



Press release

**His Royal Highness The Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex KG GCVO
Hong Kong Visit**

His Royal Highness The Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex KG GCVO visited Hong Kong on 8th June 2018. During his visit, he attended The Hong Kong Award for Young People school partner, Hong Chi Winifred Mary Cheung Morninghope School; a special school for students with mild and moderate intellectual disability.

HRH The Earl of Wessex - who is the Chair of the Board of Trustees of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Foundation - will attend a number of engagements in Hong Kong to allow him to meet young people undertaking the Award, as well as Award Council members and supporters who drive the Award in Hong Kong.

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a global, non-formal education framework which challenges young people to develop new skills, get physically active, volunteer within their community and break outside their comfort zone to experience adventure. It helps young people to explore their full potential, make positive changes for their development and prepare for their work lives.

During the school visit, HRH The Earl of Wessex was greeted by school members of HCWCMCHS, AYP Honorary President and Award Council Chairman. HRH unveiled a plaque for the 'Reading Train', which is designed to help encourage reading amongst students. Assisted by the teachers, graduated students who are undertaking or have completed the Award shared stories of how the Award impacted on their growth and development. Award holders from other Operating Authorities also shared with they had learnt from the Award and how it changed his/her life.

The Hong Kong Award for Young People (AYP) is proud to deliver The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award in Hong Kong. As part of its work, AYP is dedicated to supporting young people with physical and/or learning disabilities, and those with additional support needs. Partners include Hong Chi Winifred Mary Cheung Morninghope School, Hong Kong Red Cross Margaret Trench School, HHCKLA Buddhist Po Kwong School and Lok Chi Association.

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(From left to right) Mr. Rock Chen, Mr. David Chang, Mr. Lo Yan Lai, HRH The Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, Mrs. Arleta Tam, Mr. Andy Kwok and Mr. Chau Wong Chong, Honorary President of AYP, Vice Chairman of Hong Chi Association, Award Council Chairman of AYP, School Supervisor, Award Council Vice Chairman of AYP and Principal of Hong Chi Winifred Mary Cheung Morninghope School



HRH The Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex and The Hong Kong Award for Young People Award Recipients.



The Award Holder was sharing their experience with HRH The Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex.

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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 a member of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Association.

AYP was established in Hong Kong in 1961. Currently, over 50,000 young people are participating in the Award in Hong Kong, via more than 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 - 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 Mrs. Carrie LAM CHENG Yuet-ngor, GBM, GBS, 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.

AYP website : <http://www.ayp.org.hk/en/home.php>



About Hong Chi Winifred Mary Cheung Morninghope School

Hong Chi Winifred Mary Cheung Morninghope School (HCWMCMS) is a special school for Children with Mild and Moderate Intellectual Disability established in 1988. Total number of students is about 360 in 2017.

The mission of the School is to provide comprehensive education for students with mild and moderate disabilities and to help them fully develop their potential and integrate into society.

The School has been participating in the Award for almost 20 years, which has proven to be a great success to help the students in different aspects. Throughout the years, HCWMCMS has nurtured 22 Gold, 40 Silver and 64 Bronze Award holders respectively.

HCWMCMS website : <http://hcwmc.edu.hk/> (Chinese only)