

HSBC Scholarships nurture young talents

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HSBC has a long history of supporting tertiary education since its beginning in Hong Kong. This year, HSBC has contributed over HKD10 million to support around 200 outstanding tertiary students through various scholarships and tertiary education programmes, aiming to encourage these bright young talents to reach their full potential and make contribution to the community in the future.

In order to recognise the scholars achievements, HSBC organised HSBC Scholars Day on 29 July at HSBC Headquarter to share the joy and pride with guests and university heads and representatives. Scholarship awardees conducted different kinds of performance such as singing, dancing, solo verse speaking and drama to show gratitude towards HSBC.

Ms Anita Fung, Group General Manager, Chief Executive Officer Hong Kong, HSBC, believes the HSBC scholarship programmes share the same goal with the organisation - "connecting people to opportunities". At the celebration, she urged the HSBC Scholars to prepare for future challenges, "We are always very supportive to the education field because we count on you to build a better Hong Kong as well as a better world."

Throughout the past hundred years, HSBC has been strongly committed to offer life-changing opportunities to nurture young elites. A donation of HKD50,000 was made in 1905 for the construction of the first university in Hong Kong. In 1965, to celebrate the Bank's centenary, the HSBC Social Work Scholarship Scheme was started through endowment funds donated to the only two tertiary institutions, The University of Hong

Kong and The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Among the array of scholarships offered, one of the most highlighted scholarships is perhaps the HSBC Overseas Scholarship Scheme. This year, eight students have benefited from the HSBC Overseas Scholarship Scheme, with award amounts ranging from HKD140,000 to HKD500,000. They will start their studies at renowned overseas universities from this fall for one academic year, going abroad to learn about different cultures and new ideas.

Elizabeth Lui, from the Department of Government and Public Administration at Chinese University of Hong Kong, is one of the recipients of the HSBC Overseas Scholarship this year. Setting off for Boston University for International Relations study, Elizabeth said "I always think education is a powerful tool to change a person and hence the society. Thanks to HSBC, I have this opportunity to see how people in other countries participate in politics; I hope to be a professor in the future to raise the political awareness of Hong Kong people."

One of the HSBC Overseas scholars last year Alexis Wu said the exchange experience broadened his horizons and reconfirmed his life's goal, "At the

“ The HSBC scholarship is an acknowledgement of me; not only does it recognise my hard work, but also boosts my confidence through the priceless panel interview with the HSBC senior staff members, where I got the opportunity to understand my ambitions and my role more. Out of the scholarship, on top of tuition fees, I plan to travel to other countries to understand the different legal systems, as well as to establish a charity fund to help other deprived students. ”

HSBC Hong Kong Scholar **Faith Lee** (Year 2 student, School of Law, the City University of Hong Kong)

“ I hope to contribute to not just teaching, but also developing curriculum for local early childhood education. The HSBC scholarship would be perfect to fund my study on children music therapy courses. I hope to incorporate the music therapy elements into childhood education curriculum which would be useful to the kids' interpersonal skills and mental development. ”

HSBC Hong Kong Scholar **Charlotte Chan** (Year 4 student, Early Childhood Education Department, The Hong Kong Institute of Education)



Anita Fung (fourth left at the front), Chief Executive Officer, Hong Kong, HSBC, Dr Rosanna Wong (third right at the front), Non-Executive Chairperson, Advisory Committee of the Hongkong Bank Foundation, Caroline Wilson (fifth left at the front), Consul General, British Consulate-General Hong Kong, Malini Thadani (fourth right at the back), Head of Corporate Sustainability, Asia-Pacific, HSBC, with university heads / representatives and HSBC Overseas Scholars.

London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), I met people from all walks of life through the past year, I confirmed the greatest goal in life should never be monetary profit or status, but the satisfaction in helping others with your knowledge." Growing up in a blue collar family, Alexis could not have fulfilled his dream of studying at LSE without the HSBC Overseas Scholarship. Therefore, Alexis treasured every single penny and completed his study at LSE with excellent academic achievements.

To nurture more young talents, HSBC also offers the HSBC Hong Kong Scholarships Programme which benefited a total of 58 students from 10 tertiary institutions this year. Students with outstanding academic performance were first selected by their institutions, and then went through a selection interview by HSBC panel judges.

One of the HSBC Hong Kong Scholars this year, Faith Lee, from the School of Law at the City University of Hong Kong, said that apart from excellent academic results, the willingness to contribute to the community is crucial in getting the scholarship too, "People generally see lawyers and barristers as profiteers. I want to change this impression by engaging in pro bono services in the future."

Apart from rewarding students with general excellent academic results, certain HSBC Scholarships Programmes focus on specific disciplines. For example, the Innovation and Technology Scholarship Award Scheme benefits undergraduate students in science and technology fields; HSBC Social Work Scholarships

Scheme aims to nurture outstanding social work students; HSBC/Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts Hong Kong/Mainland Exchange Scholarship Programme has been encouraging artistic exchanges across the border since 1996.

Besides, in joint hand with Asia Case Research Centre, HSBC also sponsored the HSBC Asia-Pacific Business Case Competition 2013. It was a business case competition for undergraduate students aiming to bring together elite students from across the region and strengthen their quantitative, qualitative and communication skills through business case analysis from the actual business world.

HSBC scholarships and tertiary education programmes will start in the upcoming academic year. Please contact the respective Student Affairs Office for more information.



With a self-written song dedicated to HSBC, the performance of HSBC Scholar Sam Chan from HKU received a round of applause during the HSBC Scholars Day.



HSBC Scholars Karen Yeung and Natalie Chan from HKAPA gave a dynamic contemporary dance performance to guests and fellow scholars.

HSBC Overseas Scholarship 2013 -2014 Recipients:

University	Student Name	Overseas University	Overseas Major
The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Law Kwai Yee	University of Oxford, UK	Business and Economics
	Lui Hin Ying	Boston University, US	Government
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	Fu Wai Ming	Harvard University, US	Economics
The University of Hong Kong	Chan Hau Sun	University of Oxford, UK	Chemistry
	Chan Kwan Hang Kate	University of Oxford, UK	International Law, Economics and Studies
	Chow Hin Ying	University of Oxford, UK	Law
	Chow Ming Chu Julia	King's College of London, UK	English Language
	Lau Tsung Ling Katy	University of Oxford, UK	Government