

## HKFYG Felix Wong Youth Improvement Award

With the aim to formally recognise the efforts made by young people in overcoming crises, hardships or misfortunes in life, the HKFYG Felix Wong Youth Improvement Award was set up in 1997. The response from schools has consistently been overwhelming, with about 1,700 young people considered worthy of nomination. Over the past 15 years, 310 youth have been granted the Award.



In 2011, there were 116 nominations from 61 schools and NGOs. After two rounds of selection interviews, 20 winners were chosen by a panel of five judges. Each winner received a scholarship worth HK\$2,500 to join courses or activities to help further enhance their development. This year, the Hon. Mrs. Regina Ip Lau Suk-ye, GBS, JP, Legislative Council Member officiated at the Awards Ceremony held at The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Building.

The stories of the winners are always deeply moving and encouraging. Therefore, to share them with the wider community they have been published in Chinese as a book entitled, *Sunshine in Life's Jigsaw*.



## HKFYG Standard Chartered Hong Kong English Public Speaking Contest

With the English-Speaking Union (Hong Kong) as the co-organiser and with Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited as the sole sponsor, The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Standard Chartered Hong Kong English Public Speaking Contest was held for the eighth year.

2011 saw 2,129 applications from 192 schools, with 23 schools joining the Contest for the first time. In order to promote English public speaking skills further to the general public, the organisers maintained a website with constant updates on the Contest. Carrying forward the success of last year, the public was once again encouraged to participate through the Online Revival Round, which attracted over 4,500 votes this year.

As with every year, the winner of the Senior Division was sponsored to compete at the International Public Speaking Competition in London. John Chan, representing St. Paul's Co-educational College, did remarkably well by reaching the semi-finals.



## HKFYG Youth Adventure Race

First launched in 2003, the Youth Adventure Race 2011 was held on 20 March 2011, on a course from Sai Kung to Shatin Town Centre. With sponsorship of Swire Coca-Cola Hong Kong Limited, this year's Race saw 140 teams with 356 participants, in four categories (Corporate, Novice, Open and Student) enrolled. Participating teams were required to overcome such challenges as trail running, orienteering and several different command tasks, all aimed at developing their physical and mental abilities and providing them with an opportunity to demonstrate team spirit and fair play.



## Innovation and Technology Scholarship Award Scheme

With support from Innovation and Technology Commission and the Hongkong Bank Foundation, the Innovation and Technology Scholarship Award Scheme was launched in early 2011. This Award Scheme encourages young science talents to gain industry experience and strengthen their international exposure. 25 science-related or engineering undergraduates from local universities were awarded with the scholarship. These awardees will be involved in Overseas Attachment Programme, Local Internship Programme, Mentorship Programme as well as Service Project Programme.

