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HSBC HONG KONG COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME 2019

*Bringing People Together in a More Inclusive and Harmonious Society
Through “Future Skills” and “Health”
Five Secondary School Teams Recognised in New Hackathon to
Create Community Care Solutions*

The HSBC Hong Kong Community Partnership Programme (CPP) today announced the awardees of a variety of winning projects in recognition of their valuable contribution to addressing local needs and creating sustainable impact in the community, and the winners of the first SMART Community Hackathon organised by CPP. Continuing the mission of “Bringing People Together” under the two themes of “Future Skills” and “Health”, the awardees have demonstrated significant positive impact on the local community, while the SMART Community Hackathon winners have shown remarkable creativity in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) with their innovative projects.

The HSBC Hong Kong CPP has contributed greatly toward creating an inclusive society by funding projects initiated by cross-profession and cross-discipline charities and community organisations. In 2019, a total of HKD18 million has been allocated to district-based community initiatives across the 18 districts in Hong Kong, through 44 projects which are expected to benefit over 290,000 people. Moreover, 700 primary and secondary school students will be appointed as Community Ambassadors to serve the community through CPP projects until mid-2020.

Winners of the Outstanding Project Awards and Outstanding District Effort Award were recognised for their significant positive impact on the local community. A professional panel of judges comprised of representatives from HSBC, the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS), the Home Affairs Department and the Social Welfare Department assessed the projects in terms of creativity, use of technology, community participation, relevance to social needs, and overall planning and management. The winners are:

Award	Organisation / District	Project Title
Outstanding Community Project Award	The Hong Kong Chinese Christian Churches Union	Weave Party – Let's Make A Home Come True
Outstanding Collaborative Partnerships Award	Hong Kong Playground Association	Way Through Tech Youth Career Path Project
Outstanding Creativity Award	Senior Citizen Home Safety Association	Galaxy Secret
Outstanding Participation Award	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups	Goodgo Creator
Outstanding District Efforts Award	Eastern	N/A

This year, a new competition “SMART Community Hackathon” was introduced as part of the CPP for secondary school students to inspire one another with their creativity in STEM. Featuring “Future Skills” and “Health” as two key themes, the Hackathon encouraged participants to ignite their creativity through innovative technology and integrate their ideas into the community to promote a caring and harmonious social network.

Entries from 31 teams were evaluated by a judging panel based on the concept of innovation, relevance to community needs, experimental spirit, level of inspiration and relevance to the theme. The five outstanding teams awarded have strongly displayed how their STEM workpieces have incorporated different community elements and the inspiration they have gained from participating in this competition. The winners are:

Award	School	Project Title
Community-friendly Award	Heung To Secondary School (Tseung Kwan O)	Intelligent Gas Stove Reminder 2.0
	The Church of Christ in China Yenching College	Fast Parkinson's Detector
	Raimondi College	AR English Learning Kit
Most Creative Award	St. Stephen's Girls' College	StandFit
	ELCHK Lutheran Academy	Heat Heart Hoodie

As of 2019, the CPP has made a funding of over HKD144 million, supporting more than 1,100 projects and benefiting over 4.3 million people in Hong Kong. HSBC once again appointed the HKCSS this year to administer the applications and monitor the funded projects.

Meanwhile, in mainland, the HSBC Community Partnership Programme has reached 14 mainland cities and over 350 communities. Since 2013, it has benefitted over 5 million people on the mainland.

Going forward, the CPP will continue to facilitate community building by supporting charitable organisations which serve local neighbourhoods as their key arena for social service provision.

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Notes to editors:

HSBC Hong Kong Community Partnership Programme

Since its launch in 2012, the HSBC Hong Kong Community Partnership Programme (CPP) has been supported by the Home Affairs Department, the Social Welfare Department and The Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS). HKCSS has been appointed by HSBC to administer the applications and monitor the grant projects. The CPP aims to inspire district-based community initiatives to foster a more inclusive society. Also, it encourages cross-sector collaboration to address the social needs of local districts and help charities and community organisations in Hong Kong build capacity. The CPP has supported more than 1,100 projects benefiting 4.3 million people since its launch.

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