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#### HKFYG FELIX WONG YOUTH IMPROVEMENT AWARD





The Award, set up in 1997, recognises the efforts of young people who have overcome hardship, crises and misfortune in their lives. Over the past 18 years, 370 young people have been recognised.

In total, 148 nominations from 80 schools and NGOs were received in 2014. After two rounds of interviews, 20 winners were awarded a scholarship of HK\$3,000 each which is to be used for pursuing their personal development goals. This year, Ms. Carol Yip, JP, Director of Social Welfare officiated at the Awards Ceremony held on 5 July 2014 at The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Building.

A book entitled *The Right Turn* was published to promote the positive attitude of the winners to the wider community.



#### HKFYG STANDARD CHARTERED HONG KONG ENGLISH PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

This year saw the 11th anniversary of the HKFYG Standard Chartered Hong Kong English Public Speaking Contest. Co-organised with the English-Speaking Union (Hong Kong) and with Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited as the sole sponsor, the Contest once again proved to be enormously popular, with 1,689 students participating.

In fact, over the years, a total of 17,172 participants from more than 400 schools have participated. All the winners of the Contest are then invited to join the Sir T.L. Yang English Language Ambassador Outreach to promote English public speaking through sharing sessions with their peers. Since 2009, 4,500 students have participated in programmes organised by the Ambassador Outreach and each year, the winner of the senior division competes at the International Public Speaking Competition in London. This year, two winners from each division also competed in the 21st Century Lenovo Cup National High School and Primary School English Speaking Competition, which was held on the Mainland, with Yeung Chui-yan from the senior division crowned National Champion.





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#### HSBC YOUTH BUSINESS AWARD

To recognise outstanding local youth enterprises, the Federation organised the third HSBC Youth Business Award. Solely sponsored by HSBC Commercial Banking, the Award also aims at promoting youth entrepreneurship and encouraging the public to recognise the achievements of young entrepreneurs. The Award has gained valuable support from various business partners, which helps create an impact and serves as a valuable platform to showcase youth business successes.



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The Judging Panel was comprised of renowned business leaders and representatives from government and professional groups. Their task was to select five outstanding businesses. The winners were then awarded a total of HK\$300,000 in cash, trophies, free magazine advertisements, online search marketing services and an overseas mission. The Hon. Jeffrey Lam, GBS, JP, Non-official Member of the Executive Council, encouraged the winners at the Awards Presentation Ceremony. Providing one-stop overseas curricula education and university application consultation services, the Gold Award Winner, CANA Academy Limited, then enjoyed a free trip to participate in an outbound mission organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council.



## INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SCHEME



With the support of the Innovation and Technology Commission and HSBC, the fourth Innovation and Technology Scholarship Award Scheme was organised. Cumulatively, the Scheme has awarded 100 local young talents in science and technology to widen their international exposure and gain industry experience.

This year, a new batch of 25 outstanding local undergraduates were awarded the scholarship to take part in overseas or Mainland university attachment programmes, internships at local technology companies and a mentorship programme which allowed them the possibility to learn directly from mentors.

Students also helped promote science and technology by organising service programmes for over 1,200 primary and secondary school students and the public.





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## PILOT SCHEME FOR CROSS-BORDER STUDY TOUR FOR POST-SECONDARY FINANCIAL TALENTS





Commissioned by the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau, and organised by the Federation, the Scheme aims at enhancing local university students' understanding of the monetary systems and financial markets of both the Mainland and Hong Kong. The participants learnt about the business culture and practices of financial markets in the Mainland through work attachment and visits to government bodies and regulators. This year, 26 nominated students from nine universities travelled to Shanghai from 9 June to 19 July 2014. They were assigned a four-week attachment in 14 different Shanghai enterprises. The launching ceremony was held on 5 June with Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Professor the Hon. K.C. Chan, GBS, JP, as the Guest of Honour.



## THE HONG KONG YOUTH SERVICE AWARD



The Hong Kong Youth Service Award, an initiative of The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups, was established to honour, acclaim and encourage outstanding young people aged 18 to 35, who through their commitment, dedication and integrity, exemplify the true spirit of service to the community, brushing colour into Hong Kong's future.



The Selection Panel, chaired by the Hon. Ronald Arculli, GBM, CVO, GBS, OBE, JP of King & Wood Mallesons, chose as the inaugural winners, Ms. Bonnie Tang Man-lam, who set up a non-profit organisation called **The Leftovers** to promote food collection from restaurants to give to those in need while also engaging in public education on the issue of food wastage; Mr. Calvin Lam Wai-ho, who initiated **The Commercial Radio Road Co-op Volunteer Team** to engage taxi drivers to carry out charity works; Ms. Emmy Li Yuen-mei, an Ophthalmologist who devoted her knowledge and skills to public education and preventive health care; Mr. Clive Lee Ka-lun, who established **Envision Hong Kong** providing less privileged students with mentoring services; and Mr. Wayne Chau Pui-por, who founded **The Outstanding Givers Association Limited** to promote parent and child volunteering efforts.

The Hon. C.Y. Leung, GBM, GBS, JP, the Chief Executive of the HKSAR presented the Awards.



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