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**TALENT IS THE BACKBONE OF HONG KONG'S SUCCESS
AS A GLOBAL CENTRE, SAYS HSBC***Over 6,700 Students Granted HSBC Scholarships Since 1965*

Over 270 awardees of the HSBC scholarship schemes from 19 local universities and higher education institutions were recognised in HSBC Scholars Day 2022.

Noel QUINN, Group Chief Executive, HSBC and **Luanne LIM, Chief Executive, Hong Kong, HSBC** attended the event and celebrated the achievements of HSBC Scholars. Speaking in the event, **Ms LIM** said, "Talent is the backbone of Hong Kong's success as an international financial centre. It's no accident that this city became the indispensable connector between East and West today. A lot of companies woke up to the importance of local talent as the pandemic limited international mobility, but at HSBC, Hong Kong has always been at the heart of who we are and what we do. We are proud that our scholarship schemes have supported more than 6,700 local scholars over the past 57 years."

Many of the Scholars use the scholarship funds to go abroad for further study. **Ms LIM** urged them to be the ambassadors for Hong Kong. "Do showcase the unique strengths of Hong Kong and its welcoming culture to the world – because part of being an international city is about attracting diverse international talent."

Apart from scholarships, HSBC will offer mentorship programme, learning sessions and networking opportunities to HSBC Scholars.

Last year, the Bank joined hands with the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups to launch the Hub for the Future programme, a multi-disciplinary and cross-generational social innovation initiative. The programme encourages participants to come up with ideas to improve the long-term wellbeing of the wider community. In 2021, 10 proposals covering sustainability, education and mental health were selected. Participants will receive funding, coaching and partnership opportunities so as to realise their ambition.

In 1965, HSBC started its first scholarship scheme - “HSBC Social Work Scholarship” – to encourage local students to become global citizens, to give them a chance to realise their dreams and most importantly, to enrich the talent pool of Hong Kong as an international financial centre.

As of now, the six flagship schemes also include “HSBC Overseas Scholarship”, “HSBC Hong Kong Scholarship”, “Innovation and Technology Scholarship”, “HSBC Greater Bay Area (Hong Kong) Scholarship” and “HSBC Vocational Education Scholarship”. The Bank has granted more than HKD252 million over the years.

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Note to editors:

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	Noel QUINN, Group Chief Executive, HSBC (middle) and Luanne LIM, Chief Executive, Hong Kong, HSBC (front row, seventh from right) attended HSBC Scholars Day 2022 and celebrated the achievements of HSBC Scholars.

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