

Press Release

Same Thoughts to Face Challenges
The Hong Kong Award for Young People
82nd Silver Award Presentation Ceremony

(Hong Kong, 07/05/2007) More than three hundred teenagers received their Silver Award Certificates of the Hong Kong Award for Young People from Mr. Raymond H.C. WONG, JP, Permanent Secretary for Education and Manpower Bureau, and shared their happiness of completing different challenges successfully with all of the guests.

Although it is just a piece of certificate, it means a lot to the recipients that include time and effort they put in. To attain the silver award, each recipient needs to spend at least 6 months to overcome and complete the challenges and tasks of 4 different sections. Participants should spend at least 30 hours on community services, complete 6 months skill training, finish 40 km expedition journey within 3 days and 2 nights, and participate in one physical recreation activity for at least 15 weeks.

There were 332 Silver Award recipients, even including the deaf or the mentally disable. They came from 11 operating units of the HKAYP, which include 54 schools, the Correctional Services Department, the Hong Kong Police, the Scout Association of H.K. and the Vocational Training Council. All Silver Awardees have the same thoughts to face challenges, although they have different background and ability.

Raymond Wong not only presented certificates to the recipients, but also presented certificates to the volunteers who have served the award scheme for 3 and 7 years respectively as appreciation and recognition.

Being a member of the International Award Scheme, the Hong Kong Award for Young People contains 3 award levels – Bronze, Silver and Gold. It serves the youngster aged between 14 and 25. Today, over 620,000 young people from over 110 countries have been motivated to undertake the International Award Scheme. Since its introduction into Hong Kong in 1961, the current number of participants in Hong Kong steadily increased to 52,000. 2006 is the 45th Anniversary of the Hong Kong Award for Young People. A series of celebration events have been held throughout this whole year.

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Statistics on the 82nd Silver Award Presentation

Number of recipients of Silver Award totaling: 332

Male: 145 (43.7%)

Female: 187 (56.3%)

Number of recipients of Certificate of Appreciation (3 years' service): 21

Male: 13

Female: 8

Number of recipients of Certificate of Appreciation (7 years' service): 11

Male: 7

Female: 4

Distribution of recipients of Silver Award:

<u>Name of Operating Authorities</u>	<u>No. of recipients</u>
1. Award Operating Authority	10
2. Chinese Y.M.C.A. Operating Authority	11
3. Civil Aid Service Operating Authority	2
4. Correctional Services Department Operating Authority	6
5. Hong Kong Police Operating Authority	8
6. Schools Operating Authority	184
7. Scout Association of H.K. Operating Authority	72
8. The Boys' Brigade, H.K. Operating Authority	4
9. The H.K. Federation of Youth Groups Operating Authority	1
10. The H.K. Girl Guides Association Operating Authority	2
11. Vocational Training Council Operating Authority	32
Total	332