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HSBC RECEIVES HONG KONG VOLUNTEER AWARD*Contributed Over 21,000 Hours in 2022 Amid COVID-19*

HSBC is awarded “Outstanding Corporate” in the Hong Kong Volunteer Award 2022 jointly organised by the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau and Agency for Volunteer Service. The award recognises the contribution and achievement of HSBC and its volunteers.

Formally known as Wayfoong Volunteers Scheme, HSBC established the HSBC Volunteers Scheme in 1993. To date, HSBC volunteers have contributed over one million hours to serve disadvantaged communities, mentor young people and respond to environmental issues. They have become a core pillar of the Bank’s charitable work.

Peter WONG, Chairman, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited and The Hongkong Bank Foundation, said, “I am proud of the volunteering culture at HSBC. It is part of our DNA. Our colleagues, coming from different cultures and backgrounds, are committed to giving back to the Hong Kong community. Despite the limitations caused by COVID-19, our volunteers contributed near 40,000 service hours during the pandemic in the last few years. We will continue to work with our NGO partners and other stakeholders to build a better Hong Kong for everyone.”

In 2022, HSBC volunteers have completed over 21,000 hours of volunteer service through supporting various projects and activities.

One of the most prominent projects was the Door-to-Door Vaccination Programme which helped homebound seniors and people with disabilities receive vaccination at home during the fifth wave of COVID-19. HSBC volunteers supported the operation of a dedicated hotline. Some of them, who are members of Hong Kong St John Ambulance, delivered service to the beneficiaries in rural area with doctors and nurses.

Other volunteering activities in 2022 include:

- For students, HSBC volunteers held a series of workshops with secondary school students. Those workshops included mock English interviews and

career advice sessions aimed to help students prepare for their upcoming university and job interviews

- They acted as judges in the *HSBC/HKU Asia Pacific Business Case Competition*, the world’s largest contest of its kind for undergraduate students
- They also selected candidates who applied *HSBC Scholarship* schemes and used their expertise to mentor the awardees ie HSBC Scholars
- For vulnerable groups, over 200 HSBC volunteers helped nearly 40 elderly people and children with disabilities or rare diseases share their dreams, including through an art exhibition at the HSBC Main Building
- On environment, HSBC volunteers participated in the *Forest Carbon Stock Estimation* survey jointly organised by the University of Hong Kong and The Conservancy Association

This October, HSBC received a Certificate of Appreciation by the HKSAR Government with regard to its participation in the Strive and Rise Programme. Over 300 employees registered as mentors.

Going forward, HSBC aims to launch more meaningful projects to reach a wider range of beneficiaries and to expand HSBC's volunteer community to help more people in need.

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Note to editors:

Photo caption	
	<p>Peter WONG, Chairman, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (fifth from left, back row) appreciated the contribution from HSBC volunteers who supported the Door-to-Door Vaccination Programme.</p>
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