

## **Hong Kong Volunteer Award Commends Outstanding Volunteers from All Walks of Life Promoting Volunteerism among the Public and Youth**

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(Hong Kong, 10 December 2022) The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau and the Agency for Volunteer Service (“AVS”) have first co-organized the territory-wide “Hong Kong Volunteer Award” this year, and the Award presentation ceremony was held today (10 December) to recognize the contributions and achievements of outstanding volunteers, volunteer groups, corporations, and organizations from different sectors. Honourable guests including Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Chan Kwok-ki; Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Ms Shirley Lam; Under Secretary for Housing, Mr Victor Tai; Director of Home Affairs, Mrs Alice Cheung, and Chairman of the Agency for Volunteer Service, Ms Melissa Kaye Pang witnessed the commendations. In support of the government’s policy in promoting community volunteering and youth development, the Award strives to engage more citizens and young people in volunteer service for the underprivileged while uniting power from the community to build a caring and inclusive society.

The Hong Kong Volunteer Award (HKV-Award) is dedicated to recognizing the contributions and achievements of outstanding volunteers, youth volunteers, corporations, volunteer groups, housing estates and schools, and cross-sectoral partnership projects. The Award gathered eminent guests from government and business sectors as well as academia, to serve as judges and committee members, and to earnestly practice and advocate the value of volunteerism. As a widely-recognized, impactful, and credible volunteer award, the scheme received an overwhelming number of nominations, with wide support from different sectors and industries.

This year, over 8,000 awards, including Outstanding Volunteer/Group, Outstanding Youth Volunteer/Group, Outstanding Corporate/Non-commercial Organization, Outstanding Collaboration Project, Heroic Volunteer Award, Volunteer Hours Award, Individual Volunteer Hours Award, Long Service Award, Outstanding Caring Estate, Outstanding Caring School, etc. were presented at the HKV-Award Presentation Ceremony.

One of the winners from “Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award” is a disabled person who founded an organization to support those with emotional disorders through his lived experience; the youngest amongst all awardees was a 13-year-old student who set up a volunteer group to help the poor. Another highlight of the award ceremony was the “Heroic Volunteer Award” winner, a member of the disciplined services who gave an acute leukaemia patient a new life through bone marrow donation. Another volunteer was recognized with the “Long Service Award” for achieving 61 years of community service.

A total of 36 organizations were commended with the Outstanding Awards. Some non-profit organizations offered psychological counselling to people affected by disasters or the pandemic, while some engineers provided underprivileged students with voluntary teaching, and some organizations overcame the restrictions brought along by the pandemic and supported the needy relentlessly.

At the ceremony, Chairman of the AVS, Ms Melissa Kaye Pang, said “The goal of the Hong Kong Volunteer Award is to echo the direction of government policy in community development, to motivate more people especially the youth to volunteer in a creative way to care for the underprivileged, and to unite the power from the community by showing your care and love for one another.”

### About Hong Kong Volunteer Award

Launched in 2022, the Hong Kong Volunteer Award is a territory-wide scheme co-organized by the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau and the Agency for Volunteer Service to recognize the contributions and achievements of outstanding volunteers, corporations, organizations from different sectors, and cross-sectoral partnership projects. The Award echoes the direction of the government policy in motivating more people, particularly the youth, to volunteer and care for the underprivileged and to unite the power in the community to build a caring and inclusive society.

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Photo 1: At the Hong Kong Volunteer Award Ceremony 2022, Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Chan Kwok -ki, said “The spirit of volunteerism is especially needed under the pandemic. All walks of life are encouraged to work together to promote volunteering.”



Photo 2: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Ms Shirley Lam said that she is delighted to see winners across groups and organizations, including volunteer teams formed by schools and housing estates from different fields serving the society together.



Photo 3: Chairman of the AVS, Ms Melissa Kaye Pang, said “Over 8,000 awards are presented today, with an aim to echo the direction of government policy in community development, to motivate more people especially the youth to volunteer in a creative way to care for the under-privileged, and to unite the power from the community by showing your care and love for one another.”



Photo 4: The youngest amongst all awardees was a 13-year-old student Clarisse Poon, who set up a volunteer group to help the poor.



Photo 5: In support of the government’s policy in promoting community volunteering and youth development, the Award strives to engage more citizens and young people in volunteer service to build a caring and inclusive society. Photo showed the six young awarded volunteers at the Ceremony.



Photo 6: The winners of Heroic Volunteer Award are Mr Lee Ho Yun from the Fire Services Department, and Ms Ng Yuk Lan from the Customs and Excise Department, in recognition of their self-sacrifice and generosity.



Photo 7: (From left) Guests of honours of the Ceremony are Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Ms Shirley Lam, Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Chan Kwok-ki and Chairman of the AVS, Ms Melissa Kaye Pang.



Photo 8: The audience make a big V gesture which symbolize the spirit of "Care for Hong Kong • Everyone Volunteers"