



Competitions and Award Schemes



HKFYG Felix Wong Youth Improvement Award



The HKFYG Felix Wong Youth Improvement Award was set up in 1997 to formally recognise the efforts made by local young people in overcoming crises, hardships or misfortune in life.

In 2012, about 140 nominations were received from 67 schools and NGOs. A total of 30 young people were shortlisted for a second interview, after which 20 winners were chosen by a panel of five judges. Each winner was awarded a scholarship of HK\$2,500 to help them pursue a personal development plan. The Awards Ceremony was held on 7 July 2012 at The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Building. Mrs. Cherry Tse Ling Kit-ching, JP, Permanent Secretary for Education, was the Officiating Guest.

The stories of the winners were published in a book entitled *Give up? No way!* through which the winners hoped to share their experiences with their counterparts and spread a positive message.



HKFYG Standard Chartered Hong Kong English Public Speaking Contest



English is the world's language and the linguistic bridge that crosses cultures and nationalities. Having the confidence to speak in English, however, is a challenge that many young people in Hong Kong face.

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 9th year, attracting a total of 13,653 participants altogether. In 2012 alone, almost 2,000 applications from 168 schools were received.

The Contest is more than just a contest; it is a shared environment bringing together people who have a passion for English speaking. Each year, the Contest attracts more than 100 adjudicators from all walks of life, who give freely of their time, sharing their enthusiasm with the participants. An eight member Volunteer Management Team of outstanding university students, lead more than 100 student volunteers throughout the Contest.

Every year, the winner of the Senior Division competes at the International Public Speaking Competition in London.



HSBC Youth Business Award



To recognise outstanding local youth enterprises, the Federation organised the first HSBC Youth Business Award. Solely sponsored by HSBC Business, the Award also aimed at promoting youth entrepreneurship and encouraged the public to recognise the achievements of youth entrepreneurs.

Supported by the Support and Consultation Centre for SMEs of Trade and Industry Department of the HKSAR Government, the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, Hong Kong Productivity Council and iMoney, the Award served as a valuable platform to showcase youth business successes.

Formed by renowned business leaders and representatives from the government and professional groups, the Judging Panel selected five outstanding businesses out of over 80 entries. The winners were awarded a total of HK\$200,000 in cash, trophies, free magazine advertisements and online search marketing services. The Gold Award Winner, a smart phone app development company, Quoord Systems (Hong Kong) Ltd, enjoyed a free trip to attend the HSBC International Insights Events for SMEs 2012 in London. The success of Conduct Chinese Medicine Clinic Ltd, an YBHK youth business received the Silver Award.



Innovation and Technology Scholarship Award Scheme



For the second year, the Innovation and Technology Scholarship Award Scheme was organised for science related undergraduates in local universities to widen their international exposure and gain industry experience.

This year, 25 outstanding scholars were sent either to an overseas attachment programme or a local internship, with renowned scholars serving as mentors. The scholars also gave back to nearly 13,000 members of the community by

inspiring younger science students in schools and promoting innovation and technology to the public in the Service Project Programme.



Pilot Scheme for Cross-border Study Tour for Post-secondary Financial Talents



In February 2012, the Advisory Committee on Human Resources Development in the Financial Services Sector (FinMan Committee) commissioned the Federation to be a Supporting Organisation of this Pilot Scheme.

The objective of the Scheme is to help students better understand the financial markets in Hong Kong and Shanghai by providing them with work attachment opportunities and visits to government bodies, regulators and exchanges. The Scheme saw 22 students studying finance related subjects from nine local universities join an inaugural trip to Shanghai from 11 June to 19 July. Students

were arranged a four week attachment at 11 Shanghai enterprises, including PwC, AIA Hong Kong and HSBC.

They also took part in other interactive activities with their peers from Shanghai. The launching ceremony was held on 5 June with Professor the Hon. K.C. Chan, Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury as the Guest of Honour.

