

The Celebration Dinner for the 10th Anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR and the 45th Anniversary of the HKAYP

There were certainly many choices of HKSAR 10th Anniversary Celebration events in June and July this year for everyone to attend or listen to. To celebrate the 45th Anniversary of the Hong Kong Award for Young People (HKAYP) and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) handover anniversary, HKAYP had chosen 28th June 2007 to be its big date of the Dinner. The Dinner was held at the Police Officers' Club, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.

The 45th Anniversary Celebration Dinner comprised a cocktail reception and a dinner sections. It gained enthusiastic support from HKAYP's partner organizations and volunteers. It was a great pleasure to have the Chairman of the International Award Association, Dr. Ronald Arculli to join us in the Dinner.

The precious and eventful 45th Anniversary of HKAYP was completed successfully with a big series of memorable events and competitions. Thus, a 45th Anniversary Exhibition, which showed all the events details was provided. There was also a HKAYP Development and History Power-point Show and the guests could also enjoy the time with HKAYP & HKSAR history quiz games for prizes.

The celebration dinner began with the welcome speech by Mr. Paul Fan. He stressed HKAYP's gratitude and thankfulness towards the continuous devotion of time and efforts from every supporting youth organization, members of Award Council, Committees and volunteer groups. Then, the toasters, which included the Award Council Chairman, Mr. Paul Fan, the Chairman of the organizing committee of the Dinner, Professor Wong Chack Kie as well as the Past Chairman of HKAYP, Mr. J.P. Lee, on the stage and every guests extended their good wishes upon the good future for both the HKSAR and HKAYP.

The Dinner was based upon the co-celebration of the big dates of HKSAR and HKAYP, thus the HKAYP Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Lai Pui Wing and the Service Section Panel Convener, Ms. Amy Ho Chiu Wah eagerly took up the roles of the masters of ceremony without hesitation. It provided a chance for the onstage and table guests from all walks of life to participate in every game together.

The first game was "AYP Chairmen's Kitchen". Chairmen of different committees and organizations had to use cream, fruits and designated materials from the table guests and number candles to make birthday cake decorations. Then the "Game of Speed and

Correctness” followed. Table guests had to call the onstage guests by mobiles to provide mobile phone numbers related to the 10th Anniversary of HKSAR and the 45th Anniversary of HKAYP. Then the guests also competed with their speed to tell the Dinner’s full title. The whole Dinner was a success in the sense that all guests from individual groups and organizations could celebrate the concerned big dates together in games. Furthermore, in the Lucky Draw sections, prize presenters and recipients both grasped their chances to give their congratulations and thoughts for their AYP years, together these precious words build up a wonderful scene in the Dinner.

The Dinner’s ending speech was given by Professor Wong Chack Kie who concluded gracefully the expectation for better achievements in the HKAYP future from all HKAYP affiliates’ who were proud of the HKAYP’s continuous development.

Finally, all guests sang in chorus with excitement as they took their first trial of the latest celebration theme song of the HKSAR 10th Anniversary, “Just Because You Are Here”. The Celebration Dinner for the 10th Anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR and the 45th Anniversary of the HKAYP ended with a warm climax.