

# **HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund**

## **Report on the Distribution of Scholarships 2008/09 to 2011/12 Academic Year**

### *Establishment of the HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund*

In order to further develop Hong Kong into a regional education hub, the Government established the \$1 billion HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund in March 2008 to provide government scholarships to outstanding local and non-local students, so as to –

- (a) attract outstanding non-local students to study in publicly-funded degree or above level programmes in Hong Kong;
- (b) reward outstanding local students who choose to pursue their studies in such programmes in Hong Kong;
- (c) recognise the achievements of outstanding local and non-local students, with a view to attracting them to stay in Hong Kong after graduation; and
- (d) promote the further development of Hong Kong as a regional education hub and enhance Hong Kong's competitiveness in the long run.

2. Participating institutions<sup>1</sup> distributed scholarships to outstanding local and non-local students enrolled in their publicly-funded full-time degree or above level programmes, with selection made having regard to the following considerations –

- (a) excellent performance in academic studies;
- (b) recognised contribution to the institution/society;
- (c) demonstrated leadership and good communication skills; and/or
- (d) strong commitment to the Hong Kong community.

3. Both local and non-local students are eligible for scholarships under the Fund, with \$40,000 per year for local students and \$80,000 per

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<sup>1</sup> Participating institutions are the eight University Grants Committee-funded institutions (i.e. City University of Hong Kong (CityU), Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU), Lingnan University (LU), the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), the Hong Kong Institute of Education (HKIEd), the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU), the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST), and the University of Hong Kong (HKU)) and the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA).

year for non-local students.

4. In 2011, the Government injected another \$250 million into the Fund to extend the benefits to students of full-time publicly-funded sub-degree programmes offered by five institutions<sup>2</sup>. The following selection criteria are adopted for awarding scholarships –

- (a) high standard of academic performance;
- (b) demonstration of leadership and good communication skills;
- (c) valuable contribution to the institution/community; and/or
- (d) strong commitment to the Hong Kong community.

The scholarship award for the sub-degree students is between \$20,000 and \$30,000 for both local and non-local students.

*Distribution of scholarships from the 2008/09 to 2011/12 academic year*

5. In the 2008/09 academic year, around \$12 million was allocated to 230 awardees from full-time publicly-funded programmes at degree or above levels. Among these awardees, 162 were local and 68 were non-local students.

6. In the 2009/10 academic year, around \$24 million was allocated to 441 recipients from full-time publicly-funded programmes at degree or above levels. Among these awardees, the number of local and non-local recipients are 286 and 155 respectively.

7. In the 2010/11 academic year, around \$29 million was allocated to 514 students from full-time publicly-funded programmes at degree or above levels. Among these awardees, there were 294 local and 220 non-local recipients.

8. In the 2011/12 academic year, around \$32 million was allocated to 657 awardees from the participating institutions. 514 awardees are students from full-time publicly-funded programmes at degree or above levels and 143 awardees are from sub-degree programmes. Among them, the number of local and non-local recipients are 442 and 215 respectively.

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<sup>2</sup> There are currently five institutions offering full-time publicly-funded sub-degree programmes, i.e. CityU, PolyU, HKIEd, HKAPA and Vocational Training Council (VTC).