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Over 100 Tertiary Students Presented with Hong Kong Housing Society Award

The Housing Society holds the 15th Hong Kong Housing Society Award (HKHS Award) presentation ceremony today (18 January). A total of 107 students from 12 local tertiary institutions and their continuing education schools and community colleges, as well as three member institutes of the Vocational Training Council, namely the Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education and Hong Kong Design Institute, were presented with the HKHS Award.

Established in 2006, the HKHS Award, which aims to support talent development of housing and elderly-care industries in Hong Kong, has been running for the past 15 years. The HKHS Award recognises students with outstanding academic performance in related disciplines while providing financial assistance to those in need. Each student awardee receives a scholarship or bursary of HK\$8,000 and an award certificate. Since its launch, the HKHS Award has benefitted over 1,100 students with a total sponsorship of about HK\$7 million.

These award recipients are further engaged through the "HS Academy Alumni Club" (Alumni Club), which was set up last year to facilitate network building while broadening the students' horizon through an array of learning and community service activities. The Alumni Club members share their professional skills and experience through the platform, and inject positive energy into the society through synergising their efforts with that of HKHS staff volunteers in community work. A great variety of events and activities will be organised in the coming days for the members, who will be given the opportunities to realise their potential and having the priority for summer internship placement at the Housing Society.

At the award presentation ceremony, HKHS Chairman Walter Chan said, "In view of the challenging social environment, young people should have better preparations by equipping themselves with skills and knowledge. While focusing on their studies, they should also reciprocate the society with what they have learned.

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The younger generation is the future pillars of Hong Kong society, and I hope they will follow in the footsteps of the Housing Society in serving the community with enthusiasm and join hands to build a better tomorrow for Hong Kong."

Apart from the HKHS Award, the Housing Society also granted scholarships to outstanding students of the Master of Housing Management Programme of The University of Hong Kong through the annual "Father Cronin Memorial Award", which has been running since 1994. This year, two awardees have received a prize of HK\$8,000 each in recognition of their excellent academic performance.

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Over a hundred of local tertiary students received the HKHS Award and the "Father Cronin Memorial Award".



HKHS Chairman Walter Chan encourages the students to uphold HKHS's mission of serving the society by making good use of their knowledge and to care about civic affairs.