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HSBC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMMES BENEFIT 220 HONG KONG STUDENTS

Continuing HSBC's Commitment to Investing in The Future of Hong Kong Community

HSBC has pledged more than HKD11 million to another class of HSBC Scholars in various scholarship programmes for the coming academic year 2016/17, benefitting 220 top Hong Kong students from different academic disciplines.

Diana Cesar, Chief Executive Hong Kong, HSBC, said, "Throughout our history, we have supported our community and have been supported by the community. So it's important for us to ensure that our scholars share our passion for making Hong Kong a better place. Your education will help you acquire a wide range of valuable knowledge and skills – and these will enable you to make a real difference to the community, as well as to build your own career."

As part of HSBC's steadfast commitment to investing in the future of the Hong Kong community, HSBC Scholarship Programmes aim to provide support to students in undergraduate study and vocational education to realise their dreams and ambitions. The programme includes the HSBC Overseas Scholarship, the HSBC Hong Kong Scholarship, the HSBC Social Work Scholarship, the HSBC Vocational Education Scholarship and the Innovation and Technology Scholarship Award Scheme.

These 220 outstanding Hong Kong students acquired the prestigious title of HSBC Scholars and were recognised at the HSBC Scholars Day 2017, hosted by Diana Cesar, Chief Executive Hong Kong, HSBC. They joined over 5,500 others who have achieved this status since 1965. Apart from academic excellence and good performance at panel interviews, HSBC Scholars must demonstrate their commitment to serving the Hong Kong community.

Among this year's HSBC Scholars, Singh Taranvir from The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, was awarded the HSBC Overseas Scholarship 2017/18 with a maximum scholarship amount of HKD300,000 to study at the London School of Economics and Political Science for one year. He shared his experience, "I need to pass two rounds of panel interviews conducted by HSBC senior executives. This strict but exciting process was a memorable learning experience itself. The scholarship further strengths my identity as a Hongkonger who would like to make a contribution to building a better community. I would like to thank HSBC wholeheartedly for their tremendous support, which helps me realise my dream of studying in UK."

HSBC Scholarship Programmes for academic year 2017/18 will commence in the next semester. Interested undergraduate or sub-degree students can approach the student

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About HSBC Scholarship Programmes:

HSBC has a long history of supporting tertiary education since its beginning in Hong Kong. In 1905, HKD50,000 was donated to build the first university in the territory. In 1965, the HSBC Social Work Scholarship Programme started through endowment funds donated to the only two tertiary institutions at the time: The University of Hong Kong and The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Since then, the Bank's various scholarships and tertiary education programmes offer Hong Kong's brightest students life-changing opportunities to realise their dreams.

- **The HSBC Overseas Scholarship** provides scholarship for local university students to spend one semester or one academic year at overseas universities with a maximum scholarship amount of HKD300,000 per student. In 2017/18, 4 students were awarded the scholarship to study in University of Oxford, The London School of Economics and Political Science, The University of California, Los Angeles and University of Alberta.
- **The HSBC Hong Kong Scholarship** are awarded each year to eligible students in 12 tertiary institutions. In the 2016/17 academic year, 75 students from all academic disciplines received this award with a scholarship amount of HKD50,000.
- **The HSBC Social Work Scholarship** are offered to social work students to encourage them to dedicate their career to the social work profession. It was established in 1965 to celebrate HSBC's centenary and was HSBC's earliest scholarship programme. It was expanded to cover four more universities offering social work degree programmes in 2014/15. A total of 70 social work students received the award with the scholarship amount of HKD25,000 in 2016/17.
- **The HSBC Vocational Education Scholarship**, offered to 11 tertiary institutions, aims to recognise and support students studying in sub-degree programmes. In the 2016/17 academic year, 47 students from all academic disciplines received the award with the scholarship amount of HKD20,000.
- **The Innovation and Technology Scholarship Award Scheme** is a partnership with the Government's Innovation and Technology Commission and is organised by The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups. Since its launch in 2011, 175 local undergraduate students studying in the science and technology fields have received this scholarship with a maximum scholarship amount of HKD150,000, which includes overseas attachments, local work placements and mentoring opportunities. For more information please refer to the website:
<http://innotechsponsorship.hkfyg.org.hk/>

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<http://www.about.hsbc.com.hk/hsbc-in-hong-kong/community>

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