

# YOUTH S.P.O.Ts

The objective of the Federation's Youth S.P.O.Ts (Spaces for Participation, Opportunities and Training) is to foster the holistic development of young people under 35. The S.P.O.Ts are comprised of 16 integrated Team Centres, three Children and Youth Centres, two Youth Centres and Youth S.P.O.T. 21.

The 22 Youth S.P.O.Ts provided a wide range of learning opportunities, services and challenging experiences, with a special focus on Social Exposure and Development, Strengthening Classroom Learning, Extending Education Opportunities, as well as Connecting Young People. By the end of March 2016, the Youth S.P.O.Ts had a total of 351,165 members, with a total attendance standing at 3,348,538.

The highlights of this year's programmes include:



# **Social Exposure and Development**

Social Exposure and Development helps young people widen perspectives and horizons through training, presentations and community participation on a range of subjects – from global social issues to neighbourhood matters. Over the last year, total attendance was 420,384 in the different activities.

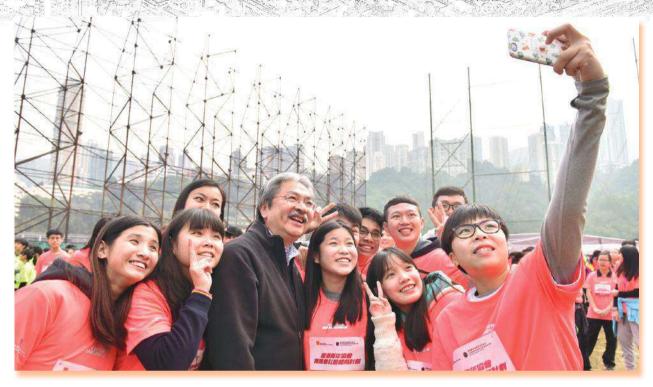
#### Project "Social Inclusion"

The Social Inclusion Project encouraged 70 young people from 17 teams to explore different issues that summarise their reflection in the form of a short video. With sponsorship from the 2 Tons Charity Fund Limited, 18 outstanding participants were selected to go on an exchange programme to Singapore and make a comparative study on social inclusion in both cities, which they shared on their return.

# Micro Film Competition and Showcase on "Social Experience"

Youth members used their cameras to capture different social phenomenon and experiences in the city. They learned to produce micro films, which competed for prizes. The Micro Film Showcase and Prize Presentation was held on 13 March 2016 at Agnes b. CINEMA, with the famous film screenwriter, Mr. Yun Kai-chi, and producer of RTHKTV, Mr. Fung Ka-kin, as Guest Speakers. They shared their professional views and encouraged young people to make good use of multimedia to express positive messages. A total of 26 micro films were produced and will be uploaded to the M21 channel.





# **Strengthening Classroom Learning**

During the year, a series of learning support services were provided to help consolidate classroom learning and improve learning effectiveness to build up learning confidence. The total attendance to all services of Strengthening Classroom Learning was 251,746.

#### Supporting Services to Primary Students

Primary students were provided with After-school Care and Homework Tutorial Support Services, as well as personal development and extracurricular activities. This enhanced service was extended to Tseung Kwan O, Tin Shui Wai and Tsuen Wan districts, benefiting more children aged from 6 to 12, whose parents were unable to care for them after school hours and during school holidays. Many children were able to receive subsidies to join the service.



#### Community-based Projects

One-on-one tuition services proved to be very helpful to underprivileged students who encounter problems in their studies but lack the means to attend tuition classes. With the support of volunteers from The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Leadership 21, Principal Chan Free Tutorial World, the Au Bak Ling Scholarship and Youth S.P.O.Ts, 331 students received free personal tuition services at 12 Youth S.P.O.Ts.

Sponsored by The Moody's Foundation, 406 students with financial difficulties were able to join the Moody's Community Maths Classrooms at Ping Shek and Cheung Wah Youth S.P.O.Ts; while 106 students were able to benefit from the project's online platform. Apart from the regular Maths Classroom, monthly and summer activities were also provided and 12 Maths videos were produced and broadcast through M21.

## M21 Online Community Classroom

This self-learning programme allowed students to learn at their own pace and time with the help of 45 videos, covering such subjects and topics as English and Chinese language, Economics, Maths, Liberal Studies and foreign languages. These videos can be watched through the M21 channel at the M21 website.



# **Extending Education Opportunities**

"UP to Learn • Learn to UP". More than 1,000 UP courses in languages, visual arts, performing arts, and music from 12 Youth S.P.O.Ts were organised for the extended education of over 4,000 children and youth. A series of UP Mega Events were held with the aim to provide a self-improvement platform for participants. Other than the UP Series, total attendance to all services of the Extending Education Opportunities reached 393,710.



#### **UP** Theatre

A wonderful dance performance was organised by 12 Youth S.P.O.Ts in Piazza C of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre in October 2015. This upbeat event attracted many visitors who watched over 1,500 young performers.

#### **UP** Gallery

Paintings of 110 students of UP Courses were shown at the Exhibition Gallery of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, which also included the display of 2,000 pieces of artwork by children and youth from over 20 Youth S.P.O.Ts and schools.

### UP Stage Speech Festival

Nearly 100 primary school students and kindergarten students participated in the Speech Festival, competing both in Putonghua and English.

#### **UP Will Power**

A Youth Experiential Project was launched in the summer where over 200 youth worked in the 21 Youth S.P.O.Ts. The UP Will Power programme also organised courses related to empowerment and enhancement of abilities for more than 100 young people.

# **Connecting Young People**

Sports, music, art and social media were good means of connecting young people and this year's programmes had an attendance of 873,457.



#### uMarket

The "Youth Handicraft Market" is a new monthly endeavour which began in April 2016 and promotes young people's creativity by means of demonstrating their sophisticated, original and hand-made crafts from simple and raw materials. More than 800 youth have taken part in these activities.

#### Social Media and Idea Exchange

The Federation's website, Facebook, and YouTube accounts broadcast news from the Youth S.P.O.Ts and also enable feedback and exchanges among young people.

#### Sport Tournaments Building Team Spirit

The Federation organised Dragon Boat and canoeing races, Ice Hockey tournaments and Five-a-side Football, with winners being awarded an HKFYG Cup. This year, the Beat Drugs Fund also subsidised football training and tournaments.

# **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 "Treasures from the Past" was launched, with teams exploring industries, arts or skills under threat from social change. Each group has to research, interview and to creatively present this treasure, with its values. So far, topics looked at include woodwork, herbal tea, Chinese Opera and the use of bamboo scaffolding. All the production can be viewed at the community channel on the M21 website.

#### Summer Youth Programme

Over 6,025 classes and activities were organised by the 21 Youth S.P.O.Ts and other service units during the summer. Young people enjoyed a wide range of activities under the theme "Walking Side by Side". Each S.P.O.T. also emphasised an element of sports.

#### Community Team Sports

The HKFYG Jockey Club Community Team Sports Project is a new initiative from 2016 and is a three-year project sponsored by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust. The Project kicked-off on 27 February 2016 and encourages young people between the ages of 8 and 25 to take part in five team sports, namely group runs, basketball, canoeing, skip roping and ice hockey. Training will be given and the Community Team Sports League will be held annually. Sportovation Community Service will encourage youth to utilise their knowledge in sports to contribute and serve the community. Meanwhile, five key beliefs of unanimity, fearlessness, innovation, striving and persistence form the ethos of the entire project.



# **M21 MULTIMEDIA SERVICES**

M21 is both a multimedia web and physical hub, with ten broadcasting channels covering programmes on current issues, school life, happenings in the community, music, environmental issues, travelling, variety shows, entertainment, culture and lifestyle and employment. All the programmes are produced by young people.



# One-Stop Multimedia Production Platform

M21 is a one-stop multimedia production platform. Young people can learn and upgrade their multimedia production skills through all-round media training to broadcast their own programmes in creative ways. The M21 Youth Production Team is comprised of more than 450 young people.



#### **Broadcast Platform**

M21 has a wide broadcasting network, including M21.hk, settop boxes in 150 primary and secondary schools and 21 Youth S.P.O.Ts, through which students and the public can watch M21's production. On social media, M21 has its own YouTube channels and Facebook page.

## **Media Academy**

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





# **Specialised Courses**

#### Advanced Film Score Workshop

Sponsored by Create Hong Kong and the Film Development Fund, M21 co-organised for the second time a workshop with the Hong Kong Movie Production Executives Association to nurture talents to score music for films. This was at a more advanced level and famous music producers and film directors, such as Tomy Wai, Peter Kam, Teddy Robbin, Hanjin Tan and Eman Lam, guided the participants.

#### Screenwriting Mentoring Programme

M21 also organised seminars and master classes to help amateur screen writers to be mentored by more established and well-known professionals, like Lau Tinchi, Susan Chan, Chan Hing-ka and Lam Chiu-wing. This programme was also sponsored by Create Hong Kong and the Film Development Fund.

#### **Short Film Contests**

# Loving Family Short Film Competition – One Minute in One Day

Teams of students and families were invited to produce one minute films to depict a family in 24 hours. Co-organised by Lee Kum Kee Family Foundation, the programme saw 48 films promoting family harmony entered into competition.

#### "Stand Firm, Knock Drugs Out" Micro Film Contest

Participants from the school division were recruited to attend a three day-two night video production training camp, while the Open Group participants took part in a two-day workshop prior to submitting their videos. More than 1,000 young people were engaged and submitted their anti-drug videos in this contest sponsored by the Beat Drugs Fund.

## M21 Public Service Advertisement (PSA) Competition

Teenagers were encouraged to learn about the needs of minority groups and create a 30-second impactful PSA in this competition sponsored by HSBC Community Partnership Programme.



#### The 7th Healthy Internet Video Contest

Co-organised and sponsored by the Office for Film, Newspaper and Article Administration, which enhances public understanding towards the Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance and protects young people against violent games, this territory-wide Contest has become an annual event among schools. This year's theme of "Healthy Idea. Smart Choice" saw about 500 entries.

## **Music Contests and Performance**

# My Family, Our Song – Loving Family Theme Song Composition Competition

The Competition was co-organised by Lee Kum Kee Family Foundation to promote love and care, open communication and harmony in multi-generational families through songs. Workshops and a live show were held in front of guest judges, including Canton-pop composer Tang Chi-wai, lyrist Eric Leung and singer-songwriter Tong Hing.

#### Flash Mob Musical – Connect the Community

Sponsored by HSBC Community Partnership Programme, a flash mob was organised in Southern District. Thirty performers underwent 80 hours of training and performed five shows. All the performers were filmed by the M21 Youth Production Team, which was then uploaded on social media.

# **Selected M21.hk Programmes**

## Public Policy Online@M21

M21 held a series of Youth Sharing Sessions on public policy with high officials, including the Chief Executive, Mr. C.Y. Leung, GBM, GBS, JP; Mrs. Carrie Lam, GBM, GBS, JP, Chief Secretary for Administration; Mr. John Tsang, GBM, JP, Financial Secretary; and Mr. Nicolas Yang, JP, Secretary for Innovation and Technology. Topics included the Policy Address, the Budget, and the consultation paper on Retirement Protection Forging Ahead. The sharing sessions were direct broadcasts, which helped in increasing the interest and knowledge of young people in current affairs and to offer them the opportunity to express their opinion.



#### One Minute One Emotion - TV Production Scheme

Fifty teams of youth were funded by The Lee Hysan Foundation and coached by five directors to produce one-minute videos. The theme was "One Minute One Emotion" and helped young people raise issues that concerned them. The videos were also broadcast on TVB and social media.

#### Youth Visiting Book Fair with Public Figures

M21 produced a week-long youth TV programme at the Book Fair with seven well-known public figures. Special guests were invited to visit the Book Fair with youth, exchanging insights on talk-of-the-town and sharing their life-time favourite books. Guests include Mr. Antony Leung, Mr. Jasper Tsang, Dr. Ko Wing-man, Mr. Cheung King-wai, Mr. Ronny Tong, Mr. John Tsang and Mrs. Rita Fan.

### M21 Travel – The Young Traveller

To encourage young people to explore the world, M21 organised the "Travel Mission" programme to provide an open platform which encourages travel-lovers, aged 18 to 35 to travel with a social mission. With the mission of sustaining happiness, M21's youth travellers took a journey to Kenya to donate sports gear to runners in need. To explore innovation technology, another team visited Mongolia to study how renewable energy has changed the Mongolians' lives.



#### Value+

Values+ is a platform which offers inspirational messages through videos and images and over 150 videos and 60 images were uploaded this year.





# **EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

# **Employability Enhancement**

Since its establishment in 2003, the Youth Employment Network (YEN) has acted as a bridge to ease the transition from school to work. This has been done by conducting programmes in schools; offering advisory services in forward planning; improving employability skills; exploring work opportunities; and encouraging employment in the business sector.



The Life Banking Project served 33,980 students from 120 secondary schools. The students participated in a series of activities, workshop and seminars. YEN also offered individual assessment and counselling to 469 and 189 secondary school students respectively from seven partnered schools this school year.

Working Reality, a programme supported by the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB), reached out to 4,871 secondary school



students to promote career planning concept and offer basic skills acquisition. The HAB also supported YEN to launch the Jobtionary Promotional Scheme, which helped secondary school students, their parents and teachers get more information on 184 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 699,462 hit rate. Altogether, 3,679 secondary students took part in the different programmes.

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



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

"What's a Career?" is a new career exploration programme organised together with The Hong Kong Federation of Insurers, which includes delivering 1,000 boxes of the board game, "Find Yourself, Find Your Job" to 200 secondary schools. Sharings were provided by 50 experts from different industries to 197 teachers and 904 secondary students.

The Hong Kong Association of Banks supported YEN to carry out the Youth Financial Education Programme which helped 1,100 youth to gain understanding of the banking industry and financial management through various activities, workshops and bank visits.

Project Bridge, supported by The Keswick Foundation, provides one-stop support services for unemployed young people and secondary school students, aged between 15 and 24, who have assessed or suspected learning disabilities. So far, 316 young people have been able to enhance their employability.

YEN is one of the training bodies of the Labour Department's Youth Employment Training Programme at which 110 unemployed young people participated this year.

The Employer Network, established in 2004, uses emails to notify young people of job vacancies. By liaising with the business sector, over 88 job vacancies were advertised with related on-the-job training at the following:

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

A large-scale Youth Career Expo for 2,500 young people to access information of job vacancies and obtain assistance on employment matters was also organised this year.





# **Enabling Young Entrepreneurs**

Established in 2005, Youth Business Hong Kong (YBHK) celebrated its 10th birthday with good news, as YBHK mentor, Mr. David Chan, received the "Mentor of the Year Award 2015" from Youth Business International (YBI) for his continuous guidance and advice to start-up mentees.

YBHK has been supporting young entrepreneurs with onestop services. Generously supported by Ng Teng Fong Charitable Foundation, every supported youth business can enjoy an interest-free business loan maximum at HK\$150,000. Business mentors also provide professional advice and training that build business acumen of wouldbe entrepreneurs and help them expand business network. During the reported period, YBHK received 105 business proposals applying for support, with 21 being approved with a total loan amounting to HK\$1,825,000.

A series of special programmes was organised with Barclays sponsorship. This included an Outbound Mission to Taiwan and a publication on "50 Essential Questions for Startups". The Young Entrepreneurial Course was also on the list of the government's Microfinance Scheme.



As a strategic partner of Entrepreneur Day (E Day), organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, YBHK provided start-up information for visitors and benefited incubatees with free product display exhibition. Entrepreneur Arena pitching competition was conducted again with a new high on applications. The YBHK brand was exposed to an attendance of 17,000 visitors in E Day.

#### **Social Innovation**

Funded by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, the HKFYG Jockey Club Social Innovation Centre (SIC) was opened with Officiating Guest, the Hon. Nicholas Yang, JP, Secretary for Innovation and Technology, in January 2016. As Hong Kong's first youth-oriented social innovation centre, the SIC encourages start-ups with socially oriented objectives with the commitment to work for the benefit of society.



Incubation programmes, including the Jockey Club Incubation Programme for Social Innovation and the J.P. Morgan STartup Empowerment Programme, provided seed fund and mentorship support for social innovators, while capacity-enhancement programmes and competitions, like the Social Innovation Challenge, the SIC Breakfast Meeting and Taobao E-commerce Training Programme, enabled young entrepreneurs to expand their business networks and enrich their knowledge. This year 20 youth businesses were supported with seed money and business mentorship and 60 programmes were organised with an attendance of about 1,300 young people.



# **Youth Social Enterprises**

Project Dance Studio provides training to those seeking opportunities in the dance industry and has had more than 750 students. Over the past year, the Studio organised a dance camp with 100 participants who took part in a Kids Dance Competition. Eleven graduates of the Advanced Dance Tutors' course went on to become teachers themselves.

At the Joint Secondary School Youth Dance Competition, one of the Studio's troupes, "Shh" was first runner-up. They were also the champions of the Rockie Stars Dance Competition 2016, held by the School of HipHop — Youth Outreach.



The HKFYG Organic Farm, is located in Yuen Long and is the only local farm to receive a USDA organic certification. For four consecutive years it has been the recipient of the Top 10 Best Organic Retailer Award. The 160,000 square feet farm produced over 46,000 catties of seasonal crops over the past year, while also serving as an education platform having invited 29,000 young people to learn about farming.

ORGANIC 21, a café located in Central adjacent to the historic Police Married Quarters (PMQ), provides creative and healthy organic food, some of which comes from the Federation's Organic Farm. 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 café and the shop provide employment and training opportunities to young people.

CAFÉ 21, is situated at the Federation Headquarters building and is managed and run by young people. It provides quality food and beverages, and partners with ORGANIC 21 as well as the Organic Farm, to offer retail sales of organic produce. Café 21 is also available for rental and provides catering services to those who use the facilities of the Headquarters building.



# **LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

For the past 16 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 high-quality leaders for the development of Hong Kong for the 21st Century. Since April 2000, more than 1.2 million training hours for nearly 140,000 local secondary school and university student leaders have been provided. As part of the expansion of its operations, the Federation is in the process of establishing The HKFYG Institute for Leadership Development on the site of the former Fanling Magistracy and the appropriation bill was approved by the Finance Committee in May 2016.





#### **Leaders to Leaders**

After a long and successful run of the initial conception of the "Leaders to Leaders" programme, it was time to rebrand. This year, nine young global leaders from eight countries were invited to interact with local youth. The speakers included a World Economic Forum Young Global Leader Award winner; the inventor of *The Drinkable Book* and a winner of the Young Achiever of Asian Women of Achievement Awards. The programme adopted a three pronged approach of what was called, 'Cultivating Leaders' through sharing; 'CoCreation' through executing innovative community projects; and 'Community Engagement' by connecting with well renowned local leaders.







# "Hong Kong 200" Leadership Project

For the past ten years, The Hong Kong 200 Leadership Project has provided 2,000 young leaders with training and exposures to help build up their skills, knowledge and potential to give back in service.

An alumna of the Project, Ms. Bonnie Chiu Shun-yu, who established Lensational, an internationally awarded social enterprise that empowers women through photography, was selected as the "Young Achiever of Asian Women of Achievement 2016".

# **Backpack Hong Kong**

Enabling young people to learn more about their own 'backyard' and reinforce their cultural identity, "Backpack Hong Kong", was initiated with support from The University of Hong Kong (HKU) General Education Unit, the HKU Architectural Conservation Programme and Voltra, and sponsored by the HSBC Community Partnership Programme.

The purpose is to have local and non local students devise their own itineraries to discover hitherto uncommon parts of Hong Kong. The first batch was made up of 121 young people who went to the North District of Hong Kong, a vibrant town set in a lush countryside. They were able to experience urban and rural life, visiting over 70 spots, while also thinking of creative ways to protect the cultural and natural heritage resources that they encountered. A one-stop online platform and a travel guide book were also launched to promote in-depth cultural tours led by young people.



# **VOLUNTEER SERVICES**

Since 1998, the Youth Volunteer Network (VNET), with the support of The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, has actively engaged young people into taking up their civic responsibility to give back to others.



### "I am a Volunteer" Campaign

The "I am a Volunteer" campaign included participation in the following activities.

#### Global Youth Service Day (GYSD)

The installation art and education project, "Ten Thousand Galloping Horses, United with One Heart", which included 10,000 eco-models of horses decorated by pupils and the public and placed in different locations from March to April 2015, saw over 200 volunteers assisting in a series of workshops and providing support in reception and crowd control.

#### Summer Time Service

The "Summer Cool" campaign encouraged young volunteers to share their photos of summer images on social media. The photos were then matched with donations of box fans, with 150 photos collected and 50 box fans distributed to underprivileged families.

#### International Volunteer Day

Over the Christmas period, 417 young volunteers from 17 schools and 9 companies visited 880 poor families to distribute gift packs as a sharing over the holiday period. VNET also mobilised 49 volunteers to hand out soft toys to their neighbours on Christmas Eve.

#### **Heart to Heart Project**

This year, the Heart to Heart Project saw a total of 206 schools pledge to fulfil a minimum of 2,000 service hours with the support of 91 companies. Among the participating schools, 96 organised 130 service projects, acts appreciated by the Social Welfare Department and The Hong Kong Council of Social Service.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD Teams**

More than 2,000 youth volunteers joined the NEIGHBOURHOOD Teams to serve over 27,476 neighbours. Six training sessions were given to team leaders to improve their skills in programme planning and implementation. Training was also given for core volunteers and 35 Ambassadors were provided with specific training to enhance everyone's experience at the NEIGHBOURHOOD First Reunion Lunch.

A booklet *NEIGHBOURHOOD First - Volunteering to Help* was published, comprising stories and thoughts of youth volunteers from the NEIGHBOURHOOD First Teams.





# easyvolunteer.hk

"easyvolunteer.hk" was accessed by 213 non-profit making organisations, as well as educational institutions and others in the public sector to recruit volunteers, with nearly 600 service opportunities offered.

Volunteers were involved in charity sales, home visits and flag days, as well as outdoor and sport-related events. Some of the areas of interest covered by these activities included environmental issues, arts and culture, and pet care.

The "V-team" was formed with 20 volunteers to help with the promotion of "easyvolutneer.hk". They provided back-end support, including data analysis, producing and initiating promotional videos and projects. They also sought new collaboration opportunities.

# Volunteer Training and Exchange Opportunities

#### Service Learning Programme

VNET provided training and service sessions for 25 students of the YMCA of Hong Kong Christian College, who then went on to offer two English learning programmes in Sai Wan Ho and Kowloon East kindergartens.

# Exchange Opportunities for Volunteer Leaders

Two VNET leaders were invited by Escola Choi Nong Chi Tai School in Macau to share their experiences of developing volunteering in Hong Kong.

Jointly run with Sanxiang Volunteers Association of Zhongshan, VNET also organised a two-day exchange programme in Zhongshan Sanxiang Town during the summer. 20 HKFYG volunteers and 22 Zhongshan youth volunteers got together to share their service experiences and insights. They jointly organised an English learning course and 20

game booths for the local workers' children, who made long journeys to meet with their parents during the summer break.

The VNET team was invited by the Communist Youth League Shanghai Committee to share the experience of volunteer management in December 2015, which was followed by a one-day attachment and a story telling service.

#### **Awards**

#### Recognition for HKFYG Volunteers

This year, 18 youth volunteers were nominated for the "Hong Kong Outstanding Youth Volunteers Award 2015-16" organised by the Social Welfare Department, with six being recognised for their outstanding efforts. They are: Mr. Yeung Yat-ming, Mr. Wong Chun-hong, Ms. Lau Shan-shan, Mr. Chan Chun-hei, Ms. Ng Ka-ying and Ms. Lam Wing-ting.

#### Top Ten Highest Service Hours Award

With the contribution of over 860,000 service hours in 2014, the Federation was ranked sixth 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.

#### **Service Statistics**

Over the past year, VNET has received 13,589 new volunteer registrations, constituting a total of 191,112 volunteers. This year, 28,560 active VNET registered volunteers contributed 936,528 service hours. Over 1,500 volunteer training programmes were offered with 59,754 participants attending.



# YOUTH AT RISK SERVICES

The HKFYG Youth Crime Prevention Centre (YCPC) provides five categories of services: prevention education, crisis intervention and professional assessments, counselling and treatment, multi-disciplinary collaboration and advocacy, with specific focus on youth crime and deviance, sex-related issues and drug abuse. There were 4,372 cases dealt with and 676 programmes organised over the past year with total attendance of 164,363.



#### **Prevention Education**

More than 94,000 visits were made to the YCPC and Youthlaw's website, YouTube, apps and Facebook, with 1,777 downloads of the Youthlaw App.

#### 278 Education and Identification Workshops and Programmes

were conducted to increase awareness on self-protection and the consequences of risky sex and hidden drug abuse, and to enhance law abiding values, especially with regards to cyber crime and illegal jobs.

Ten episodes of YouthVoice, sponsored by the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education, were produced and shown on M21 website and Youthlaw, which received over 9,000 visits.

Youth! Don't gamble! is a gambling preventive education project sponsored by the Ping Wo Fund and focuses on information on risk assessment and anti-gambling transmitted via mobile platforms. Anti-gambling workshops were also provided, and an online interactive video called "It's Your Choice" was produced as an interactive story choice to understand consequences of actions. 5,700 visited the site.

Project iSmart was aimed to prevent young people falling prey to criminals and being entrapped online. Nine secondary schools and 132 youth had joined as "iSmarters" to promote the cybercrime preventive message through their own digital networks, with 5,836 people reached and 29 victims of cybercrime being referred to the Centre by the police.

# **Crisis Intervention and Professional Assessments**

YCPC Hotline 81009669 provides hotline services with crisis intervention, dealing with crime, sex and drug related issues. Supported by the Keswick Foundation Limited, the YCPC and the Hong Kong Police in the New Territories South District continued to carry out Project R, helping juveniles aged 10 to 17 who have already been arrested or are under investigation. This service dealt with 186 arrested young people and 120 parents.

### **Counselling and Treatment**

Professional counsellors handled 3,631 cases that dealt with young people displaying criminal and deviant behaviour. They also helped 529 young people with sex-related issues, along with 153 cases with drug related problems.

YCPC cooperated with Professor Eric Chiu from the City University of Hong Kong to conduct a Study on Intervention in Youth Violence. The Study successfully identified the risk and protective factors related to youth street violence, formulated an assessment and identification tool, and developed a specific counselling manual – "F.O.C.U.S". The F.O.C.U.S. Youth Violence Project saw 42 high-risk and 78 medium risk youths participate with forty social workers being trained to use the counselling manual.





E.Positive – Youth Gang Counselling Scheme provided cognitive treatment, life skills training, mock court, and social inclusion activities to reduce the impact of triad sub-culture towards youth. A video "Reward or Imprisonment" and a story book related to illegal job issues were produced and over 2,000 youth benefited.

Supported by the Beat Drugs Fund, YCPC launched Project SIM and Project ADSF to provide professional assessments, psychological education and stratified treatment for potential, occasional, dependent and hidden drug users. Supporting and educational services were also provided to family members.

#### **Advocacy and Service Development**

A new Youth Criminal Risk Assessment Tool was developed with Professor Dennis Wong from the City University of Hong Kong.



Turning Point – Youth Improvement Award 2015 recognised ten youth who managed to overcome extremely difficult obstacles as part of their recovery from deviant behaviour.

The book Risky Sex - Frontline Case Reports was published.

Project IAPT received the Best Practice Award – Knowledge Integration and Application Award from The Hong Kong Council of Social Service in 2015.

The YCPC worked in collaboration with Professor Wing Lo from the City University of Hong Kong to hold a Discussion Forum for 100 youth outreaching social workers in order to study new phenomena and strategies of triads.

## **WL Residence (WLR)**

This year the WLR provided short term residential services with life planning guidance and career skills training for 39 youth aged between 18 and 24.



#### **The Way Forward**

The main focus of the YCPC in the coming year is to validate the Youth Criminal Risk Assessment Tool and to formulate several preventive education and counselling manuals to deal with arrested youth, drug abusers, and related family members. Preventive education and treatment for cyber-crime issue will be another focus and 30 videos for crime preventive education will be produced, to be shown on M21's Care Channel and through the Youthlaw apps. Services for arrested youth will be extended to Hong Kong Police's New Territories North District and other government departments.

# **COUNSELLING SERVICES**

#### **School Youth Work**

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

Schoolike (schoolike.hk) and Teachlike (teachlike.hk) are two platforms to help foster positive learning in schools. In 2015, the Schoolike Teachers and Programmes Award Scheme was organised and ten teachers and ten programmes won from among 168 nominations for their creativity in fostering positive learning. The awards were presented at a ceremony on 21 December 2015.

Over the last year, 25 primary schools and 5 kindergartens were served through the School Stationing Services. A total of 535 cases and 19,369 consultations – mostly related to emotion, family, behaviour, study, social and psychological issues – were handled, with a further 1,196 activities organised.

The 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 3,151 cases were handled, while 9,113 consultations and 667 programme activities were offered.



#### Youth Emotional Health

#### Service on Love Education

The "Learn to Love – Love and Sex Education in Schools" project was sponsored by the Quality Education Fund to help students learn the value of love through experiential games, workshops and class learning. A total of 237 sessions were organised for 4,938 students, 254 teachers and 386 parents from 21 primary and secondary schools throughout the year.

# Service for Students with Special Educational Needs (SEN)

The HKFYG Student Support Centre provided training for parents and SEN students, particularly those dealing with dyslexia, autism or hyperactive disorder through both groups and individually. The purpose is to enhance learning motivation, acquire effective learning skills and improve emotional and behaviour problems. In total, 23 primary and secondary schools were served and 1,073 training sessions were offered.

#### Service on Resilience Building

To help young people face the challenges they face, three service programmes were offered:

The Understanding Adolescent Project (Primary) saw 47 primary schools join a wide range of programmes.

School-based After-School Learning and Support Programme provided extra opportunities to underprivileged students through 184 programme sessions in 12 schools.

**Healthy School Programme (Tai Po District)**, supported by the Beat Drugs Fund, allowed for 158 programmes in two secondary schools.







### **Service on Further Schooling**

#### Life Planning Service for School Students

PLUS – Experiential Learning Series is a learning package for school students which focus on "Positive Values", "Unique Experiences", "Service Learning" and, the most popular, "Life Planning". A total of 134 life planning activities were organised in 53 secondary schools.

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More than 25,000 students participated in programmes organised to deal with stress during the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Exams (HKDSE). JUPAS talks were also organised, as was the Asia Higher Education Expo, which invited representatives from universities and colleges in Japan, Korea, Macau and Taiwan to share possible options for local students to study abroad.

# **Media Counselling**

#### Hotline Services

Youthline 2777 8899 is an immediate and convenient channel for young people to express their emotions and seek help or support. This year, 367,280 incoming calls were registered and a total number of 47,676 cases were handled, mostly related to emotional imbalances, schooling and mental health.

#### Infoline Service

**Infoline**, is a 24-hour free telephone service with counselling messages and useful information aimed at primary school students. Over the past year, a total of 578,824 callers accessed the positive stories and information.

#### Online Counselling

"uTouch" Cyber Youth Outreach Counselling searches, identifies and render immediate online support to young people from the ages of 6 to 24. The online platforms are used to engage them with tailor-made online to offline supportive services. Through media production, volunteer services and art-based programmes, 433 at risk youth have been engaged and encouraged to participate in community activities in this programme which is sponsored by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust.

#### Counselling Service for Cyber Addiction

To uncover the stories beyond cyber addiction, the **Youth Wellness Centre** undertook a study to evaluate the impact of Narrative Therapy in dealing with the problem of Internet addiction. The Centre has published counselling books and organised seminars to share their findings with other professionals.

# **EDUCATION SERVICES**

The Federation believes in the so-called "3Ss": to be self-confident; to be self-disciplined and to be self-learning. This ethos pervades the two non-profit kindergartens-cum-nurseries, the non-profit stand alone kindergarten, the aided primary school and the direct subsidy scheme secondary school. The HKFYG Continuous Learning Centre also encourages lifelong education.



# **Pre-primary Education**

## New Pedagogy of Picture Book Approach

The three kindergartens have been piloting a picture book approach for several years to get children interested in reading. By in-depth training and piloting, teachers become more familiar and experienced in implementing this approach, which was formally adopted in the curriculum from N1 to K3 in 2015-16.

# Professional Support for Students with Special Educational Needs (SEN)

Providing support to students with special educational needs (SEN) is one of the main goals of the three kindergartens. In the past year, kindergartens formed a Joint-kindergarten Professional Support Group to review the effectiveness of services for SEN students and sought professional support by joining the Pilot Scheme on On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services of the Social Welfare Department, as well as purchasing professional training services.

# Body Movement Education for the Mental Well Being of Children

Ching Lok Kindergarten (Yaumatei) enrolled in the "Leap! Body Movement Programme" supported by the Robert H.N. Ho Family Foundation. This encourages small children to express themselves through their bodies and so learning to become confident and value their bodies vis-à-vis others and the environment.

# **Primary Education**

Applications for enrolment were at a record high as the Lee Shau Kee Primary School continued to enhance its learning and teaching effectiveness.

#### Comprehensive Review on Curriculum Design

A comprehensive review on curriculum design was carried out, which included analysis on the overall curriculum design and characteristics of each subject, resulting in measures based on the development needs of the school being developed.

#### **Cultivating Good Reading Habits**

The school implemented a "Full of Fun" reading programme this year with more reading time added to the timetable. A sharing platform was established for students to share what they read and a display board was created to introduce new books and reading activities. A big book shelf in the form of a train, was built at the main entrance lobby enabling easy access for students to get books to read in their free time. Character Role Play competitions and parent workshops on storytelling were held.

#### Whole-person Development Programmes

The school reviewed whole-person development programmes as well, such as those relating to multiple-intelligence and talent programmes were carried out. High ability students were selected to join pull-out programmes for specialised training. All students were free to choose talent programmes to suit their interests.

# **Secondary Education**

After a decade, Mr. Kenneth Chen Wei-on, SBS, succeeded Professor Wong Hoi-kwok, BBS, JP, as Chairman of the School Management Committee of the Lee Shau Kee College (HLC), while Mr. Ho Wing-cheong succeeded Ms. Yolanda Chiu Waikan as the School Supervisor.



#### Let Us Shine

The theme of the 10th Anniversary Celebration was 'Let Us Shine'. An Open Day and Walkathon in November and December 2015 were not only celebrations but also provided ample opportunities for teachers and students to showcase their talents, creativity and leadership. There were also performances, exhibitions and game booths. The funds raised through the Walkathon allowed for whole-school WiFi to be set up and an Anniversary Gala Dinner joyfully concluded the Celebration.

#### Wisdom in Learning

This year, HLC stepped into a new era of pedagogical advancement with a greater use of e-technology, enriching learning both in and out of the classroom. Scholarship schemes were strengthened to recognise students' academic achievements and the number of awardees for the General Scholarship increased. The new DSE "Soaring-high" Scholarship for those that had outstanding results in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) was also introduced.



#### Wisdom in Living and Wisdom in Relationships

The Careers Guidance, Discipline, Guidance and Moral and Civic Education Teams jointly refined the school-based "Wisdom in Action Programme". Five Core Values – Caring for Others, Integrity, Respect, Modesty and Responsibility – were strategically promoted through formal and informal curriculum. HLC also worked with The University of Hong Kong to develop positive attitudes and good learning habits among students. In addition, a series of career and life planning workshops were held to help students identify their interests and strengths.

#### Student Achievements

HLC students shone in a range of external competitions and events. They obtained a number of High Distinction and Distinction Awards through the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS), the Secondary School

Mathematics and Science Competition and the Australian National Chemistry Quiz. Through the Gifted Education programme, some students completed university online courses worldwide, thanks to the Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) platform. Students also achieved outstanding results in debating, business and management and sports competitions.



### **Continuous Education**

The HKFYG Continuous Learning Centre (CLC) actively engaged with different specialists, professional organisations and commercial sector and offered an array of training courses. There was a recorded increase of 11% in courses registration, compared to the previous year.

Several CLC courses gained accreditation from different official bodies, including the Hong Kong Qualification Framework (QF), the Continuous Education Fund (CEF), the Hong Kong Mediation and Accreditation Association (HKMAAL), the Korea Beauty and Health License Association (B.H.L.), London the Teacher Training College (L.T.T.C), Renmin University of China and the Xu Bei Hong School of Arts.

An alumni association of CLC was set up to organise various activities for members' continuous development.



# 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. The "Parent-Child Ambassadors Scheme" promotes effective parenting and how to cope with conflict management.



# **Service Highlights**

#### Parent-child Mediation Service

Nearly 140 sets of parent and children benefited from the mediation service this year.

#### Parenting and Family Education Programmes

The Centre organised 117 mediation related programmes with the participation of 8,276. There were 344 family life education programmes provided to 12,754 parents and adolescents to improve communication skills.



#### Parent-Child Ambassadors Scheme

More than 100 parents pledged to be Parent-Child Ambassadors. This meant that they assisted their peers, families and neighbours to resolve parent-child conflicts, while also organising activities in the districts to promote family harmony.

# **Collaborative Programmes**

#### Smart Mum Alliance

Sponsored by the Tsu Te Kian Charitable Trust, the "Smart Mum Alliance" began in September 2015 and will run until August 2017. This project enhances the abilities of individuals, promotes effective communication and strengthens the women's community network to ensure women's mental health. The Kick-off Ceremony was held on 20 December 2015 with an attendance of over 1,000.

#### Parental Education Talks Series

For the past 11 years, the Federation has been co-organising territory-wide parental educational talks with the Vocational Training Council. This year, three talks about the potential of teenagers, strategies to face the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination and parenting in the digital world were held, with over 1,200 participants.

#### Happy Family Kitchen Movement

With the support from "Family: A Jockey Club Initiative for a Harmonious Society" and the Hong Kong Council of Social Service, this project began this year. Over 400 participants attended a series of community-based programmes and learnt tips in keeping a healthy diet and living style under the "Happy Family Kitchen Movement".

#### Parent Child Mediation Training Workshop

With the Macao Catholic Family Advisory Council, a Parent Child Mediation Training Workshop was held on 15 November 2015, sharing professional knowledge, skills and the characteristics to 25 social workers and counsellors in Macau.

# CREATIVITY EDUCATION AND YOUTH EXCHANGE

Programmes, including international and regional competitions which motivate creative thinking, are organised as are experiential study tours.



# The HKFYG Centre for Creative Science and Technology (CCST)

With continued support of the Innovation and Technology Commission and Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, the CCST organised 249 programmes for more than 55,000 students. The "Innovating Today, Imagining Tomorrow" Mentorship Programme was carried out in conjunction with The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST).

# The Hong Kong Odyssey of the Mind Programme (OMP)

At this year's OMP local competitions, 504 students and teachers from 56 teams took part. Popular events included, the "Odyssey Pin Design Competitions", the "Odyssey T-shirt Design Competition", "Team Parade cum Competitions", "Art Jamming" and the "Creativity Challenge". Winning teams competed with their peers from around the world and Ho Fung College (sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen) was 1st Runner-up at the 2016 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals.

# The Hong Kong FLL Robotics Tournament (FLL)

This year, around 600 participants from 46 primary and secondary schools designed and built robots to compete in 12 task missions of "Trash Trek", which was the theme of the tournament.

The Champion in the Primary School division, STFA Wu Siu Kui Memorial Primary School, represented Hong Kong at the FLL World Festival in April 2016 and won a "Judges Award". Diocesan Boys' School, another Championship team in the Hong Kong event and Carmel Secondary School, the 1st Runner-up team from the Secondary School Division, both joined the Asia Pacific Open Championship in July 2016, and won the "Innovation Solution Award" and "Teamwork Award" respectively.

# **The Hong Kong GreenMech Contest**

More than 220 students and teachers from 39 schools participated in this year's Hong Kong GreenMech Contest. The teams applied green energy concepts, as well as knowledge in physics, chemistry and mechanics to create models showcasing the power of a chain reaction.

At the 2016 World GreenMech Contest, held in Taichung, teams from Hong Kong did very well, with the Macau Lutheran Church Primary School winning the Championship; Tin Shui Wai Methodist Primary School the first runner-up and Fuk Wing Street Government Primary School the second runner-up in the Primary Division. Pok Oi Hospital Chan Kai Memorial College was 1st Runner-up and Queen's College 2nd Runner-up in the Senior Secondary Division.

# The Hong Kong Student Science Project Competition (SSPC)

The theme for SSPC 2015 was "From Theory to Practice, Develop Science Potential" and included 800 students from 77 secondary schools, who formed 217 teams to compete for various science-related awards. Once again, this was jointly organised by the Federation, the Education Bureau and the Hong Kong Science Museum, with sponsorship from the Innovation and Technology Commission and venue sponsorship of Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation.



Two winning teams representing Hong Kong participated in "I-SWEEEP 2015", an international science competition which was held in America. King's College won the Silver Award in the Engineering category, while Ju Ching Chu Secondary School (Yuen Long) took Bronze in the Environment - Management and Pollution category.

# **DiscoverE Engineers Workshop 2015**

For the fourth successive year, LEAD continued to partner with IBM China/Hong Kong Ltd. on DiscoverE (formerly EWeek), a signature programme of the US National Engineers Week Foundation. The localised programme acted as a catalyst for problem-solving and collaboration by young people with a seminar, hands-on activities and a contest on engineering, promoting STEM concepts to over 3,000 students from 21 secondary schools.

# LEAD Inclusive Learning Scheme -Interactive and Digital Design for Special Needs and Local Primary Students

LEAD was sponsored by HSBC Community Partnership Programme to initiate the Inclusive Learning Scheme. Over 100 students from three special-needs schools, along with six local primary schools, co-planned and co-created more than ten games using Scratch in different subjects. A carnival, with interactive game booths, was held at which over 4,500 members of the public joined in.

# **Exposure Series**

Sponsored by the Hong Kong-Taiwan Economic and Cultural Cooperation and Promotion Council, 34 students from five colleges and ten secondary schools joined a five-day study tour to explore environmental conservation and culture in the Taiwanese cities of Taichung, Tainan and Kaohsiung last December. They presented green initiatives in their communities during the Report Back Session on 5 March 2016.

Eight study trips to Taiwan, Korea and United Kingdom were also organised for 127 school students from four secondary schools and 102 students from three colleges. The participants explored aspects of Art, History, Language and Marketing, and also experienced cycling in Taiwan and a home-stay in Korea and the United Kingdom. A further 14 young people engaged in a Youth Leadership Training Tour to Myanmar sponsored by the Sir Robert Black Trust Fund, to study the social transitions and to provide social services to the underprivileged groups.

# Other Learning Experiences (OLE) Tour

376 students from three secondary schools and three postsecondary colleges visited Dongguan, Zhongshan, Shaoguan and Guangxi to provide social services to the migrant workers' children.

### **Programme at Wudang**

With support from the Commission on Youth – Community Participation Scheme for Organising Exchange Tours to the Mainland, the Wudang trip was held over the Easter holidays with 37 students from five colleges and 16 secondary schools joining the ten-day trip, learning martial arts and about Taoism.

# **Young Ambassador Scheme (HKYAS)**

The HKYAS, jointly organised by the Tourism Commission and the Federation, with the Hong Kong Association for Customer Service Excellence as co-organiser, sets out to nurture young people as ambassadors to promote Hong Kong as a hospitable city locally and overseas. In this 15th year, the Scheme appointed 231 new Ambassadors after having gone through an extensive exposure and skills training. Their duties over the year included: stationing service at 12 local tourist attractions, participation in 14 tourism promotional events and the organising of 20 projects to promote Hong Kong to visitors and to develop a service excellence culture in schools.

# **Reception Tour**

A group of 33 Korean secondary students visited Hong Kong from 23 to 29 February 2016 to understand about the learning culture and lifestyle of Hong Kong. They attended lessons, together with the Hong Kong students and stayed overnight with local families.



# LEISURE, CULTURAL AND SPORTS SERVICES

Interesting experiences, creativity and exercise are just part of what young people enjoy.



# **The Hong Kong Melody Makers**

The Hong Kong Melody Makers (HKMM) continued to make an impact this year, and their successes were widely covered by the media. They also performed at TEDxYouth@Hong Kong, the Hong Kong PolyU Social Innovation Festival (10DAYFEST), and other programmes organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

# 2016 HKFYG Jockey Club Hong Kong International *a cappella* Festival

Once more, the International *a cappella* Festival was a resounding success. The 2016 Festival brought together

Naturally 7 (USA), the SoCal VoCals (USA), Ommm (France), HamojiN (Japan), HKMM, the Metro Vocal Group and local and school groups, together with Festival Ambassador Ng Yip-kwan, to put on some amazing performances.

Sponsorsed by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, the Festival ran from March to April and 55 indoor and outdoor concerts and educational events which saw a total audience of 37,000.

# HKFYG Jockey Club a cappella Education Programme

To further create a culture for *a cappella* music, the HKFYG Jockey Club *a cappella* Education Programme was launched. It conducted over 500 training classes and hosted an international *a cappella* contest, bringing together 57 Hong Kong and international groups to learn from each other.

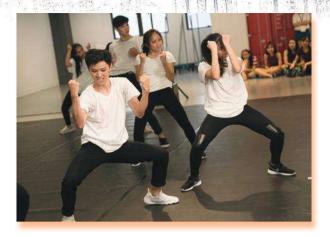
# **Hong Kong Youth Dance**

The "Love to Gather" Inclusive Art Project was held from November 2015 to April 2016 and included dance workshops, volunteer services, public performances and art markets as platforms for ethnic minorities, as well as the disabled, elderly and mentally-disabled people to showcase their talent in a public display of inclusivity. This programme was sponsored by the HSBC Community Partnership Programme, which also recognised it with an "Outstanding Community Award".

# "My Stage"—Youth Creative Arts Festival

Young people showed off their talents through dance, percussion and band competitions, as well as different stage performances in this "My Stage" – Youth Creative Arts Festival held from July 2015 to March 2016, sponsored by the Largescale Youth Programme Funding Scheme 2015 of the Home Affairs Bureau and Commission on Youth.





# **Hang Seng Youth Talent in Theatre**

"Our Time, Our Hong Kong" Musical Theatre was held on 19 to 20 September 2015 at the Jockey Club Auditorium of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University with Mr. Matthew Cheung Kin-Chung, GBS, JP, Secretary for Labour and Welfare as the Guest of Honour. The entire project, which included drama training was supported by Hang Seng Bank and co-organised by the Hong Kong Repertory Theatre.

# **The Tsuen Wan Indoor Sports Centre**

The Tsuen Wan Indoor Sports Centre provided professional training in Judo, Karate, Taekwondo and gymnastics among other events, including shooting with a newly set up IPSC (International Practical Shooting Confederation) shooting room. The popular signature programme, "Music with U" continues to be well supported by the Tsuen Wan District Council. The total attendance to all the organised training programmes and activities reached 30,000.

# Jockey Club Sai Kung Outdoor Training Camp (OTC)

With a capacity for 460 bed spaces and 250 day camp places, the OTC has had an unprecedentedly high level of utilisation of over 165,000 campers since its establishment in 1965.

Enabling young people to think of "zero food wastage" and to maintain nature's eco balance, campers are encouraged to order just what they will consume and learn how to clear their dishes. All food waste is turned into compost and used to grow vegetables on the rooftop organic farm. Campers can pick fresh vegetables and herbs that can later be used in the cooking classes offered. An aquaponics system was set up to demonstrate the recycling of food waste to feed fish and grow vegetables. The living environment of the aquarium has proven to be so favourable that fish has been successfully bred.

A new programme of planting organic mushrooms was introduced. Using a mixture of coffee grounds and food waste as the growing medium, campers learnt not only to grow the delicious mushroom, but were also taught the concept of recycling waste.

Sponsored by the Environment and Conservation Fund, the OTC replaced worn out air-conditioners to more energy efficient models. The new green programmes and improved energy efficiency, together with other green measures implemented, saw the OTC win the Bronze Award in the Social Welfare Organisation Category of the CLP Green Plus Award.





# **Lamma Youth Camp (LYC)**

The LYC served a total of 5,532 campers this year, accounting for an increase of 25%. The new booking policies "One Group One Camp" and "Weekday Booking Concession Scheme" that were introduced last year have proven effective in enhancing utilisation rates.

The LYC is located on a gentle hilltop in the middle of the island which takes about an hour to reach from the pier. Though there is no direct vehicular access to the LYC, it is an attraction to campers who want to enjoy nature at its best, challenging their own strength. The campsite is surrounded by unique wilderness where outdoor adventure programmes are held, including traditional Chinese battle games and backwoods cooking, attracting over 80% of campers.

# **Tai Mei Tuk Outdoor Activities Centre** (TMT)

The TMT, located near the main dam on Plover Cove, is a popular spot for various water sports activities, including canoeing, windsurfing and rafting. As the inflatable recreation facilities increase in popularity, the Centre has also introduced inflatable sea adventure training last year, which has been very well received.

Funded by the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation (Main Fund), the extension of the concrete platform for water sports was completed and will be formally operational from April 2016. The Centre also serves as a training base for young elite windsurfers and open-water swimmers with programmes run by the Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong and Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association.

# **Stanley Outdoor Activities Centre (SOAC)**

The Town Planning Board has agreed to the changes for the SOAC from a day activities centre to a holiday camp. With support from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, the redevelopment will begin soon.

The redevelopment will see the demolition of the existing building and the construction of a four-storey block to accommodate 88 residential campers plus 40 day campers with a canteen. The camp will also feature a three-year innovative water and adventurous community sports programme.

The "Stanley Bay Challenge" continues to be the most popular programme for all the participants.



# 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.

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 issues through discussions and suggesting policy alternatives to enable the sustainable development of Hong Kong.

Youth I.D.E.A.S. comprises 110 young professionals, entrepreneurs and post-secondary students, with eight academics and professionals as advisers. Research, with the support of YRC, 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 2015-2016, the Youth Research Centre published 12 reports:

Publication Date	Report Serial No.	Topic
July 2015	YI001	The Opportunities of Vocational Training for Youth Employment
August 2015	YI002	What Can the Younger Generation Do for an Aged Society?
September 2015	Y1003	Who Is Willing to Take up Positions in Public Affairs?
October 2015	YI004	Encouraging Young People to Participate in Innovation and Technology Development
November 2015	Y1005	Enhancing the Conditions for Technology Start-ups
December 2015	YI006	Attracting Talents to Hong Kong: Impact and Opportunities
January 2016	Y1007	Young People's Perception on Public Consultations
February 2016	Y1008	Do "Flipped Classrooms" Motivate Students to Learn?
March 2016	Y1009	Challenges and Opportunities: Hong Kong's Role as a Super-connector
April 2016	YI010	What Makes Young People Feel Negative
May 2016	YI011	Young People's Views on the Roles and Functions of the Legislative Council
June 2016	YI012	Young People's Views on Continuous Learning



# **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 issues were published this past year:

	Publication Date	Serial No.	Features
	July 2015	36	Strategies and Trends for Implementing Vocational Education in Hong Kong
	January 2016	37	Developing Strategies for Youth Exercise and Sports





# **Professional Publications**

In 2015, the Federation has published ten books, they are:

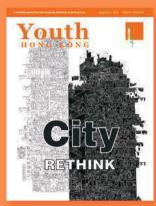
- Teen Romance
- Risky Sex: Talk and Tell
- SchooLike Creative Inspiration from Schools
- Open Heart, Open Road
- Happy Childhood: Where Did It Go?
- Know-how for Playgroup Tutors
- Youth Trends in Hong Kong 2015
- Travelling Fulltime: Making It Happen
- Runner's Journal Running Life
- Putting Neighbourhood First Volunteering to Help

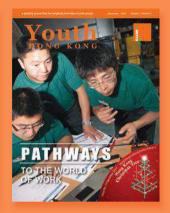
The Federation also participated in the Hong Kong Book Fair 2015.







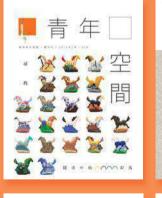




# **Youth Hong Kong Magazine**

Youth Hong Kong is an English quarterly magazine. Each issue it explores different topics around young people in Hong Kong, together with analytical articles, interviews, statistics and discussions. With a circulation of 12,000 copies, the magazine is distributed to Federation 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 provide an exploration of their life-styles and thoughts through sharing their own stories and experiences. The online version can be viewed at *youthspot.hkfyg.org.hk*.





