



Once again, it has been my great enjoyment and pleasure as President of the Federation to see what inspires, excites, motivates and even angers and challenges young people. As their concerns very often have long term repercussions, it is equally important for me to fully understand these issues so as to ensure that the services we provide match their needs and concerns.

I have fully appreciated the work, wisdom and experience of all the staff, especially the Executive Director. It is only through their untiring and committed service that we are able to carry out our mission. They are an inspiration to me and I say a very heartfelt 'thank you' to them all.

I have to also thank all those in the community who continue to support us with encouragement as well as gifts. With your shared care for the youth, new programmes, activities and services have been initiated that benefit us all.

I would particularly like to mention the various government departments and agencies, including the Labour and Welfare Bureau, the Social Welfare Department, the Labour Department, the Home Affairs Bureau, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the Education Bureau, the Financial Services & Treasury Bureau, the Innovation and Technology Commission, Environmental Protection Department, the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks, the Tourism Commission, Narcotics Division, Airport Authority Hong Kong and Hong Kong Arts Development Council. 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 Community Investment and Inclusion Fund, Beat Drugs Fund, the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation, the Verdant Foundation, the Hung Hing Ying and Leung Hau Ling Charitable Foundation, Hongkong Bank Foundation, the Keswick Foundation, Li Ka Shing Foundation and Au Bak Ling Charity Trust. We are equally grateful for the support from Hang Seng Bank, Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited and Lisa's Collection.

Finally, on a more personal note, I would like to thank my colleagues on the Council for their advice and guidance. They give so freely of their time and expertise, helping me and helping guide the Federation and I know I could not do without them.

May the upcoming year be as fruitful, exciting and rewarding as the one just past.

