

Press Release

AYP Gold Award Presentation 2016

(Hong Kong, December 6, 2016) The Hong Kong Award for Young People (**AYP**) Gold Award Presentation 2016 was successfully held. The Honourable Leung Chun Ying, GBM, GBS, JP, the Chief Executive of the HKSAR, officiated at the Ceremony and presented Gold Award Certificates and Certificates of Recognition to 40 young people and 27 veteran volunteers at the Government House. Mr. Leung appreciated the efforts and perseverance of the young people who participated in **AYP**. He encouraged the awardees to carry on **AYP** spirit and serve the society actively.

Award Council Chairman, Mr. LO Yan Lai, JP, gave a speech at the ceremony and encouraged awardees to continue to serve the community with what they have learnt from **AYP**. 'Arriving at one goal is the starting point to another. The achievement of Gold Award today is just the beginning of your life journey, so dare to dream and let your dreams fly high,' said Mr. LO, congratulating the awardees with his best wishes.

Mr. Steven NG Sze Lok, one of the Gold Award recipients from Wong Tai Sin District Life Saving Society Limited, Award Operating Authority, expressed that his Award journey was full of ups and downs which motivated him to transform, to strive for success and to step out of his comfort zone. In order to get most out of the Award, he devoted himself in various activities wholeheartedly. Steven hopes to continue to share his experience with young people and spread the spirit of **AYP** to the community.

Ms. LAU Chui Ling, one of the recipients of Certificate of Recognition from the Civil Aid Service Operating Authority, is greatly influenced by her instructors. LAU remembered the days when she joined the Award Scheme at the very beginning. It is her two teachers who inspired her to voluntarily dedicate her precious time and relentless effort encouraging and nurturing the next generations to inherit the **AYP** spirits. Since then, she has always been devoted and even started to serve **AYP** as an expeditions' instructor. She is thankful for the unfailing guidance and encouragement from her instructors, family and friends and she wishes to continue to pass her knowledge and



value to her students, so as to contribute to the community in the years to come.

The awardees come from 10 Operating Authorities: Award Operating Authority, Chinese Y.M.C.A. Operating Authority, Civil Aid Service Operating Authority, Hong Kong Playground Association Operating Authority, Hong Kong Police Operating Authority, Schools Operating Authority, Scout Association of Hong Kong Operating Authority, The Boys' Brigade, Hong Kong Operating Authority, The Hong Kong Girl Guides Association Operating Authority and Yan Oi Tong Operating Authority.



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The Honourable Leung Chun Ying, GBM, GBS, JP, the Chief Executive of the HKSAR, appreciated the efforts of the awardees.

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Gold Award Presentation Ceremony 2016
Statistics of Recipients

Total number of recipients of Gold Award: 40

Male: 18 (45%)

Female: 22 (55%)

Total number of recipients of Certificate of Recognition: 27

Distribution of recipients of Gold Award:

<u>Name of Operating Authorities</u>	<u>No. of Recipients</u>
1. Award Operating Authority	8
2. Chinese Y.M.C.A. Operating Authority	1
3. Civil Aid Service Operating Authority	4
4. Hong Kong Playground Association Operating Authority	1
5. Hong Kong Police Operating Authority	1
6. Schools Operating Authority	20
7. Scout Association of H.K. Operating Authority	2
8. The Boys' Brigade, H.K. Operating Authority	1
9. The Hong Kong Girl Guides Association Operating Authority	1
10. Yan Oi Tong Operating Authority	1
Total	40



About The Hong Kong Award for Young People

The Hong Kong Award for Young People (**AYP**), formerly known as The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, is one of the active members of The International Award Association. **AYP** was established in Hong Kong in 1961. To date, we have more than 50,000 young people participating in the Award Scheme in over 700 youth organizations, secondary schools, tertiary institutes, uniformed groups and government departments.

AYP is a programme about challenge, perseverance, enterprise and achievement. With over five decades experience in youth development, **AYP** is the pioneer of Hong Kong non-formal education. It fills the gap left by formal education and encourages young people to achieve whole person development through a unique appreciation system recognized by the society.

AYP provides young people (aged between 14 and 24) with chances of facing different challenges and opportunities to utilize their leisure time in a constructive way, to set and achieve personal goals, and to know more about themselves and their community through experiential learning either in groups or in person. There are three levels of the Award, which are Bronze, Silver and Gold. To gain an Award, the participants have to fulfill the requirements of the different sections of activities, namely Service, Expeditions, Skills, Physical Recreation and Residential Project. (Residential Project is an additional section for Gold Award.)

The Patron of **AYP** is The Honourable Leung Chun Ying, GBM, GBS, JP, the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. In Hong Kong, before the re-unification with the Mainland China, **AYP** was honored to have the Governors to present the Gold Award Certificates. Since 1997, we also have The Chief Executive of the HKSAR to officiate at our Gold Award Presentation. The governing body of **AYP** is the Award Council, which all its members are appointed by the Chief Executive. Our present Chairman of Award Council is Mr. LO Yan Lai, JP.

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