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Over 100 Tertiary Students Awarded Scholarships and Bursaries by HKHS **Nurturing Talents for the Housing-Related and Elderly Service Professions**

The Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS) held the 18th Hong Kong Housing Society Award (HKHS Award) presentation ceremony today (4 February). A total of 103 students from higher education institutions received the scholarships and bursaries worth over HK\$1 million in total.

HKHS Chairman Walter Chan said, “This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Housing Society with the theme of ‘Creating Homes for Sustainable Living’. Just as pointed out by President Xi Jinping that ‘Hong Kong will prosper only when its young people thrive’, the young people’s development is so important to the future of Hong Kong. It is hoped that the HKHS Award will give impetus to the awardees to further equip themselves and unleash their potential so as to become the driving force behind Hong Kong’s sustainable development. The Housing Society will be launching a series of 75th anniversary activities to enhance the understanding of the students and the public to our roles, to strengthen our ties with the community and also to promote joint efforts in achieving the city’s sustainable development.”

The awardees of this year come from 11 local tertiary institutions and their continuing education schools and community colleges, as well as three member institutions of the Vocational Training Council, namely the Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education and the Hong Kong Design Institute.

Established in 2006, the HKHS Award aims to support talent development for the housing and elderly-care industries of Hong Kong, by recognising students with excellent academic performance in related disciplines, while providing financial assistance to those in need. Each awardee is granted a scholarship or bursary of HK\$10,000. Since its inception, the HKHS Award has benefitted more than 1,400 students with a total sponsorship of over HK\$9.7 million.

In addition, HKHS has granted scholarships to outstanding students of the Master of Housing Management Programme of The University of Hong Kong with the annual "Father Cronin Memorial Award" since 1994. This year, two awardees have received a prize of HK\$10,000 each in recognition of their exceptional academic performance.

To further engage the award recipients, the “HS Academy Alumni Club” (Alumni Club) was established in 2019 to provide a platform for facilitating the professional development of the awardees while engaging them to care and serve the community. The Alumni Club and its members have organised a wide spectrum of activities ranging from professional development, career planning, health and well-being, to volunteer services, so as to broaden their horizons and cultivate their sense of responsibility to the community. So far, the Alumni Club has organised nearly 50 activities and contributed

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about 4,800 hours of community services benefiting more than 42,000 people. Besides, the Alumni Club members are given priority for summer internship and recruitment interviews at HKHS.

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Over a hundred students from higher education institutions received the HKHS Award and the “Father Cronin Memorial Award”.



HKHS Chairman Walter Chan encourages the students to further equip themselves and develop their potential to give back to society.



Representatives of HS Academy Alumni Club presented a tailor-made appreciation gift with the theme of “75” to HKHS Chairman Walter Chan (2nd from right) and HKHS CEO James Chan (2nd from left), to congratulate the Housing Society on its 75th anniversary.