This one-year project focused on enhancing independent learning and S.T.E.M. capacities of 400 underprivileged children from Primary 1 to Secondary 3 through tutorials and L.E.A.D. classes, online tutoring, the Community Classroom Online Channel, Smart Kids S.M.I.L.E. Corner and Smart Kids Talent Shows.

One-on-one tuition services proved to be very helpful to underprivileged students who encountered difficulties in their studies, but lacked the means to get outside help. With support from university volunteers, Principal Chan Free Tutorial World, and volunteers of Youth S.P.O.Ts, 12 Youth S.P.O.Ts provided free neighbourhood-based tuition to disadvantaged students. About 111 students were matched with 151 voluntary tutors.

Different workshops for parents and tutors and a large scale workshop for DSE candidates were also held to improve the effectiveness of learning among young people.

M21 Online Community Classroom

Through the M21 channel on the M21 website, self-learning programmes facilitate students to learn at their own pace. There are also 18 videos to offer assistance in English, Maths, Liberal Studies and foreign languages, among various topics.



Extending Educational Opportunities

"UP to Learn • Learn to UP"

With the idea of progressive, adaptive and connective learning, over 1,000 UP courses in languages, visual arts, performing arts, cookery and music from 15 Youth S.P.O.Ts were organised for the extended education of over 4,000 students. Total attendance of the UP series was over 390,000.

UP Will Power

UP Will Power organised various courses to widen the horizons and learning of over 100 youth who took part.

UP – Youth Experiential Project

Over the past three summers, the Youth Experiential Project provided comprehensive internship training for young people aged from 15 to 24, through exposures and work experience in service delivery and administrative work of units. Last year, more than 16,000 service hours were contributed by 200 youth.

Connecting Young People

Young people were connected via sports activities, uMarket, uCafé and social media to develop a healthy lifestyle, expand their creativity and points of view. These activities drew an attendance of 1,048,643 throughout the year.

Sports Activities

Basketball, rugby and football tournaments and the Dragon Boat race engaged 880 participants. A HKFYG basketball team will be formed after the Youth S.P.O.Ts basketball league will be held.



uMarket and Creative Community

A monthly youth handicraft market was held at different Youth S.P.O.Ts throughout the year. It provided opportunities for exhibiting and selling DIY products made by young people. These included hand-made crafts, plants and foodstuff. Altogether there was a community of about 100 vendors.

uCafé

uCafé in each Youth S.P.O.T. serves as a daily gathering point for young people. A series of seasonal events were launched, including the Valentine Workshop and S.P.O.T. Sound music.

Social Media and Idea Exchange

Social media, the website, Facebook, and YouTube channels broadcast ongoing news from the Youth S.P.O.Ts, engaging 740,700 young people.

Other Significant Activities

M21 Station @ Youth S.P.O.Ts

M21 stations have been set up at all 21 Youth S.P.O.Ts with young people actively using them to produce micro films, programme trailers and community programmes. A new series, called "Stories of the Neighbourhood" was produced and launched on the M21 Community Channel and other social media platforms. Teams involved in the shooting have to explore, interview, cast and to creatively present stories of their neighbours.

Summer Youth Programmes

Over 6,003 classes and activities were organised by the 21 Youth S.P.O.Ts and other service units during the summer of 2016. Young people enjoyed a wide range of activities under the theme 'Creative Summer' which also included sports and creative learning.



Community Team Sports

The HKFYG Jockey Club Community Team Sports Project continues for the second year, encouraging young people between the ages of 8 and 25 to take part in five team sports. These are, group runs, basketball, canoeing, rope skipping and ice hockey. Training is given and the Community Team Sports League is held annually. Sportovation Community Service encouraged youth to make use of their knowledge in sports to contribute and serve the community.



During the past year, the Project organised professional training courses for over 3,000 participants and the Sportovation Community Service projects benefitted over 60,000 service recipients.

Two signature events were held this year. The First Hong Kong Youth Community Sports Festival was held in February 2017. The aim was to nurture young people's interest in sports and encourage them to make exercise a regular habit. The Festival consisted of ten different competitions, including group runs, basketball, canoeing, rope skipping, ice hockey, football, dodge ball, floor curling, taekwondo and table tennis. More than 3,000 young people took part.

The second signature event was called 'Sports x Innovation Expo' that was held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre in July 2017. It attracted more than 90,000 visitors. During the Expo, a Sports Mileage Giving Scheme was launched, which entails participants' exercising hours being converted into sports mileage. In return, help will be provided so that underprivileged youth will get free sports training.



M21 Multimedia Services

Media 21 (M21) is both a multimedia web (M21.hk) and physical hub which has three essential elements entitled, “Incubation”, “Production” and “Broadcast”.



Incubation

The Media Academy runs regular courses which include training for campus TV, news reports, dubbing and micro-film production among others. Career related experiential tours are provided, with differences between traditional and new media explained. Participants to the course also have a chance to see firsthand the technical workings of newsrooms, radio stations and drama studios. Tailor-made courses are also offered on-campus with media experts, news practitioners and movie directors.



Production

All the programmes at M21 are produced by young people. The M21 Production Team currently comprises more than 500 young people who make use of the one-stop multimedia production platform with ten broadcasting channels. They produce programmes on current issues, school life, music, environment and lifestyle.

Public Policy Online@M21

M21 held a series of Youth Sharing Sessions on public policy with the now previous officials. These included talks with the previous officials including, the Chief Executive, Mr. C.Y. Leung, GBM, GBS, JP; Mr. Paul Chan, GBM, GBS, MH, JP, the Financial Secretary, Mr. Nicolas Yang, GBS, JP, the Secretary for Innovation and Technology. Topics included the Policy Address, the Budget and Hong Kong 2030+. The sharing sessions were direct broadcasts online, which helped increase both the interest and knowledge of young people in current affairs, while also giving them the opportunity to express their views.



CORE SERVICES



New Principal Officials at the Book Fair

M21 produced a week-long youth TV programme at the Book Fair with the new team of Principal Officials for the fifth term of the HKSAR Government. Guests were invited to visit the Book Fair with young people and share their insights on a range of topics such as leisure and learning initiatives, as well as their all time favourite book. Guests include the Chief Executive, Mrs. Carrie Lam, GBM, GBS, JP, Mr. Edward Yau, GBS, JP, the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr. Patrick Nip, JP, the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Dr. C.K. Law, GBS, JP, the Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Mr. James Lau, JP, the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr. Kevin Yeung, JP, the Secretary for Education and Mr. Wong Kam-sing, GBS, JP, the Secretary for Environment.



Green Channel (<https://m21.hk/gogreen>)

M21 was granted funding by the Environment and Conservation Fund and Environmental Committee to establish a Green Channel to spread messages related to protecting environment. The Green Channel also included videos, blogs and short-films. The highlighted video series was a “low-carbon kitchen” which introduced a variety of low-carbon recipes to the public.



“The Taste of Youth”

“The Taste of Youth” was presented by HKFYG, distributed by Edko Films Limited and produced by Beautiful Productions Limited. In documentary format, the film was directed by Mr. Cheung King-wai about young people in contemporary Hong Kong. Nine young people, participants in the 2014 “Ode to Joy” concert, shared their hopes, aspirations and dreams. A total of 188 screenings were held in 15 cinemas. The DVD is now available on sale at public stores.



Broadcast Platforms

M21 has a wide broadcasting network, including M21.hk, set-top boxes and 150 secondary and primary schools and 21 Youth S.P.O.Ts, through which students and the public can watch M21's productions. On social media, M21 has its own YouTube channels and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/m21.hk/>).



myTV SUPER

In collaboration with TVB, video programmes produced by M21 are broadcast on the "Free Zone" of myTV SUPER under the "M21 channel". They fall into three categories of programmes: "Creative Lab" which covers micro films and music videos; "Inno-Style" which promotes a green and healthy lifestyle; and "All About Youth" which explores the world through the eyes of young people.

CORE SERVICES

Selected Competitions

PG Guidance – Protection Gap Innovative

PG Guidance – Protection Gap Innovative is jointly organised by M21 and The Hong Kong Federation of Insurers for micro-movies to inform young people about the knowledge of insurance, while also enabling them to improve their video production skills.



The 8th Healthy Internet Video Contest

Co-organised and sponsored by the Office for Film, Newspaper and Article Administration, the focus is on enhancing public understanding towards the Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance. This territory-wide Contest has become an annual event among schools.



Employment Services

Employability Enhancement

Since its establishment in 2003, the Youth Employment Network (YEN) has acted as a bridge for youth to smoothen the transition from school to work by improving their employability skills, while at the same time, exploring work opportunities and encouraging the business sector to employ young people.

Over the past year, YEN has cooperated with government departments, the private sector and other NGOs to offer various services.



The Life Banking Project, targeted at senior secondary school students, focuses on school to work transition. This past year, 49,135 students from 105 secondary schools participated in a series of activities, workshops and seminars. YEN also offered individual assessments to 354 and counselling to 120 secondary students from five partnered schools this school year.



Working Reality 2.0, a programme supported by the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB), reached out to 10,664 senior secondary students from 11 secondary schools to promote career planning concepts and offer basic skills acquisition.

Also, with support from HAB, the Jobtiary Promotional Scheme helped secondary school students, their parents and teachers get more information on over 200 types of job. The first Career Exploration website was launched to consolidate student information that they might need to plan for their futures. The website received an accumulated hit rate of more than 1.6 million. Altogether, 5,074 secondary students took part in the different programmes.



CORE SERVICES

YEN cooperated with different businesses, including Hang Seng Bank, to launch the Hang Seng GPS Youth Employment Programme. This was the first youth employment project in Hong Kong to make use of the “Gap Year” concept to give secondary students time to think about their futures.

YEN also partnered with the Prudential Hong Kong Limited to operate Hope for Success, where nearly 500 secondary students enrolled. 20 finalists, who showed the most enthusiasm and commitment to their future plans, received scholarships to further implement their dreams with the guidance of social workers.



“What’s a Career?” is a career exploration programme organised together with The Hong Kong Federation of Insurers. This included the board game “Find Yourself, Find Your Job” workshops for teacher and the taster classes by experts from different industries. So far, 231 teachers completed the workshops and 1,176 students participated in the classes.

The Hong Kong Association of Banks supported YEN to carry out the Youth Financial Education Programme which helped 814 students from 51 secondary schools gain understanding of the banking industry and financial management through various activities, workshops and bank visits.



Project Bridge, supported by The Keswick Foundation, provided one-stop support services for unemployed young people and secondary students, aged between 15 and 24, who were assessed or suspected to have learning disabilities. So far, 336 young people were able to enhance their employability.

YEN is one of the training bodies of the Labour Department’s Youth Employment Training Programme. This year, 100 unemployed young people between the aged of 15 and 24 participated.

The Employer Network, formally launched in 2004, uses the Internet and email to bring notice of job vacancies to young people. Liaising with the business sector, over 129 job vacancies were created with related on-the-job training provided.

Employers this year included:

- The Airport Authority of Hong Kong
- Ocean Park Hong Kong
- Kerry Properties Limited
- Kerry Logistics
- Hair Do Designing

YEN organised a large-scale Youth Career Expo. The expo served as a “One-stop-shop” and 2,500 young people were able to access information and assistance.

Strengthening Youth Entrepreneurial Services

Youth Business Hong Kong (YBHK), with the support of Youth Business International, has been providing young entrepreneurs with one-stop services since 2005. With generous financial assistance from the Ng Teng Fong Charitable Foundation, every supported youth business enjoyed an interest-free business loan up to HK\$150,000. Business mentors were also on hand to provide professional advice and training.

Funding of HK\$3.3 million by the Youth Development Fund of the Home Affairs Bureau and the Commission on Youth, enabled the presentation of "One-stop Supportive Scheme for Young Entrepreneurs by SIC". The scheme helped young people start a business with seed funds, professional mentorship, free office space and promotion platforms.



To recognise outstanding youth businesses, the Federation has been organising the HSBC Youth Business Award since 2011. In 2016, a record high 138 applications were received. A new category "Innovative e-Business Award" was also added to promote innovation.



In the reporting period, a total of 46 activities were organised with an attendance of around 8,500. In particular, a series of training and special programmes was organised with Barclays sponsorship. For instance, the Outbound Mission to South Korea opened the eyes of 20 entrepreneurs and expanded their business network.

The Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Youth Innovation and Entrepreneur Hub (E Hub) is a collaborative project of the Authority of Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone, Shenzhen Youth Federation and the HKFYG. By 31 March 2017, E Hub accumulatively recruited over 187 start-up companies in which 92 were from Hong Kong, Macao and overseas. E Hub enabled Hong Kong young entrepreneurs to explore business opportunities in the China (Guangdong) Pilot Free Trade Zone with one-year rent-free office space and preferential policies.



CORE SERVICES



Social Innovation

The Federation established the HKFYG Jockey Club Social Innovation Centre (SIC) with support from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust. SIC is a 5,000-square feet co-working space conveniently located in Wong Chuk Hang. As Hong Kong's first youth-oriented social innovation centre, the SIC encourages start-ups which have a social oriented objective and commitment to work for the benefit of society.

One highlight of SIC is the Jockey Club Incubation Programme for Social Innovation. This provides seed fund and mentorship support for social innovators. It also enables capacity-enhancement programmes and competitions, such as the Social Innovation Conference and the Social Innovation Breakfast Meeting. These allow young entrepreneurs to expand their business networks and enrich their knowledge. Pitching competitions like the Social Innovation Challenge also provide platforms for aspiring social innovators to pitch for resources and promote a culture of entrepreneurship.

With full support from Microsoft Hong Kong, the pitching competition "Wanted: Your Pitch For Our Funds" was co-organised with Hong Kong People and Brands. This provided a platform for ten youth businesses to pitch in front of 22 investors for a potential seed fund of HK\$10 million. Since its operations in early 2016, 50 social innovative businesses have been supported by various incubation programmes. In this reporting year, 63 programmes were organised with an attendance of about 3,000 people.



As a strategic partner of Entrepreneur Day (E Day), organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, SIC provided start-up information for visitors and benefitted incubatees with free product display exhibition. A new networking event, "Start-up Mixer", was conducted. Over 80 entrepreneurs and SMEs representatives met business leaders in person and gained valuable comments on their business. Key guests included Mr. Ivan Yau of Sino Group, Mr. Douglas Yeung of G.O.D. (Goods of Desire) and Mr. Duncan Chiu of Radiant Venture Capital.





Youth Social Enterprises

HKFYG Organic Farm

Established in 2010, the HKFYG Organic Farm covers 160,000 square feet and is located in Yuen Long. The aim is to highlight the link between healthy living and environment. It is the only local farm with a USDA and Hong Kong Organic Resource Centre Organic Certification. The Farm has also won the Top 10 Best Organic Retailer Award for five consecutive years.



In the year 2016-17 the farm produces around 45,171 cabbies of seasonal crops. The farm also serves as an education platform, inviting young people to come and get their hands dirty by planting and harvesting. In the year 2016-17, around 30,000 persons participated in farm's activity.



CORE SERVICES



FAT CHOY

FAT CHOY, is the newly renovated and renamed former Organic 21 restaurant. The philosophy behind FAT CHOY rests on the elaboration of "FAT": Farm to Table, Artisanal and Textured food. The restaurant sources much of its produce from the HKFYG Organic Farm, as well as other local farms and will promote seasonal dishes, as well as a low-carbon, delicious cooking and dining culture. It is situated next door to an accompanying retail store which sells organic food and other natural products sourced from around the world. Both the restaurant and the shop provide employment and training opportunities to young people.



Café 21

Café 21, is situated in the Federation Headquarters and is managed and run by young people. Café 21 is also available for rental and provides catering services to those who use the facilities of the Headquarters.

PH3

PH3 is a party venue which will open in August 2017. It is located at a revitalised historic building in Wan Chai and can be rented for private or corporate parties, formal ceremonies, workshops or social gatherings.



Leadership Training

For the past 17 years, Leadership 21 has been providing comprehensive leadership training for young people aged from 15 to 34, in order to ensure there is a pool of able and competent leaders for the development of Hong Kong. Building on this solid foundation of leadership training, the Federation will revitalise the former Fanling Magistracy into The HKFYG Institute for Leadership Development and establish a new leadership framework consisting of four foundation stones, namely Qualities of Leadership, Competencies for Leadership, Vision to Lead, and Contribution to the Community. By providing professional and multi-disciplinary leadership training, the Institute will continue to nurture high-caliber young leaders for the public, private and social sectors, as well as to build an inclusive and cohesive community with leaders committed to social responsibility and ethical behaviour.



“Hong Kong 200” Leadership Project

The “Hong Kong 200” Leadership Project has been running since 2006. This year, the training focused on enhancing participants’ global connectivity, as well as their commitment to service. The young leaders could choose specific project areas, such as A Project for Hong Kong, Social Innovators Shadowing Programme or the Mentorship Programme, and tailor-make their own leadership training journey. The alumni grouping, Hong Kong 200 Association, engaged over 110 alumni from all walks of life, to provide valuable experience to their juniors regarding career development, further studies and making a positive social impact.



CORE SERVICES



Leaders to Leaders

Since rebranding in 2016, five global young leaders, including Ms. Jasmine Lau, a 2016 Forbes 30 under 30 Social Entrepreneur, Mr. Darren Tay, the 2016 World Champion of Public Speaking, Ms. Lina Khalifeh, a Female Entrepreneur of the Year, Mr. Gary Wong, Founder of InspiringHK Sports Foundation, and Ms. Arizza Nocum, 100 Most Influential Filipina Women in the World, were invited to share their experiences and journeys with local young leaders.

Also, for the first time, apprenticeships were offered to Hong Kong young people to help broaden their global perspectives through hands-on work experience and exposures. This year, by connecting nine universities and eight organisations, the programme had an impact on around 1,000 young leaders and over 2,600 beneficiaries through online and offline activities.



Summer School for Effective Leadership

Again, trying to keep relevant and pertinent to the needs of young people, this year's programme underwent a series of reforms. Working with The Chinese University of Hong Kong as the Strategic Partner, the seven-day Summer School invited participants to make a positive societal impact through innovative technology. Various Consulates General and youth organisations from more than 13 countries and regions, including Belgium, Mexico and Czech Republic, were invited to nominate outstanding high school students to join the programme.

Volunteer Services

The Youth Volunteer Network (VNET) was established in 1998, with the aim of promoting youth volunteerism in Hong Kong. Thanks to the continued support of The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, VNET made every endeavour to cultivate a new generation of youth to take up civic responsibilities and to experience service to the community.



“I am a Volunteer” Campaign

Global Youth Service Day (GYSD)

At the Global Youth Service Day (GYSD), youth volunteers took baking classes and then shared their skills with their peers. More than 300 volunteers' homemade pastries were shared with over a thousand needy people.

Summer Time Service

During the summer holidays, VNET provided young people with diversified service opportunities, including working at the Hong Kong Book Fair, at the Volunteer Project for Young Persons Studying Overseas and other summer volunteer workshops. Altogether, 116 volunteers served 1,039 people.

International Volunteer Day

To echo the International Volunteer Day in December, 17 Federation service units and 14 Heart-to-Heart Schools joined in the “Warmth Giving Action”, which involved sending out goody bags and festive wishes to over 1,500 elderly and low-income families in almost 18 districts over the Christmas period.

Heart to Heart Project

For 12 years, the Federation has been carrying out the “Heart to Heart Project”. In 2016-17, 93 companies joined the Project, with 13 new schools, resulting in a total of 196 Heart to Heart schools. Among the participating schools, 94 organised a total of 124 service projects. Certificates were issued to over 13,000 students.

NEIGHBOURHOOD Teams

To promote a caring community, the Federation continues to launch the “NEIGHBOURHOOD First” Campaign, which engaged over 1,300 youth volunteers to join the NEIGHBOURHOOD Teams and which served over 17,000 neighbours.

Easyvolunteer.hk

Together with 293 service opportunity providers from non-profit making organisations, charities and schools, a total of 794 service opportunities were offered via ‘easyvolunteer.hk’. The number of registered volunteers on ‘easyvolunteer.hk’ rose to over 24,000.

Volunteer Training and Exchange Opportunities

School-based Training Programmes

A skills-based training was held at YMCA of Hong Kong Christian College to prepare non-Cantonese speaking students serve kindergarten children. A school talk was also held at CMA Secondary School to enhance students' understanding about the concepts of volunteering and how to start on this journey. To facilitate service planning and implementation at schools, a leadership training workshop, which focused on problem-solving skills, appropriate attitudes and the role of leaders, was organised for shortlisted student leaders from seven Heart-to-Heart schools. VNET also edited four teaching videos about necessary skills and attitude of serving children, mentally-handicapped persons, the elderly and those involved with selling flags.

“Train the Trainer” Volunteer Workshops

VNET co-organised four Volunteer Workshops with support from Lam Soon Hong Kong Group, HK Electric and DayDayCook in April and July where 89 volunteers were trained to be instructors for over 200 peers to bake cookies, pumpkin pudding and sponge cakes that were handed out to over 1,000 people.

Training Programme for Volunteer Managers

To encourage youth leaders “go global” through exchanges and experience sharing, four exchange tours were organised with the Sanxiang Volunteers Association of Zhongshan to tour Zhongshan Sanxiang Town, in Mainland China. Youth volunteers of the Federation and from Zhongshan shared their service experience and volunteered in offering English tuition for local pupils, engaging in environmental protection services, as well providing hair-cuts, visiting homes and arranging birthday parties for the elderly.

Exchange Opportunities for Volunteer Leaders

Nine volunteer leaders led 105 young people to join a five-day exchange programme to Hoi Kou to learn more about the countries on the traditional and historical Silk Road from 20 to 24 August 2016. They also shared volunteer experience with 40 local students from Hai Nan Middle School. Volunteers from both sides visited elderly homes and mentally retarded children, where they gave performances and served the elderly with home-made dumplings.

Youth-led Service Project

Together with Youth Service America and Hong Kong Disneyland, VNET launched the “Disney Friends for Change Youth Grant” under the NEIGHBOURHOOD First Scheme, where Hong Kong young people aged between 12 and 25, were given grants to plan and execute a service project that promote a caring and harmonious neighbourhood. In 2016, 50 projects were selected; the teams recruited over 1,100 volunteers, contributing over 8,300 service hours, helping over 7,600 targets.



Awards

Recognition for HKFYG Volunteers

The Federation received two awards from the Social Welfare Department. The first was the “Best Student and Youth Volunteering Project Competition 2015-16” which recognised Tsuen Wan Youth S.P.O.T.

The other was the “2016-17 Hong Kong Outstanding Youth Volunteers Award” recognising Ms. Wan Wing-tung for her outstanding performance in volunteering.

The 4th Highest Service Hours Award

With a contribution of over 1,200,000 service hours in 2015, the Federation was ranked fourth in the territory-wide “Top 10 Highest Service Hours Award (Public Organisations)” presented by the Steering Committee on the Promotion of Volunteer Service of the Social Welfare Department.

Volunteers’ Weekend

To show appreciation to the volunteers who dedicated themselves throughout the year, VNET hosted a “Volunteers’ Weekend” at Wu Kai Sha Youth Village in March. Over 200 volunteers, who had a minimum of five service hours in 2016, shared their helping experience and built up their team spirit through orienteering. To top it off, a barbecue party was then held.

Service Statistics

Over the past year, VNET has received 14,628 new volunteer registrations, resulting in a total of 200,705 volunteers. This year, 37,843 active VNET registered volunteers contributed 893,416 service hours. 1,545 volunteer training programmes were offered with 53,293 participants.

Youth at Risk Services

The HKFYG Youth Crime Prevention Centre (YCPC) provided five categories of services, including, prevention education, crisis intervention and professional assessments, counselling and treatment, multi-disciplinary collaboration, and advocacy. The focus is on youth crime and deviance, sex-related issues and drug abuse. There were 4,360 cases dealt with and 790 programmes organised over the past year with a total attendance of 163,402.



Prevention Education

114,784 visits were made to the YCPC and Youthlaw's website, YouTube, apps and Facebook, with 1,618 downloads of the Youthlaw App. A new search machine about drug services in Hong Kong was added to the App.

418 Education Workshops and Programmes were conducted for youth, parents, teachers and police on such topics as law abiding values, awareness on self-protection and the consequences of risky sexual behaviour, as well as hidden drug abuse. Updates on youth crime and deviance trends, better parent-adolescent communication, and counselling skills were also covered.

24 Preventive Educational Videos were shown through Youthlaw and M21 platforms. These covered educational topics about the risk of illegal jobs, compensation sex, drug trafficking, gambling and cybercrime, as well as the parent-adolescent communication skills. Ten young people who had received the Turning Point Award shared their stories in a publication to inspire others about facing and overcoming personal challenges.

Youth! Don't gamble! is a gambling preventive education project sponsored by the Ping Wo Fund. Anti-gambling games and value education, via mobile platforms, along with anti-gambling workshops and risk assessment were provided.

Project iSmart was aimed at preventing young people falling prey to criminals and being entrapped online. 14 secondary and primary schools and 193 youth joined as "iSmarters" to promote cybercrime preventive message through their own digital networks and 13,457 people were reached.

Crisis Intervention and Professional Assessments

YCPC and the Hong Kong Police in the New Territories South District and New Territories North District carried out Project R and Project Rightpath respectively. Aimed at juveniles aged 10 to 24 who have either already been arrested or who are under investigation, or were victims, these projects focused on mental health psychiatric issues, with treatment, where necessary, being provided.

The YCPC Hotline 8100 9669 provides hotline services with crisis intervention and usually deals with crime, sex or drug related issues.



Counselling and Treatment

Professional counsellors handled 3,444 cases that dealt with young people displaying criminal and deviant behaviour, including triad and gang membership, cybercrime, theft, sexual crime, illegal jobs and violence. They also helped 557 young people with sex-related issues, along with 238 cases with drug related problems. Counselling for parents of juveniles and victims of crime was also provided.

CORE SERVICES

With funding support from K&K Charity Limited, The Wind - Thai's Boxing Training Programme was held for those young people who had committed minor offences. The purpose was to help them build up a positive support network and enhance their self confidence and emotion management.

E.Positive - Youth Gang Counselling Scheme provided cognitive behavioural therapy, along with exploring career options and life skills training. There were also efforts to have social inclusion activities in order to reduce the attraction and impact of triad and criminal sub-culture.

Project LOVESIM made use of narrative therapy, art exercises, and card games to provide counselling for youth who have displayed different risky sexual behaviour. These include sexual crimes, compensation dating and underage sex that might have ended up in accidental pregnancies or violence.

Supported by the Beat Drugs Fund, the YCPC launched Project RADAR – a counselling programme for young people with hidden drug abuse problems and drug related criminal offences. Project SIM – Stratified is an intervention model for youth drug treatment services, and Project ADSF is an anti-drug education course for family members. These programmes also provide professional assessments, psychological education and stratified treatments for potential, occasional, dependent and hidden drug users, as well as young drug offenders. Parental counselling and education was given to family members. A referral system was established with the Customs Department, the police and some hospitals.

Advocacy and Service Development

A Conference on Youth and Technology and Cyber Crime was held in January 2017.

The book *Stories from Shoplifting to Life Lifting* was published.

Survey on the Risks of Drinking was conducted to understand the attitudes and risk awareness of youth towards drinking.



A Drug Abuse Craving Management Protocol / Counselling Manual was produced.

The YCPC cooperated with Professor Eric Chiu from the City University of Hong Kong to validate the counselling manual on street violence. Called, F.O.C.U.S., the book stressed four elements of intervention. These included family support, bullying and fighting, self-control and attitudes toward the law.

A Study on Cognitive Behaviour Intervention for Hong Kong Chinese Delinquent Youth was presented at the 8th World Congress of Behavioural and Cognitive Therapies in Australia and published in the *Journal of Research on Social Work Practice*.

WL Residence (WLR)

The WLR provided short term residential services with life planning guidance and career skills training for 50 youth aged between 18 and 24 this year.

The Way Forward

The main focus of the YCPC in the coming year is to develop and provide education and counselling services on cybercrime issues; hidden drug problems and that of working youth; mental health and deviance, and sex trading problems. Risk assessment tools on risky sexual behaviour, cyber crime, and drug related crimes will be conducted. Several preventive education and counselling manuals and booklets for dealing with arrested youth, drug abusers, and related family members will also be formulated.

Counselling Services

The Student Counselling team offers services focusing on emotional health, further schooling and media counselling, while also strengthening assistance through online platforms.



School Stationing Services

Over the last year, 27 primary schools and 3 kindergartens were served through the Student Guidance Team. A total of 1,442 developmental and prevention activities were organised for students, parents and teachers. A total of 514 cases and 25,544 consultations – mostly related to an emotion, family, behaviour and study issues – were handled.

School Stationing Services were also provided for 35 secondary schools, of which 19 were served by 11 Youth S.P.O.Ts and the other 16 were served by the School Social Work Unit. A total of 3,293 cases were handled, while 19,902 consultations and 4,520 programmes and group sessions took place.

Youth Emotional Health

Emotional Wellness Project for Young People

Supported by HSBC's 150th Anniversary Charity Programme, HKFYG initiated Project STEP. This is a multifaceted programme that addresses issues of emotional management and wellness among young people. In order to engage the community, a Run for Wellness carnival was held on 9 April 2017 in Hong Kong Science Park at which 2,600 participants took part.

Service on Love Education

The "Love and Sex Value Education Scheme" was sponsored by the Quality Education Fund to help students learning about values of love and sex through experiential games, workshops and classroom learning. At the 448 sessions organised, 2,961 students, 187 teachers and 36 parents from 25 primary and secondary schools participated.

Service for Students with Special Educational Needs (SEN)

The HKFYG Student Guidance and Support Service provided school-based training for parents and SEN students, particularly those with dyslexia, autism or hyperactive disorder. The trainings were conducted through both groups and individually. The purpose is to enhance learning motivation and help the students acquire effective learning skills, while also enabling them to improve their emotional and behavioural challenges. In total, 19 primary and secondary schools were served under the 1,311 training sessions offered.

Service on Resilience Building

The following were offered:

The Understanding Adolescent Project (Primary) provided a wide range of programmes for Primary 4 to 6 students in 45 primary schools.

School-based After-School Learning and Support Programme provided extra opportunities to underprivileged students through 254 programme sessions in 11 schools.

Healthy School Programme, supported by the Beat Drugs Fund, 121 sessions were held for two secondary schools in Tai Po.

Service on Further Schooling

Life Planning Services for School Students

PLUS – Experiential Learning Series is a learning package for school students focusing on "Positive Values", "Unique Experiences", "Service Learning" and, what has turned out to be the most popular, "Life Planning". Over the past year, a total of 931 life planning sessions were organised in 56 secondary schools.

CORE SERVICES

DSE@2777 1112

School leavers and DSE candidates, were provided with one-stop services including JUPAS talks and workshops, hotline and online counselling services as well as with practical information to ease their examination stress and plan ahead for further studies. A total of 21 sessions were held and there were 6,381 students and parents who participated. Intensive support services through the hotline and online platforms were also provided, especially when results were due.

Media Counselling

Hotline Services

Supporting distressed young people with emotional and personal problems, Youthline 2777 8899 offers a convenient and easily accessible channel to seek help. A total of 332,847 incoming calls were registered and 52,613 cases were handled this year. Emotional problems, schooling and mental health issues were the top three concerns of young people. In response to the spate of youth suicides in 2016, ULine 2777 0309 was launched providing tailor-made support programmes targeting students in university or tertiary institutions.

Online Counselling

With sponsorship from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, "uTouch" Cyber Youth Outreach Service adopts a proactive approach to identify and engage through an online platform, youth at risk of social exclusion who are aged 6 to 24. Tailor-made services, including online counselling, offline interview and community activities were subsequently rendered. Over this year, 1,805 at risk youth were engaged and encouraged to participate. An attendance of 2,102 was recorded in both online and offline activities.

Media Education

The "Be NetWise" Educational Project for Media Literacy developed a comprehensive curriculum for secondary students, with support of the Quality Education Fund. Twenty secondary schools joined the Project and 611 sessions of class and activity were organised and 17,180 students, parents and teachers benefitted.

Aimed at nurturing children with an appropriate attitude towards using electronic devices and the Internet, the "iSafe" New Media Education Project was launched with the support of the Health Care and Promotion Fund. During the implementation period, the Project served 5,400 students, 370 parents and teachers. Interactive "iSafe" leaflets were distributed to all primary schools.

文憑試放榜講座 暨工作坊



Counselling Service for Cyber Addiction

To consolidate the Federation's practical experience on cyber addiction, the Youth Wellness Centre collaborated with Hong Kong Baptist University and other organisations. Work experience and findings were presented to the 2017 Narrative Practice Conference, with Federation staff sharing their work models and practices with overseas and local professionals.



Education Services

The Federation remains committed to providing quality education, especially to those coming from less well-off families. The focus of the Federation's schools is to set a foundation on what is known as "3S". This stands for self-confidence, self-discipline and self-learning. The Federation runs two non-profit making kindergartens-cum-nurseries, one non-profit making kindergarten, one aided Primary School and one Direct Subsidy Scheme Secondary School.



Pre-primary Education

Artistic Elements in Picture Books

The three kindergartens use a picture book approach in learning. This year, the picture book focused on artistic elements to enhance students' aesthetic development. Students were taught about and to appreciate 2D and 3D forms; learn and compare different art techniques and materials; and express their appreciation of arts.



Mindfulness Interventions

The emotional development of the children is another core feature. A joint Teacher Development Day was held to introduce mindfulness interventions to teachers. They learnt how to be aware of their own feelings and emotions, while also learning techniques to instil mindfulness elements in classroom teaching as a way to help children understand emotions and enhance their attention span. Relaxing music was played before and at the end of class, helping students relax. They were also encouraged to practice breathing exercises. Starting emotional management at a young age is believed to help children better cope with the increasing stresses of primary and secondary studies.

Future Development under the New Funding Model

The kindergartens have enrolled in the Government's free quality education scheme and will receive more government funding from the 2017-18 school year onwards. The scheme will also see the teacher to student ratio enhanced to 1:11, and more resources will be put in consolidating the picture book curriculum and adopting LEAD (Learning through Engineering, Art and Design) and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) elements in daily teaching. Services will be tailor made for parents of different backgrounds as a support to raise their children. Plans on streamlining administrative systems with the use of information technology have also been drawn up.

Primary Education

New Curriculum Development

Starting from P.1, all subjects will have their curricula re-structured. Apart from basic subject knowledge, the new curriculum will also focus on self-directed and investigatory learning, multiple intelligence and life education development. All learning activities will be designed in a student-oriented way. The stress for both Chinese and English will be on learning how to speak before they move on to reading and writing. Mathematics and General Studies will use an investigatory approach so that designed learning tasks enable students to construct knowledge through active participation. All school assignments are expected to be done at school so that students can have enough time to develop reading habits, workout routines and self-directed learning abilities after school.

Life Education

With the newly formed Life Education Department, there has been a reconstructed curriculum from P.1 to P.6. This is based on four learning areas and twelve foci. Theme-based life experience activities and different intra-school competitions are also incorporated into the curriculum, through which students' life experiences can be enriched while they develop their own values through self-reflection.

LEAD LAB and STEAM Curriculum

With the onset of STEAM (with the "A" standing for Art) curriculum development, the computer room was renovated into a LEAD Lab, in which a laser cutter was installed. The STEAM curriculum will be implemented in P.4 to P.6, including three key areas: CAME (Computer-Aided Manufacturing Education), Coding and Micro-computer Processing. Professor Gao Yunfeng from Tsinghua University is the Adviser for the curriculum.



Post-examination Cross-curricular Theme-based Activities

After the exams in June, cross-curricular theme-based activities were arranged for all levels of students. All activities were designed with investigation, self-directed reading and experiential approaches, in which students could apply their subject to generic skills. All P.1 to P.3 students had field trips in Hong Kong, while some P.4, P.5 and P.6 students visited Seoul, Beijing and Hainan respectively.



Secondary Education

Learning and Teaching

A strategic plan in enhancing teaching and learning by using IT technology was put in place and teachers actively use IT apps in lessons and preparing 'flipped classroom' packages for home access.

The changing mode of knowledge acquisition has facilitated the ability of self-directed learning. HLC is the pioneer secondary school to introduce MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) to students. A number of students have enrolled in advanced courses offered by renowned universities worldwide such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford University, Harvard University and Imperial College, London. The courses they completed covered science and technology, law, languages, business management and computer programming. Students have also been exposed to the creativity of STEM related projects, with some students being awarded high distinctions in various Mathematics and Science Competitions, while Entrepreneurship was introduced into the Technology curriculum. Students continue to excel in English debate, speech and drama.



The students continue to get recognised for their achievements. The 'Young Writers in Chinese' won awards from the Hong Kong Baptist University. Several Business, Accounting and Financial Studies (BAFS) students took part in the HSBC Young Financial Planner Competition and the HKICPA Accounting and Business Management Case Competition, walking away as champions, merit and scholarship winners.



Student Development

The school-based 'Wisdom in Action Programme' integrated its pastoral care provisions and adopted positive psychology concepts. Students continue to be encouraged to participate in lunch-time performances, service training and mentorship programmes. The core value promoted this year was "Respect Others" and saw teachers and students working together to create a harmonious and inviting school environment.

Students were also encouraged to participate in various kinds of co-curricular activities and this saw outstanding performances in fencing, cross country and swimming. The football and basketball teams also brought honour to the school in many competitions. HLC young musicians in the school orchestra, handbell team, choir and a *cappella* groups shone in external musical competitions.



CORE SERVICES



Continuous Education

The HKFYG Continuous Learning Centre (CLC) will continue its close collaboration with industry-wide professional and qualified trainers, to offer a wide variety of learning programmes to young people. This year, more than 600 training programmes and professional seminars were offered and over 6,000 applicants were enrolled.



The Centre offered a number of professional courses which were accredited by the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ). The latest such programme is the Certification as a Music Tutor.

In order to advocate lifelong learning among young people, the Non-means-tested Loan Scheme offered by the Government, ensured that everyone could achieve their goals.

Parenting Services

The Parent-child Mediation Centre (Centre) and the Family Life Education (FLE) Units continue to provide mediation services, talks, family activities and workshops to parents and children who are in conflict. Also assisting families to develop a sense of responsibility and mutual respect is the Mediation Ambassadors' Network.



Parent-child Mediation Service

110 families were helped to resolve conflicts. Attendance stood at 1,000 this year.

Parenting and Family Life Education Programmes

The Centre organised 105 mediation related programmes with the participation of 8,108. There were 327 family life education programmes at which 18,211 parents and adolescents participated to improve their communication skills. A record number 23,000 visitors attended the Parental Educational Information sessions provided through social media platforms.

Mediation Ambassadors' Network

More than 120 parents pledged to be Parent-child Ambassadors and form the Mediation Ambassadors' Network. They were trained to assist peers, families and neighbours resolve parent-child related conflicts. The Ambassadors also helped organise a mass activity called "Happy Movement" and more than 500 persons were served.

Mediation Ambassadors Award Presentation Ceremony

To encourage and recognise Ambassadors who have served the community for more than 2,000 hours in the year, an Award Presentation Ceremony was held on 19 March 2017 where 80 Ambassadors were honoured.

Parent-child Mediation Sharing Workshop

In collaboration with the Mediation Association and the Continuous Learning Centre, a Parent-child Mediation Sharing Workshop was held on 25 February 2017, with more than 120 mediators attending.

Collaborative Programmes

Smart Mum Alliance Project

Sponsored by the Tsu Te Kian Charitable Trust, the two year "Smart Mum Alliance" project promotes effective communication and strengthens a community network among women to ensure good mental health. More than 35 parental educational programmes and Parent-child activities were held which served 3,000. The Federation also produced videos about conflict coping skills, which were then broadcast at M21 Channel and other social media platforms.



Parental Education Talks Series

For the 13th consecutive year the Federation co-organised the territory-wide parental educational talks with the Vocational Training Council. This year, the talks focused on "The strategies to face the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination with children", "Finding my teenage children's talents" and "Enhancing positive resilience", which attracted over 1,300 participants.

Creativity Education and Youth Exchange

STEM Education

Since 2005, the Federation has spearheaded the Learning through Engineering, Art and Design (LEAD) project jointly with the MIT Media Lab, offering interdisciplinary and technological learning activities.

The HKFYG Centre for Creative Science and Technology (CCST) was also established to provide hands-on exploratory STEM education for students and teachers with the support of the Innovation and Technology Commission and Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation.

Building on its successful experience, the Creative Education (CE) Unit has now undergone a restructuring and has combined with CCST and LEAD to consolidate programmes and activities.

In order to develop a pipeline of STEM talent for Hong Kong, an array of nurturing programmes has been tailor-made for students of different levels. These include the Seed Project targeting gifted primary students; the 1+1 Tip-top Talent Training Scheme and DiscoverE Engineers Workshop, which partners with IBM China/Hong Kong for secondary students; and the Innovation and Technology Scholarship Award Scheme fostering elite university students. All these programmes enable young people to be trained and encouraged to pursue their academic and professional careers in the fields of Innovation and Technology. Over the past year, more than 640 programmes were organised for over 48,000 students, teachers and the public.

The CE Unit has also introduced LEAD labs within the wider community. Headquartered in North Point, it has five satellite labs thereby attracting and encouraging more young people to get involved in hands on application of STEM knowledge.

STEM Competitions

The Federation organises the Hong Kong FLL Robotics Tournament (FLL), the Hong Kong GreenMech Contest (GreenMech) and the Hong Kong Student Science Project Competition (HKSSPC). Two new competitions were added to this list: the Creative Coder Competition and the Hong Kong 4D Frame Maths and Science Creativity Competition. A total of 488 teams from 243 schools were enrolled in all these STEM talent incubating competitions.

Winning teams were given opportunities for further training and being sent to participate in international competitions to compete and network with their international peers. The two winning teams from HKSSPC went to the United States where they won the Silver Award in "I-SWEEEP 2016", an international science competition. Five of the nine GreenMech winning teams took part in the 2016 World GreenMech Contest in Taiwan and placed in the top three in their respective divisions.

One of the FLL teams was successful and won the Judges' Award at the FLL World Festival, while another two teams were granted the Innovative Solution Award and Teamwork Award respectively at the FLL Asia Pacific Open Championship.





Exposure Series

Secondary students visited Korea to learn about tourism. They studied marketing and promotion by visiting the Korea Tourism Organisation, as well as local Korean advertising companies. Students from a post-secondary college went to Australia to learn more about environmental protection and sustainable tourism. Altogether 51 students took part.

A Youth Leadership Training Tour went to Myanmar, a visit sponsored by the Sir Robert Black Trust Fund and the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education - Funding Scheme for Exchange in Belt and Road Countries. The 13 young participants visited Chinese enterprises, Burmese factories and associations. They were also able to interact with local youth and share ideas of common interest.

Other Learning Experiences (OLE) Tours

376 students from four secondary schools and two post-secondary colleges visited Dongguan, Zhongshan and Guangxi to provide social services to underprivileged groups.

Wudang

With support from the Commission on Youth – Community Participation Scheme for Organising Exchange Tours to the Mainland, a trip to Wudang was held over the Easter holidays with 39 students from seven colleges and 16 secondary schools joining the ten-day trip, learning martial arts and about Taoism.

Hong Kong Young Ambassador Scheme (HKYAS)

The HKYAS, jointly organised by the Tourism Commission and the Federation, and co-organised by the Hong Kong Association for Customer Service Excellence, appoints young people to be ambassadors promoting Hong Kong locally and overseas. This is a programme that has run for 16 years.

260 Ambassadors were appointed after having gone through a programme of skills training and exposures. Their duties over the year included: stationing services at 13 local tourist attractions, participation in 15 tourism promotional events and organising over 20 projects to promote Hong Kong to visitors, while also promoting a culture of service excellence in their schools and community.

Reception Tours and Other Services

A group of 18 Korean secondary students visited Hong Kong from 22 to 28 February 2017 to understand the learning culture and lifestyle of Hong Kong, by attending lessons with local students and staying with local families.

The Youth Exchange Unit was commissioned by the Sham Shui Po District Office of the Home Affairs Department to arrange a pre-trip training and report back session for a group of 30 youth who had joined a "Japan Study Tour".

Belt and Road Study Tour

With support from the Commission on Youth – Community Participation Scheme for Organising Exchange Tours to the Mainland, 73 students visited Xian, Lanzhou, Fuzhou, Xiamen and Quanzhou over the summer period. They particularly learnt about the Chinese railway system and urban development. A further 49 youth went to Russia and Kazakhstan, sponsored by the Sir Robert Black Trust Fund and the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education - Funding Scheme for Exchange in Belt and Road Countries, to explore opportunities available in these countries.



Leisure, Cultural and Sports Services

The Hong Kong Melody Makers

The Hong Kong Melody Makers (HKMM) had a very successful year. They participated in a promotion of *a cappella* music at the TEDxHKPolyU, and were invited to celebrate the MTR's Kwun Tong Line Extension and South Island Line. They also worked with the Hong Kong String Orchestra on their "All about Love" Christmas Concert, which entertained 2,000 under privileged children.



2017 HKFYG Jockey Club Hong Kong International *a cappella* Festival

With generous support from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, the Federation organised the 2017 Hong Kong International *a cappella* Festival from March to June. International groups were represented by Club For Five (Finland), Drums of War (Australia), The Techtonics (UK) and Acapellago (The Philippines).

Hong Kong was proudly represented by HKMM along with numerous community and school groups, together with Festival Ambassador Joey Wong (aka JW). The *a cappella* camp's theme was "WE love *a cappella*" with the "W" signifying West and "E", East, thus illustrating the power and passion of collaboration between local students and overseas guest performers. Altogether there were 46 concerts and educational events, with an audience of 39,000 throughout the Festival.



HKFYG Jockey Club *a cappella* Education Programme

In recognition of the accomplishments and contribution towards arts education, The HKFYG Jockey Club *a cappella* Education Programme was awarded the "Hong Kong Arts Development Award 2016 - Award for Arts Education (Non-School Division)".

This programme has been running from 2013 to 2017 and focused on training, promoting and encouraging a deeper understanding of *a cappella* music. Professional support was also given.



In 2016-17, the Programme conducted 563 training classes, served 99 schools, and provided specialty training to 135 people. In addition, there were also demonstrations of *a cappella* singing, leadership training, workshops for teachers, training on backstage skills and the other intricacies of performance production, as well as other indoor and outdoor performances.

The Tsuen Wan Indoor Sports Centre

The Tsuen Wan Indoor Sports Centre offers high quality facilities and a wide range of sports, recreational and cultural activities for young people. Ballet, Jazz dancing, Gymnastics, Judo, Taekwondo are some of the most popular classes. The Centre's signature programme is the High Event Adventure Training course which has a five-metre rock climbing wall and a professionally designed high event rope course that can accommodate various ability levels. The Centre also provides an all-weather adventure training ground for team building and personal development activities.

Jockey Club Sai Kung Outdoor Training Camp

With a capacity for 460 bed spaces and 250 day camp places, the Jockey Club Sai Kung Outdoor Training Camp (OTC) has reached a new record high utilisation of over 166,000 campers. At the same time, over 101,000 campers have taken part in camp activities.

In order to provide more options and opportunities to engage campers in programmes, an outdoor panel sport climbing wall was built, which began usage in July. Sponsored by the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation, this wall is 11 metre in height with three lanes and is open to anyone over the age of eight.

The online booking system was upgraded to facilitate a more convenient booking payment by using VISA and Master cards. Interested parties are also able to reserve rooms through the system up to 15 months in advance.



Lamma Youth Camp

The Lamma Youth Camp utilisation has been steady and there was a nearly 20% increase in day camp users. The total attendance of overnight campers stood at 4,342 and there were 1,542 day campers. The Camp has taken advantage of its surrounding natural environment to design a series of wilderness adventurous programmes and outdoor challenges that make the venue a unique one in Hong Kong. Most popular are a Chinese traditional warrior game, backwoods cooking and cave explorations.

To improve the existing infrastructure and facility, a sum of HK\$841,800 was granted for electrical rewiring and upgrading work by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.



CORE SERVICES

Tai Mei Tuk Outdoor Activities Centre

Located near the main dam of Plover Cove where the surrounding sea is relatively calm, the Tai Mei Tuk Outdoor Activities Centre is a popular venue for holding water sports training and activities. The increased outdoor activities area can accommodate more users. This means that not only can more water sports training be conducted, but competitions and races in windsurfing, stand-up board and kayaking are now possible. A total of eight competitions or races were organised. This year saw visitors reach 7,906.

The Centre also promotes community water activities and has introduced huge water inflatable obstacles to strengthen young people's physical fitness and general well being. An event was held in last November for more than 200 young people to experience the fun and challenges of these inflatables. Over the year, about 3,000 young people participated in these activities.

Stanley Outdoor Activities Centre

Over the past year, the Stanley Outdoor Activities Centre served a total of 4,421 campers and offered more than 100 specially designed programmes. These programmes are mainly sea and land based adventurous activities, as well as the "Understanding Adolescent Project", a one-day training programme for Primary 4 to 6 students with special needs.



With a HK\$145 million grant approved by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, the Centre will undergo redevelopment into a holiday camp. The new camp will have a capacity of 88 overnight campers and 40 day campers. The redevelopment project will start in the coming April and services will be temporarily suspended. Other than becoming a modern holiday camp with full amenities, a new three-year initiative will be introduced to young people, especially those with special needs, to promote their participation in aquatic sports and adventure based activities.



Research and Publications

In this rapidly changing world, it is imperative to keep abreast of developments, perceptions and insights of young people. The best way to do this is through evidence-based research, along with analytical support so as to fully understand the challenges, concerns and needs of today's young people. The HKFYG Youth Research Centre (YRC) has been doing this for the past two decades.



Youth I.D.E.A.S.

Established in April 2015, Youth I.D.E.A.S. (Ideals, Dedication, Engagement, Aspirations and Service) is a think tank providing a platform whereby young people can engage in the exchange of ideas on topical issues through discussions and suggesting policy alternatives to enable the sustainable development of Hong Kong.

Youth I.D.E.A.S. comprises approximately 100 young professionals, entrepreneurs and post-secondary students, with eight academics and professionals as advisers. With the support of YRC, research is carried out in the areas of (1) Employment and Economic Development; (2) Governance and Constitutional Development; (3) Education and Innovation; and (4) Society and Livelihood.

In 2016-17, 12 reports were published by the YRC:

Publication Date	Report Serial No.	Title
August 2016	YI013	<i>Diversifying Hong Kong's Attractions to Boost Tourism</i>
September 2016	YI014	<i>Challenges Faced by Ethnic Minorities in Hong Kong</i>
October 2016	YI015	<i>Young People's Views on Civil Servant Challenges</i>
November 2016	YI016	<i>Attitude of Secondary Students on Physical Education</i>
December 2016	YI017	<i>Flexible Employment of Today's Youth</i>
January 2017	YI018	<i>Young People's Views on "Hong Kong 2030+"</i>
February 2017	YI019	<i>Young People's Views on the Performance of Political Appointments</i>
March 2017	YI020	<i>STEM Education in Primary Schools</i>
April 2017	YI021	<i>Challenges and Opportunities Facing the Development of Creative Craftsmanship in Hong Kong</i>
May 2017	YI022	<i>How Young People Cope with Stress</i>
June 2017	YI023	<i>Young People's Views on Togetherness</i>
July 2017	YI024	<i>Views of Senior Secondary Students on Taking a Gap in Their Studies</i>

Journal of Youth Studies

The *Journal of Youth Studies* provides a forum for professional discussion on youth topics, in order to advocate better legislation and policies for youth services. The Journal is circulated to government departments, policy-makers, education institutes, social service organisations, youth academics and experts, as well as university libraries in Hong Kong, Mainland China, Taiwan, Macao, Singapore and other countries. The Journal is also indexed in international databases, including the PsycINFO and EBSCOhost. The following two issues were published within the year:

Publication Date	Serial No.	Features
July 2016	38	<i>Pressures Faced by the Younger Generation</i>
January 2017	39	<i>The Belt and Road Initiative and Its Opportunities for Youth</i>



Professional Publications

The Federation is keen to publish professional and leisure books to encourage reading among young people, as well as share knowledge and experience with practitioners, experts, academics and those who are interested in youth work. In 2016, 11 books were published:

- *From Shoplifting to Life-lifting*
- *SchoolLike 2.0 – More Inspiration from Schools*
- *Beyond the Internet: Narrative Journeys with Young People*
- *TeachLike: Essential Smarts for Teachers*
- *50 Essential Questions for Startups*
- *Know-how for Pet Practitioners*
- *Life's Twists and Turns*
- *Arts & Crafts with Young Makers*
- *Boutiques without Boundaries*
- *Backpack Hong Kong: North District*
- *Startupedia*

The Federation also participated in the Hong Kong Book Fair 2016 in order to introduce its books and publications to the wider public.



CORE SERVICES

Youth Hong Kong Magazine

Youth Hong Kong is an English quarterly magazine. In each issue, different topics around young people in Hong Kong are explored, together with analytical articles, interviews, statistics and discussions. Young people are invited to contribute as well. The circulation of the magazine is around 12,000 copies, distributed to partners, educators, social workers and professionals, both locally and overseas. An online version is also available at youthhongkong.hkfyg.org.hk.

Youth S.P.O.T. Magazine

The Chinese magazine *Youth S.P.O.T.* is published bi-monthly with a circulation of 35,000 copies. The topics are of interest to young people and explore their life-style and thoughts. It also gives young people a platform share their own stories and thoughts. The online version can be viewed at youthspot.hkfyg.org.hk.

