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THIRTY-FIVE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS RECEIVE HSBC GREATER BAY AREA (HK) SCHOLARSHIP 2021

Join over 6,000 HSBC Scholars to Collaborate on Hub for the Future

Thirty-five students from 10 universities and tertiary institutions in Hong Kong have been awarded the HSBC Greater Bay Area (Hong Kong) Scholarship 2021. The programme is the first of its kind to help the younger generation gain real-life experience and prepare for careers in the fast-growing Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA).

The award, at HKD80,000 each, is intended to support undergraduate students in Hong Kong to pursue studies, internships, or activities that can help them fulfil their GBA career aspirations. There were 300 applications since the programme was announced in December 2020. The results were announced at the annual HSBC Scholars Day that took place yesterday.

Speaking at the event, **Peter WONG**, **Chairman**, **The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited**, **and The Hongkong Bank Foundation**, said, "We are proud to have introduced the first GBA scholarship. This recognises how tightly Hong Kong's success is bound to the advances in the Pearl River Delta. The GBA is going to take off, and if Hong Kong is to reap the full benefit, it is vital that our next generation of business leaders have the depth of understanding that only immersion can give. The positive response shows that many young people from Hong Kong are looking for new ways to spread their wings and grow personally and professionally."

Under the HSBC Greater Bay Area (Hong Kong) Scholarship, the Bank will grant HKD8 million in scholarships to 100 students over three academic years. In addition to financial support, the winners will be offered mentorship opportunities with HSBC executives and networking events with leaders in financial services in the GBA to broaden their social and professional circles.

The 35 awardees have indicated a wide variety of career interests in their applications, ranging from medicine, science, and engineering, to education and music. The most popular career paths are business and finance, and technology.

HSBC has been supporting high-achieving Hong Kong students through various scholarship schemes and has granted more than HKD240 million since 1965. At yesterday's event, 100 HSBC Scholars were recognised.

In partnership with the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups, HSBC is also launching the Hub for the Future programme, a multi-disciplinary, cross-generational social innovation initiative for the 6,000 alumni and future HSBC Scholars.

Participants are expected to share their experiences and collaborate to create ideas that drive positive social change in the wider community. Members with the most outstanding proposals will receive innovation funding of up to HKD100,000 and assistance from professionals to help turn their plans into reality.

The HSBC Greater Bay Area (Hong Kong) Scholarship and Hub for the Future are among the 10 projects supported by The Hongkong Bank Foundation's 40th anniversary special donation. Established in 1981, the Foundation is one of the largest charitable foundations in Hong Kong's business community.

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The Hongkong Bank Foundation (front row, fifth from left), said many young people from Hong Kong are looking for new ways to spread their wings and grow personally and professionally.



Andy HO Wing Cheong, Executive Director, The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (centre), and Peter WONG, Chairman, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, and The Hongkong Bank

Foundation (second from left) unveiled the Hub for the Future programme.

The 10 universities and tertiary institutions include City University of Hong Kong, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, The Education University of Hong Kong, The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Baptist University, The University of Hong Kong, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Lingnan University, The Open University of Hong Kong and The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. The awardees have indicated a wide variety of career interests:

Career interest	Number of awardees
Business and Finance	11
Technology	6
Medicine	4
Science	3
Communications	3
Engineering	3
Law	3
Education	1
Music	1
Total	35

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