

Press Release

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The Third Hong Kong Volunteer Award (HKVA) Nominate your candidates NOW Make an entry before 10 July

Following the great success of The First and The Second Hong Kong Volunteer Award in 2005 and 2007 respectively, The Third HKVA is to be launched on Tuesday, 28 April 2009 with aims to stimulate social recognition and participation in volunteerism as well as to showcase and provide exemplary volunteering models. The Launching Ceremony held on Tuesday, 28 April was officiated by Chairman of the Judging Panel, Mr. Vincent Cheng GBS, OBE, JP, Chairman of Agency for Volunteer Service, Mr J P Lee, SBS, OBE, JP and Vice Chairman of Agency for Volunteer Service cum Chairman of The Hong Kong Volunteer Award Organizing Committee, Dr. Shum Chi Wang. Details of the Award was announced at the Ceremony to appeal for active participation and nominations.



Being the Judging Panel Chairman for the second time, Mr Vincent Cheng GBS, OBE, JP shared: "I am delighted to have had the opportunity to meet the candidates and deeply moved by their unfailing enthusiasm and selflessness spirit. Through their contributions in various sectors of the community, they have brought positive impacts to the society. They deserve the appreciation and respect of our community."

Mr. J P Lee, SBS, OBE, JP, Chairman of Agency for Volunteer Service said: "This year, 10 "Individual Volunteers" and / or "Volunteers Groups" will be selected. A Corporate will be recognized for its distinguished contributions and accomplishments in promoting volunteerism. We also take this opportunity appeal to your support by nominating candidates, volunteer groups and business corporations. Nominations for The Third HKVA are now open and will close on 10 July 2009."

**Mr. Vincent Cheng, GBS, OBE, Chairman of the HSBC
with notable social figures to elect
10 Outstanding Volunteers / Volunteer Groups and 1 Corporate Awardee**

The Judging Panel is chaired by Mr Vincent Cheng, GBS, OBE, JP, Chairman of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd and composed of the members:

Ms Christine Fang, JP, Chief Executive of The Hong Kong Council of Social Service; Mr Leon Lai, MH; Ms Winnie Ng, Director of Bauhinia Foundation Research Centre cum Mason Fellow of Harvard University; Prof Lap-Chee Tsui, JP, Vice-Chancellor of The University of Hong Kong; Mr Anthony Wu Ting Yuk, GBS, JP; and Dr Shum Chi Wang, Vice Chairman of Agency for Volunteer Service cum Chairman of the Hong Kong Volunteer Award Organizing Committee

The Hong Kong Volunteer Award is a territory-wide biennial Campaign first organized in 2005. It aims not only to raise public awareness of the value of volunteering, but also to facilitate the development of sustainable volunteerism in Hong Kong.

Nominate those who deserve the recognition, please visit www.avs.org.hk or call at 2527 3825 for details. Nomination forms are obtainable at www.avs.org.hk/hkva/.

The Hong Kong Volunteer Award is organized by the Agency of Volunteer Service (AVS) and co-organized by Radio Television Hong Kong and RoadShow, with The Hong Kong Council of Volunteering being the Honorary Patron; Akei Holdings Company Ltd, Hsin Chong International Holdings Ltd, MassMutual Asia Ltd and Ms Sylvanna Chee being Silver Sponsors; ETTA Trading Co., Ltd and CITIC Pacific Ltd being sponsors; Shun Hing Education and Charity Fund being Prize Sponsor; and Glass Studio being Trophy Sponsor.

**Foundation of Hong Kong Volunteer Awardees Society
Enrich Volunteering Power to Serve the Community**

To synergize the efforts of Hong Kong Volunteer Awardees, the Hong Kong Volunteer Awardees Society was established at the initiative of Agency for Volunteer Service with a view to building a platform to exchange and partnership to cultivate boarder network and participation in volunteering. Membership of the First Executive Committee is as follows:

President	:	Ms Candy Chea
Vice President	:	Mr Mak Hon Kai
Secretary	:	Ms Anna Hung
Treasurer	:	Dr Martin Wong
Liaison	:	Mr Denny Lam

**Sharing Volunteer Stories Promote Volunteerism
“The Story of 15 Happy Souls” Publish Today**

The publication contains 15 volunteering stories of Awardees of The First and The Second Award. The Book is now for sale at HK\$58. Volunteering brings energy and enthusiasm to community and the paths covered by the awardees offer new insight for your a good way of life.

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