

For discussion

**Legislative Council Panel on
Home Affairs, Culture and Sports**

Promotion of Youth Internship and Exchange outside Hong Kong

Purpose

This paper briefs Members on the latest progress of the various youth internship and exchange activities outside Hong Kong organised by the Government.

Background

2. The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) released the Youth Development Blueprint (the Blueprint) in December 2022, outlining the overall vision and guiding principles for the Government's long-term youth development work in the future. The Blueprint states that we encourage young people to be forward-looking. In addition to establishing a foothold in Hong Kong, young people should enrich their knowledge on the history, culture and development opportunities of our country, and also explore the world and develop a proper global perspective. In his 2023 Policy Address, the Chief Executive emphasised on sustaining the efforts in promoting youth development. Such efforts include, among others, pressing ahead with various youth exchange and internship schemes/programmes outside Hong Kong, so that young people at different development stages and of different backgrounds are offered suitable opportunities to learn and experience first-hand the latest developments in our country and the world.

3. With the epidemic coming to an end and our society returning to full normalcy, and normal travel of persons between Hong Kong and the Mainland as well as overseas regions has fully resumed, relevant bureaux/departments have resumed their various internship and exchange

activities outside Hong Kong in a progressive and orderly manner since 2023. In 2024, relevant bureaux/departments will continue to press ahead with these youth exchange and internship schemes/programmes outside Hong Kong and also further improve and enhance their content. We have consulted the relevant bureaux and the latest progress of the various youth internship and exchange activities outside Hong Kong organised by the Government is set out below.

Work of Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

Internship schemes/programmes

4. The HYAB provides young people with diverse internship opportunities in the Mainland and overseas through various schemes/programmes. We aim to enable young people to understand first-hand the workplace culture and career prospects therein, set their future career goals, gain work experience and establish interpersonal network so as to boost their employment advantage. In 2024-25, the HYAB will continue to implement the following internship schemes/programmes.

(a) Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland (FSYIM)

Under the FSYIM, the HYAB and the Youth Development Commission (YDC) provide funding for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to organise Mainland internship projects for young people to experience first-hand the actual workplace environment in the Mainland, so that they can deepen their understanding of the employment market, work culture and development opportunities therein. In 2024-25, we have introduced various enhancements under the FSYIM, such as expanding the eligibility criteria for participants and increasing the subsidy ceilings for certain internship projects. The FSYIM will fund 190 Mainland internship projects to offer around 6 500 placements in various provinces and municipalities and provide young people with internship opportunities in different sectors,

such as finance, law, trade, social services, information technology, engineering and media. This year, the FSYIM has seen a general increase in the numbers of applications from organisations, approved projects and placements as well as youth applicants as compared to last year.

(b) Thematic Youth Internship Programmes to the Mainland

The HYAB organises the Thematic Youth Internship Programmes to the Mainland in collaboration with various cultural, nature conservation and scientific research institutions in the Mainland. These Programmes provide young people with unique, in-depth and valuable thematic internship opportunities to enrich their knowledge in relevant disciplines and professional fields as well as our country's development. For 2024, in addition to the programmes organised last year including the Hong Kong-Macao Youth Internship Programme at Palace Museum, Youth Internship Programme at Wolong Region of Giant Panda National Park, Youth Internship Programme at Chinese Academy of Sciences, Youth Internship Programme at Dunhuang and Youth Internship Programme at Shandong on Marine Sciences, there is a newly added Youth Internship Programme at Wuyishan on Biodiversity Conservation. Altogether, they offer over 110 placements. The number of applicants for the Thematic Youth Internship Programmes to the Mainland this year has risen by nearly 1.7 times from that of last year, and the numbers of applicants for some of the Programmes have far exceeded the placements available, indicating that the Programmes are well-received by young people.

(c) Scheme on Corporate Summer Internship on the Mainland and Overseas

The Government collaborates with large corporates to implement the Scheme on Corporate Summer Internship on the Mainland and Overseas, providing young people with valuable internship opportunities in the Mainland and overseas. Under the Scheme

in 2024, the number of participating corporates reaches a record high of 25, and they offer placements in different provinces and municipalities in the Mainland as well as various overseas countries (including Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, the Philippines, Australia, Singapore and Indonesia). The placements are available in different industries, including financial services, innovation and technology, logistics, real estate, construction, retail, hotel and public utilities. This year, the Scheme has received an enthusiastic response of some 2 500 applications, nearly doubling that of last year. The various corporates have largely completed the recruitment process, and a total of about 300 students have been selected for placements in the businesses of different corporates in the Mainland and overseas.

(d) United Nations Volunteers - Hong Kong Universities Volunteer Internship Programme

The HYAB, in collaboration with the United Nations Volunteers and three volunteer organisations, implements the United Nations Volunteers - Hong Kong Universities Volunteer Internship Programme, which provides funding support for local undergraduate students to undertake six-month voluntary internship in the United Nations (UN) agencies. Through the Programme, young people can develop their personal capacities and expand their horizons, and at the same time contribute to the international community as Chinese youth volunteers. In 2024, the Programme will offer 25 placements and extend to more Belt and Road (B&R) regions (such as Laos, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Vietnam), covering the World Health Organization, UN Children's Fund, UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, UN Development Programme and UN Refugee Agency, etc.

5. The HYAB also provides funding support for two new B&R youth internship projects in 2024, which are organised by NGOs and offer a total of 40 placements. Interns will travel to Thailand and Dubai during the summer holiday for a one-month placement at Chinese corporates

therein to deepen their understanding of the B&R initiative and the development of the Chinese corporates.

Exchange schemes/programmes

6. The HYAB also provides young people with in-depth exchange opportunities to enrich their understanding of our country and the world, and facilitate their exchanges with young people from other places. In 2024-25, the HYAB will continue to implement the following exchange schemes/programmes.

- (a) Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland (FSYEM) and Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange (FSIYE)

Under the FSYEM, the HYAB and the YDC provide funding for eligible NGOs to organise youth exchange projects in the Mainland, with a view to enhancing Hong Kong youth's understanding of our country's development and fostering their exchanges with Mainland people, thereby strengthening their sense of national identity. Meanwhile, the FSIYE provides funding for eligible NGOs to organise overseas exchange projects for Hong Kong youth to explore the world and learn about the history, culture and development of different places. In 2024-25, we have implemented various enhancement measures for the FSYEM and FSIYE, such as expanding the eligibility criteria for participants and enhancing support to younger participants.

The first round of FSYEM in 2024-25 will fund over 480 youth exchange projects covering various Mainland provinces and municipalities and offer around 30 800 places. This year, we have also newly introduced a second round of the FSYEM to provide more exchange opportunities to young people. Meanwhile, the FSIYE in 2024-25 will fund 96 youth exchange projects to offer about 2 500 places, covering different destinations in 44 overseas countries, of which 30 are in the B&R region.

(b) Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Youth Cultural Exchange Programme

The HYAB, the Department of Culture and Tourism of Guangdong Province and the Education and Youth Development Bureau of Macao co-organise the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Youth Cultural Exchange Programme to foster mutual understanding of young people from Hong Kong, Macao and Guangdong, enabling them to learn more about the culture of the three places through participating in activities such as cultural exchanges, visits and seminars conducted in the three places. The Programme will be held from 16 to 23 July 2024 for eight days, with 30 placements for Hong Kong youth.

(c) Exchange activities outside Hong Kong under YDC Youth Ambassadors Programme (YA Programme)

The HYAB and the YDC co-organise the YA Programme as a flagship youth talent development programme which provides participants with top-notch training and unique exposure opportunities, which include, inter alia, Mainland and overseas exchanges/visits. In 2024, we have arranged for the Youth Ambassadors to visit Shanghai and Ireland for in-depth exchange activities. In addition, the HYAB has been collaborating with various regions and countries to offer young people with two-way exchange opportunities.

7. To further support young people of different backgrounds to participate in exchange activities, the HYAB has launched the Pilot Scheme on Subsidy to Grassroots Youth for Participating in Exchange Activities Outside Hong Kong (the Pilot Scheme) in 2024. It provides additional subsidies for grassroots youth to participate in the exchange activities under the FSYEM and FSIYE in 2024-25. Under the Pilot Scheme, the fees to be borne by eligible participants will be capped at \$500 for Mainland exchange projects and \$3,000 for overseas exchange projects, while the remainder of the fees will be fully subsidised by the Government.

The beneficiaries include youths receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance and those receiving a full grant under the School Textbook Assistance Scheme or a full grant of tuition fees under one of the means-tested schemes under the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency.

8. We estimate that the number of beneficiaries under the HYAB's various youth exchange and internship schemes/programmes in the Mainland and overseas will be no less than 30 000 in 2024.

Work of Education Bureau

Exchange for primary and secondary students

9. The Education Bureau (EDB) has been organising Mainland exchange and study tours for students on an ongoing basis, covering diverse themes and different visiting spots, to enable students to understand our country's development in such aspects as history, culture, economy, science and technology from multiple perspectives, deepen what they have learnt in class, and strengthen their sense of national identity. Mainland exchange programmes (MEP) for students provide over 100 000 quotas every year, which are sufficient for every student to join at least one MEP in the respective primary and secondary stages.

10. Besides, the senior secondary subject of Citizenship and Social Development (CS) also provides students with opportunities to participate in curriculum-related Mainland study tours. All senior secondary students will be fully subsidised once to participate in CS Mainland study tours organised by EDB. In the 2022/23 school year, CS Mainland study tours were launched, providing 22 routes of one to three days within the Guangdong Province. The school sector responded positively, and about 43 300 students joined the tours. In the 2023/24 school year, CS Mainland study tours have been optimised, providing 26 routes of one to five days to the Guangdong Province and beyond. It is expected that about 52 300 students will participate. EDB will continue to optimise MEP for students and CS Mainland study tours, including incorporating

more Mainland provinces, municipalities and visiting spots to further broaden students' horizons.

11. EDB has implemented the Sister School Scheme to enhance professional exchanges and collaboration among local and Mainland schools. There are currently more than 930 publicly-funded primary and secondary schools (including special schools) with over 2 800 sister school pairs established with their Mainland counterparts. Under the Scheme, schools can arrange student exchange activities of different modes (e.g. mutual visits and joint participation in culture exchange, arts and sport activities) with their sister schools in the Mainland in accordance with their school-based development needs, with a view to broadening students' horizons and deepening their understanding of the Mainland. EDB will continue to encourage and assist more local and Mainland schools to establish sister school pairs.

12. Starting from the 2023/24 school year, EDB has launched the five-year "Greater Bay Area Career Exploration Tours" Programme (the Programme), under which public sector schools and Direct Subsidy Scheme schools offering the local senior secondary curriculum can arrange study activities in the Greater Bay Area (GBA) for their senior secondary students, such as career exploration activities, enterprise visits, etc. Schools may either join the study tours under the Programme organised by EDB or apply for a grant of \$100,000 to arrange their own school-based study tours. Through personal observation and experience gained in these tours, senior secondary students will deepen their understanding of the latest developments of various industries in the GBA, including the talent needs of various industries in the GBA, the development of Hong Kong enterprises in the GBA and the collaboration among enterprises in the two places. Over 100 secondary schools joined the Programme for the 2023/24 school year.

13. Schools may also make use of the recurrent Life-wide Learning Grant and Expanded Operating Expenses Block Grant to subsidise students to take part in exchange activities. The Quality Education Fund (QEF) has included "Life-wide Learning" as one of the priority themes. Schools may apply for additional resources under QEF to arrange diversified

learning activities, including cross-boundary learning activities and exchange activities, to tie in with various Key Learning Areas, which will enrich students' learning experiences, broaden their horizons and enhance their interest and motivation in learning, thereby facilitating their whole-person development.

Post-secondary students

Subsidy schemes for exchange activities

14. EDB subsidises post-secondary students' participation in exchange activities outside Hong Kong through the following schemes, which are implemented and administered by the participating post-secondary institutions in accordance with the operational guides issued by EDB. Funding is disbursed by EDB to the institutions in each subsidised period while the details of the exchange activities are to be arranged by the participating institutions. The actual maximum amount of subsidy varies according to the destination and duration of the exchange activity.

(a) Scheme for Subsidy on Exchange for Post-secondary Students

The Scheme supports financially needy post-secondary students' participation in short-term internship or learning experience outside Hong Kong with a view to encouraging them to broaden global horizons while facilitating internationalisation of local campuses.

(b) Scheme for Subsidy on Exchange to Belt and Road Regions for Post-secondary Students

The Scheme subsidises post-secondary students' participation in short-term internship or learning experience in the B&R regions with a view to encouraging them to seize the new opportunities brought about by the B&R Initiative while facilitating educational exchanges between Hong Kong and the B&R regions. The Scheme includes "means-tested subsidy" and "non-means-tested subsidy"

(c) Mainland Experience Scheme for Post-secondary Students

The Scheme subsidises post-secondary students to participate in short-term internship or learning experience on the Mainland with a view to encouraging them to understand through first-hand experience our country's prevailing social, economic and cultural landscapes.

15. As announced in the 2022 Policy Address, the Government targets to provide learning experiences outside Hong Kong for about 50% of local undergraduate students of the University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded universities by the 2025/26 academic year. In line with this goal, the EDB and the UGC further promote multicultural learning experiences. In the 2023/24 academic year, the UGC injects an additional funding of \$100 million into the "Funding Scheme for Mainland and Global Engagement and Student Learning Experience" to encourage the UGC-funded universities to provide more exchange and learning opportunities outside Hong Kong as well as to promote a geographically diversified and inclusive international learning environment. Specifically, universities may make use of the funding from the "Funding Scheme for Mainland and Global Engagement and Student Learning Experience" to support local students to participate in learning experience projects outside Hong Kong, such as outgoing exchange, outgoing visiting, internships, study/field trips, experiential learning and international events, with an emphasis on the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. The funding may also be utilised to encourage activities for multicultural interaction on campus and promote exchanges between students from different backgrounds and cultures, so that students can benefit from an international learning environment and broaden their horizons while studying on local campuses.

16. In fact, with a view to broadening students' horizons and enhancing their exposure for other development opportunities in the Mainland and overseas, the UGC has been encouraging universities to provide more exchange learning opportunities outside Hong Kong so as to allow students to better understand the overall development of our country and the world. As of end November 2023, UGC-funded universities have

signed over 2 600 student exchange agreements with institutions around the world, a further increase from before the pandemic.

“Quality Enhancement Support Scheme” under the Self-financing Post-secondary Education Fund

17. For the self-financing post-secondary education sector, EDB established the Self-financing Post-secondary Education Fund (SPEF) in 2011 to subsidise worthwhile initiatives and schemes that may enhance the quality of self-financing post-secondary education. To encourage self-financing post-secondary institutions to introduce more initiatives to support students on industrial attachment (IA), the IA project category of the “Quality Enhancement Support Scheme” under the SPEF has been expanded on a pilot basis from the 2019/20 round of application, enabling institutions to submit funding applications on IA projects to be undertaken outside Hong Kong. EDB will review the effectiveness in due course.

The Pilot International Study Programme and the GBA Explorer Trip of the Vocational Training Council (VTC)

18. As regards vocational and professional education and training, starting from the 2020/21 academic year, the Government has provided VTC with a three-year non-recurrent funding to implement the Pilot International Study Programme (ISP), which supports trainees’ participation in exchange activities on the Mainland and overseas. ISP was officially launched in the 2022/23 academic year as a result of the pandemic, and it has been extended for two years to the 2024/25 academic year to benefit more trainees.

19. Besides, EDB has provided the VTC with a funding totalling \$10 million for five years starting from the 2023-24 financial year to implement a short-term learning programme namely “The GBA Explorer Trip”. It is expected to benefit about 6 000 students of the VTC’s Higher Diploma and Diploma programmes. The learning programme covers, inter alia, national education, seminars on the latest developments on the Mainland, industry-specific learning activities, visits to enterprises and

cultural experiential activities, with a view to enhancing students' overall understanding of the development of the GBA as well as the study and employment opportunities therein. As at February 2024, nearly 1 100 VTC students participated in the GBA Explorer Trip.

Work of Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau

20. Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau (CSTB) provides funding support to Hong Kong Design Centre to implement “Nurturing Programme of Hong Kong Young Design Talents” through CreateSmart Initiative (CSI). The programme provides financial sponsorships for eligible “DFA Hong Kong Young Design Talent Award” awardees to undergo work attachments or studies outside Hong Kong. The 2023 edition granted a total of 11 awardees who will commence their work attachments or studies outside Hong Kong on or before February 2025. “DFA Hong Kong Young Design Talent Award 2024” is now open for applications and the winner result is expected to be announced in November 2024.

21. In addition, with the support from CSI, “Fashion Summit (Hong Kong)” has organised a study tour to Sweden in June 2023 with the participation of four local young fashion designers as well as industry representatives from non-government organisations. In 2023, CSI also funded 40 graduates studying digital entertainment-related disciplines to participate in a study tour of “SIGGRAPH Conference and Exhibition on Computer Graphics and Interactive Techniques in Asia” held in Sydney, Australia, 10 young representatives from the HK4As to participate in international advertising competitions, 18 talented singers/bands to participate in overseas music festivals, three Hong Kong emerging comic artists to participate in the “Angouleme International Comics Festival, France” to showcase their comic works, and local young comics artists to attend “Comic Fiesta” in Malaysia to showcase their works at the Hong Kong Pavilion etc.

22. For film sector, four young filmmakers were sponsored to participate in the “Fantastic Film School” under the “Bucheon International Fantastic Film Festival” in late June 2023. The programme consisted of lectures on film knowledge taught by renowned film industry

professionals from all over the world. Besides, CSTB, through the Film Development Fund (FDF), also sponsored Asian Film Awards Academy to organise “Journey to the Fest”. Eight and seven students were sponsored to participate in the 36th Tokyo International Film Festival in October 2023 and the 25th Jeonju International Film Festival in late April 2024. Participants attended various activities of the festivals. FDF also sponsored Association for Betterment of Hong Kong’s Entertainment Industry in the Mainland to organise “Neo Luma – Market Expansion into Mainland China Film Market”. The programme includes two exchange tours to the Mainland for junior film industry practitioners who are interested in developing their career in the Mainland, so that they will have a better understanding of the latest developments in the film industry in the Mainland. Upon the completion of each exchange tour, the organiser will arrange placements in relevant Mainland companies for the participants. The first two exchange tours took place in March and August 2024 and the second in August respectively.

23. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) under CSTB has been organising diversified exchange and internship programmes, providing local students and the youth opportunities to participate in exchange activities in the Mainland and abroad. For example, the annual programmes “Young Astronaut Training Camp”, “Young Scientists Study Tours” and internship programme of “Hong Kong House at Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennale”, etc.

24. In 2024, the LCSD will continue to implement the aforementioned popular programmes and other exchange activities such as participation in the prestigious Summer Cum Laude International Youth Music Festival in Vienna by the Hong Kong Youth Strings to exchange with young musicians from around the world to widen their horizons. LCSD collaborates with the Tung Wah Group Hospitals (TWGHs) Records and Heritage Office in organising the 6th “TWGHs Student Conservation Ambassador Programme”. Students of the TWGHs schools will visit the exhibition halls and the conservation facilities of the Shenzhen Museum to enhance students’ understanding of Shenzhen’s museum and conservation practices and also the Reform and Opening-up History Exhibition to learn more about the country’s development.

25. As for sports, the governments of Hong Kong and Shanghai have been organising the Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth every year to foster sports exchange between the youth of the two places. This activity not only enhances the personal skills of participants, but also facilitates the youth of the two places to strengthen mutual understanding and build friendships. Hong Kong and Shanghai take turns to host this event every year. The 2023 Summer Camp was successfully held in Shanghai in July last year, while the 2024 Summer Camp will be held in Hong Kong in July this year. Besides, the governments of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao collaborate annually to organise exchange activities, including sporting goods fair and youth football and basketball exchange programmes. The football and basketball exchange programmes targeted youth participants, and were held in Macao in September 2023 and in Hong Kong in January 2024 respectively. The next football exchange programme is scheduled for September 2024 in Macao while the basketball programme is scheduled for January 2025 in Hong Kong.

Work of other bureaux/departments

26. The Government launched the Strive and Rise Programme (the Programme) in October 2022 through the tripartite collaboration among the Government, the business sector and the community to provide focused support to secondary students from underprivileged families, particularly those living in subdivided units, to lift them out of intergenerational poverty. Supporting organisations from the business sector and community organisations contribute different types of group activities for mentees participating in the Programme, including Mainland study and exchange tours, allowing mentees to experience and understand the development and culture of our country and further broadening their horizons.

27. The Commerce and Economic Development Bureau is collaborating with local universities to, in 2024-25, arrange about 50 short-term internships placements in overseas Hong Kong Economic and Trade

Offices (ETOs) for Hong Kong students to work overseas, thereby facilitating the latter's understanding of local culture, society and development, and providing a more diverse working experience for students, which in turn broadens their horizons. In addition, the Bangkok, Jakarta and Singapore ETOs are, through the "ASEAN Internship Scheme for Hong Kong Higher Education Students", working with various institutions and companies in the member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to offer about 60 short-term internship placements to Hong Kong students.

28. The Security Bureau (SB) and its disciplined and auxiliary services departments have been actively organising Mainland exchange tours for their youth uniformed group members. The goal is to enhance their understanding of our country and foster their patriotism through diverse activities, including visits to law enforcement agencies, technology companies, schools and museums in the Mainland, as well as direct interaction between members and Mainland youngsters. In 2023, SB and its departments arranged over 2 600 youth uniformed group members to participate in 71 exchange trips to various Mainland cities to learn about national affairs and the latest development of our country. In 2024, SB and its departments continue to organise Mainland exchange activities for their youth members, and are actively incorporating elements of Chinese culture and history into these trips, with a view to further strengthening patriotic education.

29. Apart from the major schemes/programmes mentioned above, relevant bureaux/departments are also organising different youth internship and exchange activities outside Hong Kong, and their details are tabulated at the Annex. In 2024, the Government provides young people with over 7 000 placements and about 210 000 exchange places in total.

Advice Sought

30. Members are invited to note the paper and offer comments.

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Home and Youth Affairs Bureau
Education Bureau

**Youth Internship and Exchange Activities in the Mainland and Overseas
Organised by Various Bureaux/Departments in 2024**

	<u>Name of programmes/activities</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>No. of places/ participants</u>
Home and Youth Affairs Bureau				
1.	Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland	Internship	Mainland	About 6 500
2.	Thematic Youth Internship Programmes to the Mainland	Internship	Mainland	About 110
3.	Scheme on Corporate Summer Internship on the Mainland and Overseas	Internship	Mainland and Overseas	About 300
4.	United Nations Volunteers - Hong Kong Universities Volunteer Internship Programme	Internship	Overseas	25
5.	Belt and Road Youth Internship Programmes 2024	Internship	Overseas	40
6.	Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland	Exchange	Mainland	About 30 000 (1st round)
7.	Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange	Exchange	Overseas	About 2 500
8.	Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Youth Cultural Exchange Programme	Exchange	Hong Kong, Macao and the Mainland	30
9.	Exchange activities outside Hong Kong under the YDC Youth Ambassadors Programme	Exchange	Mainland	16
			Overseas	12
<i>Home Affairs Department</i>				
10.	Clansmen Culture Promotion Scheme	Exchange	Mainland	About 1 000

	<u>Name of programmes/activities</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>No. of places/ participants</u>
11.	Youth development activities organised/co-organised by District Offices	Exchange	Mainland	About 1 700
			Overseas	About 300
		Internship	Mainland	10
Education Bureau				
12.	Scheme for Subsidy on Exchange for Post-secondary Students	Short-term internship or learning experience	Mainland and Overseas	Figures are not available as the Schemes are implemented and administered by the participating post-secondary institutions.
13.	Scheme for Subsidy on Exchange to Belt and Road Regions for Post-secondary Students	Short-term internship or learning experience	Overseas	
14.	Mainland Experience Scheme for Post-secondary Students	Short-term internship or learning experience	Mainland	
15.	Pilot International Study Programme	Exchange	Mainland and Overseas	About 180 per year
16.	GBA Explorer Trip	Exchange	Mainland	1 100 (as of February 2024)
17.	Mainland study tours for senior secondary subject of Citizenship and Social Development	Exchange	Mainland	About 52 300
18.	Mainland exchange programmes for students	Exchange	Mainland	About 109 000

	<u>Name of programmes/activities</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>No. of places/ participants</u>
19.	Sister School Scheme	Exchange	Mainland	Figure is not available as the Scheme is implemented and administered by the participating local schools in Hong Kong.
20.	“Greater Bay Area Career Exploration Tours” Programme	Exchange	Mainland	About 6 000
21.	Funding Scheme for Mainland and Global Engagement and Student Learning Experience	Exchange, internship and learning experience	Mainland and Overseas	Figure is not available as the Scheme is implemented and administered by the UGC-funded universities.
Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau				
22.	Study tour of Fashion Summit	Exchange	Overseas	4 (Note 1)
23.	Nurturing Programme of Hong Kong Young Design Talents	Internship	Mainland and Overseas	About 10
24.	6th Hong Kong Digital Entertainment Industry Fresh Graduate Support Scheme	Exchange	Mainland	30
25.	2024 HK4As Representatives’ Participation In International Awards cum Creative Sharing in HK	Exchange	Overseas	10
26.	5th Design Licensing and Business Support Scheme	Exchange	Mainland	20
27.	3rd Hong Kong Comics Development and Promotion Support Programme	Exchange	Mainland	10
			Overseas	17

	<u>Name of programmes/activities</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>No. of places/ participants</u>
28.	Sponsorship for Filmmakers' Participation in Fantastic Film School 2024	Exchange	Overseas	4
29.	Sponsorship for Students' Participation in Journey to the Fest	Exchange	Overseas	7
30.	"Neo Luma – Market Expansion into Mainland China Film Market"	Exchange and Internship	Mainland	60
<i>Leisure and Cultural Services Department</i>				
31.	Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth	Exchange	Hong Kong/ Shanghai	42
32.	Guangdong/Hong Kong/Macao Youth Football Exchange Programme	Exchange	Macao	36
33.	Guangdong/Hong Kong/Macao Youth Basketball Exchange Programme	Exchange	Hong Kong	72
34.	Internship Programme of "Hong Kong House at Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennale 2024"	Internship and Exchange	Overseas	16
35.	Young Astronaut Training Camp	Exchange	Mainland	30
36.	Young Scientists Study Tour	Exchange	Mainland	20
37.	Conservation Office "TWGHs Student Conservation Ambassador Programme"	Exchange	Mainland	24
38.	2024 Hong Kong Youth Strings Vienna Tour	Exchange	Overseas	50
Labour and Welfare Bureau				
39.	Strive and Rise Programme	Exchange	Mainland	About 1 100

	<u>Name of programmes/activities</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>No. of places/ participants</u>
Commerce and Economic Development Bureau				
40.	Overseas Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices - Overseas Short-term Internship Programme	Internship	Overseas	About 50
41.	ASEAN Internship Scheme for Hong Kong Higher Education Students	Internship	Overseas	About 60
Security Bureau				
42.	Youth exchange activities by Security Bureau and its departments	Exchange	Mainland	About 2 500
Transport and Logistics Bureau				
43.	Greater Bay Area Civil Aviation Youth Exchange Program	Exchange	Mainland	40 (Note 2)
44.	Overseas Exchange Sponsorship Scheme	Exchange	Overseas	7
45.	Maritime Promotion Project Funding – Dalian Maritime University Internship Training Programme on Yu Kun for Hong Kong Maritime Students	Internship	Mainland	About 35
Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau				
46.	Internship opportunities provided to young people of Hong Kong by Mainland Offices of the HKSAR Government	Internship	Mainland	59
Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau				
47.	GBA Fintech Two-way Internship Scheme for Post-secondary Students	Internship	Mainland	36

	<u>Name of programmes/activities</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>No. of places/ participants</u>
Development Bureau				
48.	Construction Youth Exchange Programme in GBA	Exchange	Mainland	140
49.	The Sixth Cultural Heritage Summer Course for Secondary School Students of the Mainland, Hong Kong and Macao SARs	Exchange	Mainland	20
Department of Justice				
50.	Summer Attachment Programme for Hong Kong Law Students in the Mainland	Internship	Mainland	10
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department				
51.	Geopark student exchange tour to mainland China and overseas	Exchange	Mainland and Overseas	About 80

Notes:

- (1) Four local emerging fashion designers joined the representatives from the trade in a study tour to Italy.
- (2) Participants are representatives of young civil aviation practitioners under the age of 45 in the Greater Bay Area.