

## On-going Measures - Implementation Progress (as at 28 February 2025)

### Part A: Measures Set Out in Youth Development Blueprint

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<b>Exploration - Enhance National Education, National Security Education and National Pride</b>		
1.	The Government attaches great importance to the promotion and education of the Constitution of the People's Republic of China (the Constitution) and the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (the Basic Law). The Constitutional and Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee, chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration, and its five working groups will, with a focus on three themes (i.e. (1) The Constitution precedes the Basic Law, and "One Country" precedes "Two Systems;" (2) The high degree of autonomy in the HKSAR comes under the authorisation of the Central Government; and (3) Safeguarding national security is our collective responsibility), step up promotional efforts through diversified approaches, including making more extensive use of online platforms, rolling out large-scale promotional activities at the community level, producing more easy-to-understand television programmes, and enhancing promotion targeting specific groups such as youths and students, etc.	Being taking forward. The Constitution and Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee, led by the Chief Secretary for Administration, continues to strengthen publicity and education relating to the Constitution, the Basic Law and national security-related legislation through diverse channels and innovative approaches.

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	(Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB))	
2.	<p>Learning elements relating to national education have long been embedded in various subjects in secondary education. Schools are encouraged to regularly review the primary and junior secondary school curricula and enrich them with learning elements such as the history and geography of our country. The senior secondary Citizenship and Social Development (CS) has been implemented starting from Secondary 4 in the 2021/22 school year. The CS curriculum is closely related to our country's current situation and national development. It also provides students with the opportunities to participate in the CS Mainland study tours to cultivate their sense of national identity. (Education Bureau (EDB))</p>	<p>Being taking forward. CS has been fully implemented at the senior secondary level. The first Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination of CS has been smoothly conducted in April 2024. In the 2025/26 school year (as at the end of January 2025), 126 schools and over 12 000 students have participated in CS Mainland study tours.</p> <p>Furthermore, the “Curriculum Framework of National Security Education in Hong Kong” and related subject frameworks on national security education is being updated for reference of schools in their overall planning.</p>
3.	<p>Implement the “enhanced School Development and Accountability framework” to bolster the accountability of staff in publicly-funded schools in providing quality school education and enhancing the national education through the adoption of a whole-school approach. (EDB)</p>	<p>Being taking forward. Since December 2022, EDB has been organising briefing sessions for school sponsoring bodies (SSB) and publicly-funded primary and secondary schools, including special schools. Up till now, around 160 SSBs and more than 90% of schools have assigned representatives to attend the briefing sessions. Besides, EDB continues to organise training for school leaders (including principals, vice principals, etc.) and has launched an online self-learning course since the end of 2023.</p>
4.	<p>Adopt a more innovative and youth-friendly approach to tell good stories about China and Hong Kong, so as to enhance the national pride of young</p>	<p>Being taking forward. The HYAB and the Youth Development Commission (YDC) would continue to actively develop contents that are relevant to and can resonate with young people. The contents are regularly disseminated through</p>

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	people. (Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB))	the YDC's social media (e.g. introducing the life and culture in the Greater Bay Area under the themes "All About the GBA" and "852 Footprints"; introducing traditional Chinese culture under the themes "Stories Behind the 24 Solar Terms" and "CNY Tips", etc.), enabling Hong Kong youths to better understand and appreciate the Mainland China and Hong Kong from multiple perspectives, and to tell the good stories of the Mainland China and Hong Kong.
<b>Exploration - Strengthen Awareness in the Rule of Law</b>		
5.	<p>The Department of Justice (DoJ) will launch the Rule of Law Education "Train-the-Trainers" Programme. Our training targets include members of the legal profession, youth uniformed groups, district services and community care teams to be set up by the Government, and other community leaders. Through collaboration with relevant organisations and stakeholders, the "Train-the-Trainers" Programme will develop specialised courses and training manuals, and arrange for accredited trainees to participate in education activities on the rule of law organised or supported by the Government to ensure that legal education can instil proper concepts of the rule of law in young people in a comprehensive, easy-to-understand, progressive and widespread manner, convey to young people the positive messages of abiding by the law, understanding the law, and promoting the law, and promote the spirit and consolidate the authority of the</p>	<p>Being taking forward. After launching the ROLE Stars Train-the-Leaders Programme (TTL Programme) in November 2023, we have completed two phases of the TTL Programme, with a total of around 290 trainees participating, coming from 21 organisations responsible for youth-related and community work and more than 100 secondary schools in Hong Kong. To date, over 250 trainees have completed the Foundation Course and amongst them, more than 80 have further participated in the activities of the Advanced Course with over 40 of them having completed all the trainings under the Advanced Course.</p> <p>DoJ will make reference to the experience of the two phases of the TTL Programme and take forward the launching of the third phase within this year with the assistance of the Steering Committee on Rule of Law Education and its working groups. In addition to continuously organising the Foundation Course and the Advanced Course to provide training to more people from different sectors on fundamental legal concepts and the practice of rule of law, DoJ plans to launch other training activities to strengthen the</p>

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	Constitution and the Basic Law, thereby enhancing young people's sense of national identity and awareness in the rule of law. DoJ will continue to organise various education programmes on the rule of law for young people and the general public to enhance their law-abiding awareness on all fronts, and enhance the understanding of various sectors and young people on the principles of the rule of law and the legal system (including the common law system of Hong Kong). (DoJ)	trainees' understanding of the law on specific areas, such as common criminal offences and civil laws which are closely related to daily life, with a view that the course content would better meet the practical needs of the trainees and further enhance their ability and confidence to disseminate correct messages on the rule of law in the community.
6.	At present, all disciplined and auxiliary services (except the Government Flying Service (GFS)) have established youth uniformed groups, while the GFS has deepened its partnership with the Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps. All of them will further enhance youth work to cultivate positive thinking, law-abiding awareness, sense of national pride, discipline and team spirit among young people, and enhance their awareness of national security. (Security Bureau (SB))	Being taking forward. At present, all the disciplined and auxiliary services have their own youth uniformed groups: in addition to the seven youth uniformed groups established by the departments, the Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps has become a youth uniformed group subvented by GFS since 1 April 2024. All the disciplined and auxiliary services have been committed to youth development work, with a view to helping more young people develop positive values and strengthen national pride, and have been proactively increasing the number of active members of youth uniformed groups. As at 31 December 2024, the active membership of youth uniformed groups of the six disciplined services (i.e. members who participated in at least two activities over the past 12 months) increased by 13%, compared with that as at 31 December 2023.
<b>Exploration - Promote Vocational and Professional Education and Training</b>		
7.	We will expand the Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions / Sectors (SSSDP) in phases starting from the 2023/24 academic year. Specifically, we will include top-up	Being taking forward. Starting from the 2023/24 academic year, EDB's SSSDP has been extended to cover top-up degree programmes, increasing the number of subsidised places of undergraduate (including top-up degree) and sub-degree

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<p>degree programmes for the first time starting from the 2023/24 academic year, involving about 1 000 undergraduate programme places. To tie in with the review of and amendments to the Post Secondary Colleges Ordinance (Cap. 320), we also plan to increase in phases about 1 000 self-financing higher diploma programme places and about 1 000 self-financing undergraduate programmes places, with a view to catering for the demand from students of self-financing post-secondary institutions under the proposed unified regulatory framework. Overall speaking, depending on the progress of the relevant work and the supply of programmes from relevant institutions, the total number of subsidised places under the SSSDP will increase by 60% from the existing total of about 5 000 per cohort to about 8 000 per cohort in total, in order to meet the keen manpower demand of designated industries (such as nursing and information technology (IT)). (EDB)</p>	<p>programmes from about 5 000 to approximate 6 000 per cohort. Depending on the progress of the revamp of Cap. 320, EDB will gradually increase the subsidised places of undergraduate and sub-degree programmes by 1 000 each in order to cover more suitable programmes.</p>
<p>8. We have launched the first batch of programmes under the Pilot Project on the Development of Applied Degree Programmes (Pilot Project) in the 2022/23 academic year, covering four disciplines: nursing; testing and certification; horticulture, arboriculture and landscape management; and gerontology. We are actively exploring the introduction of more applied degree programmes. (EDB)</p>	<p>Being taking forward. Four programmes under the second round of of the Pilot Project are launched in the 2024/25 academic year. The Government has regularised applied degree programmes and promulgated the Guidelines on Developing Applied Degree Programmes to assist institutions in developing relevant programmes.</p>

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9.	We will increase the number of industries adopting the Vocational Qualifications Pathway (VQP) under the Qualifications Framework from 6 to at least 18 in the next five years. (EDB)	Being taking forward. As at October 2024, there were a total of 12 industries (i.e. the Automotive, Banking, Property Management, Elderly Care Service, Printing and Publishing, Insurance, Logistics, Information and Communications Technology, Retail, Security Services, Import and Export, as well as Human Resource Management industries) that had already adopted the vocational qualifications pathway (VQP). We expect that VQP will also be launched in the travel industry in the first half of 2025, bringing the total number to 13 industries.
10.	We will organise an array of activities to enhance the public's positive understanding of Vocational and professional education and training (VPET) and promote its professional image to make VPET an attractive progression pathway. (EDB)	Being taking forward. The Government supported the Vocational Training Council (VTC) to stage the Future Skills Community Event in December 2022 and the VTC Skills Fiesta in October 2023, and is in discussion with VTC and other organisations to stage more events to promote VPET so as to enhance the public's positive understanding of VPET.
<b>Exploration - Enhance Post-secondary Education</b>		
11.	In the coming five years, our target is that 35% of the University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded universities' students will be studying STEAM subjects and 60% will be studying subjects relevant to Hong Kong's development into the "eight centres" in the National 14 <sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan. (EDB)	Being taking forward. UGC has officially commenced the planning exercise of the 2025-28 triennium in March 2024 and has clearly stated that to actively tie in with the strategic development and policy priorities of our nation and Hong Kong, UGC-funded universities should offer more programmes related to STEAM education and the "eight centres" according to their roles, missions and market needs.
<b>Exploration - Enhance Life Planning</b>		
12.	Strengthen co-ordination of different sectors (including the Government, schools, the business sector and non-governmental organisations (NGOs)) and rationalise their life planning work, and enhance relevant guidelines to	Being taking forward. The relevant action group under YDC will continue to take forward the matter.

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	create synergy across programmes within and beyond campuses. (HYAB)	
13.	Continue to enhance the Funding Scheme for Youth Life Planning Activities, including supporting subsidised organisations to collaborate with schools in organising more experiential life planning activities, and introduce easy-to-understand career information of different sectors to young people, especially emerging industries of particular interest to young people. (HYAB)	Being taking forward. Currently, NGOs sponsored under the Funding Scheme organise various life planning activities, such as thematic talks and workshops, workplace visits, job attachments, etc., with a view to enhancing young people's understanding of the development as well as the opportunities of different industries, and facilitating them in exploring their future development. HYAB has also launched the three-year "HYAB JC Scheme for Youth Life Planning" (2025-28) in January 2025 to sponsor NGOs in providing enhanced services, including strengthening national affairs content and focusing on disseminating to students the message of fully leveraging Hong Kong's distinctive advantages of enjoying strong support of the Motherland while being closely connected to the world, as well as enhancing students' understanding of the development of Hong Kong's "eight centres", the development plans of our country, the GBA and the latest development of our country.
14.	For the construction industry, the Development Bureau (DEVB) and the Construction Industry Council (CIC) are working together with various stakeholders in the construction industry, including trade associations and relevant professional institutes, to take forward industry promotion programmes to enhance the promotion of the professional image and development opportunities of the industry, so as to attract more young people to join the industry. The	Being taking forward. 110 secondary and primary schools (accounting for 11% of the total number of secondary and primary schools in Hong Kong) and 1 000 students have already participated in the activities of the industry-wide promotion campaign, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical activities – large-scale outdoor advertisements display in Causeway Bay and Mong Kok, outdoor industry promotion booth for DSE, industry promotion truck, creative hoarding at 30 construction sites, advisement at 6 major MTR stations, etc., with a view to</li> </ul>

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	programmes offer thematic field visits, short-term internships, job shadowing and mentorship programmes, as well as construction technology experiences and learning resources on construction-related subjects in STEAM education, with a view to providing young people with the opportunity to make on-site observations and gain an early understanding of the opportunities that lie ahead in the construction industry. (DEVB)	<p>promoting the professionalism and career prospect of the industry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TV and social media – over 30 newspaper articles, over 300 social media posts and videos, two TV promotional videos, 8 TV information programmes, over 10 industry seminars for primary and secondary schools in Hong Kong, volunteer activities, etc.</li> <li>• The above two work reached out to over 1 million persons.</li> <li>• The promotion campaign will cover development of a construction-themed STEAM education platform for primary and secondary school students, which will be used by 500 000 students in primary and secondary schools (about 1 000 schools) in the territory during lessons. Serving to support Government's STEAM education policy, it will also enhance students' understanding and interest in the construction industry, and help attract more new blood to join the industry.</li> </ul>
15.	The disciplined services will strengthen life planning education for their youth uniformed groups to deepen members' understanding of the work of the disciplined services and enhance their knowledge and skills in various aspects, thereby helping young people explore their career orientation earlier and facilitate their upward mobility. (SB)	<p>Being taking forward. The disciplined and auxiliary services departments have been arranging various types of visits, training and activities for their youth uniformed groups, with the aim of enhancing members' understanding of the departments' work. To further strengthen life planning education, the disciplined services provided over 110 internship places internally for their youth members in 2024, during which they could experience the disciplined services' work and prepare themselves for a career in the disciplined services.</p> <p>Besides, SB and its disciplined and auxiliary services are actively arranging Mainland exchange activities for their youth members.</p>



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		These exchange tours covered diverse activities, including visits to law enforcement agencies, technology companies, schools and museums in the Mainland. Direct dialogue between members and Mainland youngsters was also arranged to enhance their knowledge and skills in various aspects. In 2024, SB and its departments arranged 75 exchange tours to various Mainland cities in total for the participation of over 2 550 youth uniformed group members.
<b>Exploration - Understand Our Country and the World</b>		
16.	Strengthen the communication and co-operation of relevant bureaux to ensure that relevant programmes within and beyond campuses are carried out effectively and achieve synergy. (HYAB)	Being taking forward. The relevant Action Groups under YDC will continue to promote the implementation of relevant programmes.
17.	EDB will strengthen support for students of post-secondary institutions to participate in exchange and experiential activities in the Mainland, such as enhancing the existing Scheme for Subsidy on Exchange for Post-Secondary Students and further pursue UGC's Funding Scheme for Mainland and Global Engagement and Student Learning Experience. (EDB)	Being taking forward. Post-secondary insitutions have positiviey used the subsidy and funding for arranging different exchange activities for students. To encourage UGC-funded universities to offer more exchange and learning opportunities outside Hong Kong, and promote a diversified and inclusive international learning environment, UGC has additionally injected \$100 million to the Funding Scheme for Maninalnd and Global Enagagement and Student Learning Experience since 2023/24 academic year.
18.	Resume various programmes in a gradual and orderly manner starting from 2023, and enhance the breadth and depth of the internship and exchange programmes in the Mainland and overseas to facilitate young people in understanding the latest global and national development trends and integrating into the overall development	Being taking forward. The HYAB and YDC have implemented various Mainland and overseas internship and exchange programmes in 2024-25. Around 37 000 young people have participated in these programmes with destinations covering different provinces and cities on the Mainland as well as overseas countries.

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	of our country. For example, we will collaborate with more official cultural and scientific research institutions in the Mainland to organise the Thematic Youth Internship Programmes to the Mainland, and incorporate visits to China's overseas projects in selected overseas exchange programmes to help young people appreciate our country's contribution to global development. (HYAB)	In 2025-26, six programmes will be organised under the "HYAB Thematic Youth Internship Programmes to the Mainland", providing more than 110 thematic internship placements covering cultural heritage preservation, scientific research and technology, and ecological and environmental conservation. In addition, the HYAB continues to introduce enhancement measures under various schemes to encourage the participation of more young people of different backgrounds and to deepen the exchanges between Hong Kong young people and those from the Mainland and overseas.
19.	The Mainland offices under CMAB will provide more internship positions for Hong Kong youths and secure more internship opportunities for them in Mainland enterprises and organisations. (CMAB)	Being taking forward. Since 2024-25, the Mainland Offices and Liaison Units will provide in total 59 internship positions in their offices.
20.	The Hong Kong Palace Museum promotes the public's understanding and appreciation of Chinese arts and culture, while advancing dialogues among world civilisations through different activities such as exhibitions and seminars. The reopening of Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence can also deepen the youth's understanding on the history and development of the country. The museums of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to organise exhibitions related to the history of China and the world, facilitating youth's understanding on the development of the country and the world. (Cultural, Sports and Tourism Bureau (CSTB))	Being taking forward. Apart from the thematic exhibitions, the Hong Kong Palace Museum (HKPM) organises special exhibitions about Chinese arts and culture regularly and exhibits art and treasures from other parts of the world, striving to present the highest-quality exhibitions that balance the artistic, academic, and historical elements. Previous special exhibitions about Chinese arts and culture included "Grand Gallop: Art and Culture of the Horse", "Radiance: Ancient Gold from the Hong Kong Palace Museum Collection and the Mengdiexuan Collection", "Gazing at Sanxingdui: New Archaeological Discoveries in Sichuan", "Yuan Ming Yuan - Art and Culture of an Imperial Garden-Palace", and the current special exhibition is "A Movable Feast: The Culture of Food and Drink in China". In addition, HKPM also organises different kinds of learning and engagement programmes, such as

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	<p>talks, workshops, compilation of teaching resource in collaboration with EDB and youth exchange programmes, with a view to promoting the study and appreciation of Chinese arts and culture of the public.</p> <p>The Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence was converted into the Hong Kong Museum of the War of Resistance &amp; Coastal Defence on 3 September 2024, with focus on the history of the War of Resistance. Through public and educational activities, the museum aims to enhance patriotism among the public in particular the youth, and understanding of the war and to pay tribute to its martyrs.</p> <p>LCSD museums will continue to organise exhibitions related to the history of China and the world, facilitating youth's understanding on the development of the country and the world. Furthermore, LCSD established the Chinese Culture Promotion Office (CCPO) in April 2024, which is responsible for coordinating resources related to Chinese culture within the department, promoting activities, exchanges, and cooperation concerning Chinese culture and history. In collaboration with the Hong Kong Museum of History, CCPO launched the first exhibition in the "General History of China Series" in April 2024, "The Ancient Civilisation of the Xia, Shang and Zhou Dynasties in Henan Province". The second exhibition in the Series: "The Great Unity – Civilisation of Qin and Han Dynasties in Shaanxi Province" exhibition will be launched in April 2025. Additionally, the Hong Kong Museum of History and the Hong Kong Museum of the War of Resistance and Coastal Defence will organise special exhibitions respectively in 2025</p>

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		to commemorate the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance.
21.	The Tourism Commission, in collaboration with the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD), has been taking forward the “Enhancement of Hiking Trails - Phase II” which covers hiking trails relating to war history, namely Lion Rock Historic Walk, Shing Mun Historic Walk and Luk Keng War Relics Trail, with a view to enhancing hikers’, including young people’s, understanding of the history of our country and Hong Kong. (CSTB)	Being taking forward. AFCD has been taking forward the enhancement works at Luk Keng War Relics Trail and Shing Mun War Relics Trail for completion in 2026 progressively.
22.	The Characteristic Local Tourism Incentive Scheme (CTIS) under the Tourism Commission aims to encourage the travel trade and introduce tourism products with cultural and heritage tourism elements. The Scheme, among other things, encourages the travel trade to develop quality itineraries with elements of national history, so as to help participants, including young people, enhance their understanding of our country and Hong Kong through local tourism. (CSTB)	Being taking forward. CTIS was launched on 1 January 2024 to continue to encourage the trade to develop in-depth itineraries with national historical elements, so as to help participants, including young people, enhance their understanding of our country and Hong Kong through local tourism.
23.	For the construction industry, we work with various professional bodies in the industry and support CIC to play a liaison role and set up a mainland liaison office, with a view to providing a common platform and support for young people to work or start their own business in the Mainland, promoting technical exchanges between young	Being taking forward. CIC established its Mainland Liaison Office in July 2023. CIC’s Youth Affairs Committee (YAC) and the “Construction Industry Youth Alliance” were also formed in 2022 and 2023 respectively for attracting more young people to join the construction industry and to participate in the exchange programmes. Under YAC, four task groups were set up responsible for organising

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	professionals in the two places, and arranging opportunities for study visits and learning in the Mainland so that young people can better understand our country's development, especially the blueprints and prospects of the construction industry and infrastructure development. (DEVB)	different activities for young people, which included the "Greater Bay Area Construction Industry Youth Exchange Program" in mid-2023 and mid-2024, with over 100 students from different secondary and primary schools in Hong Kong and universities in the Mainland participated. We are currently planning to hold the third GBA exchange programme from July to August 2025 to attract young people to join the industry.
24.	To promote heritage conservation with National Cultural Heritage Administration, the Department of Culture and Tourism of Guangdong Province, Secretariat for Social Affairs and Culture and Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Government of Macao Special Administrative Region, as well as the archaeological and cultural institutions in the Mainland, and to enhance young people's understanding of our nation's history and culture, as well as national and international new developments. (DEVB)	<p>Being taking forward. Between May and October 2024, the Antiques and Monuments Office (AMO) curated "Harmony of Rites and Music: Exploring the Qilu Culture through Shandong Relics" exhibition with comparison on the significant archaeological finds of the same periods excavated in Shandong and Hong Kong to illustrate the pluralistic integration of Chinese civilisation to the public, in particular young people. AMO also staged "Launch from Greater Bay Area: Nanhai I Shipwreck and the Maritime Silk Road" exhibition from August 2024 to February 2025 to illustrate the history of the Maritime Silk Road to the public.</p> <p>In July 2024, DEVB continued to jointly organise "The Cultural Heritage Summer Course for Secondary School Students of the Mainland, Hong Kong and Macao SARs" by arranging Hong Kong students to visit and study the cultural heritage in Anhui Province.</p> <p>On 23 October 2024, DEVB, the Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and AFCD jointly announced the first discovery of dinosaur fossils in Hong Kong. In December 2024,</p>

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		DEVB opened the Dinosaur Parlour to the public to display the dinosaur fossils and the fossils preparation process, so as to enhance interest of the public (especially students) in paleontology, fossils and paleoenvironment.
<b>Hope - Capitalise on the Positioning of Hong Kong for Career Development</b>		
25.	To develop Hong Kong into an international innovation and technology (I&T) centre, we need to enhance the I&T ecosystem. Currently, the Innovation and Technology Fund (ITF) supports the development of an ecosystem chain encompassing the upstream, midstream and downstream sectors through various funding schemes. The youths may submit applications if they fulfil the application criteria. At the same time, the Innovation, Technology and Industry Bureau (ITIB) has through various initiatives and activities, such as the IT Innovation Lab in Secondary Schools, the Knowing More About IT Programme, the Innovation and Technology Scholarship, the Innovation and Technology Scholarship, the InnoCarnival, talks, interviews and the STEM Internship Scheme etc., created a better I&T learning environment for students in different learning stages; nurtured more new entrants to join the I&T workforce and participate in the development of an international I&T centre. Among the initiatives, the coverage of the STEM Internship Scheme will be expanded next year. (ITIB)	Being taking forward. To dovetail with the National 14 <sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan and chart Hong Kong in moving full steam towards the vision of an international I&T centre, the Government promulgated the Hong Kong Innovation and Technology Development Blueprint (Blueprint) in December 2022, to establish a clear development path and formulate systematic strategic planning for Hong Kong's I&T development over the next five to 10 years. The Blueprint has set out major policies under four broad development directions, which includes enhancing the I&T ecosystem and enlarging the I&T talent pool.

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26.	<p>We have asked the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA) to look into ways to nurture arts and cultural talents for Hong Kong and the GBA, and to establish another campus in the Northern Metropolis and raise the proportion of non-local students in order to offer more learning opportunities to the younger generation in the long run. We will deploy additional resources to support and nurture young arts groups and artists with potential, offering them with more opportunities to showcase their talents. Moreover, a new talent nurturing scheme will be launched to subsidise HKAPA students or those studying arts and cultural programmes in universities to undertake internships in local arts groups and the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD). These measures will provide young people who aspire to pursue a career in the arts and cultural industries with opportunities and career ladders to join the industries after graduation. (CSTB)</p>	<p>Being taking forward. HKAPA commenced a consultant study in August 2023. The outcome will form the basis for detailed studies on strategic positioning and campus development planning in the next stage.</p> <p>All the matching exercises for the Arts Talent Internship Matching Scheme (including the Young Arts Tech Talents Residency Scheme) under the Hong Kong Arts Development Council have been completed, and the final round of application for the” Emerging Artists Development Grant” has been closed.</p>
27.	<p>Through the overseas internship opportunities provided by the Government’s overseas Economic and Trade Offices (ETOs) and the activities organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) under the Support Scheme for Pursuing Development in the Mainland, we will enhance young people’s understanding of international business activities and relevant industries, and equip them for</p>	<p>Being taking forward. In 2023/24 and 2024/25, the ETOs achieved the target of providing about 50 short-term internship placements in their offices for Hong Kong students annually. In addition, during the above mentioned two years, through the “ASEAN Internship Scheme for Hong Kong Higher Education Students”, the Bangkok, Jakarta and Singapore ETOs co-operated with companies and organisations in the member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and achieved the target of providing about</p>

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	future development in the business and commerce sectors. (CEDB)	60 short-term internship placements in local companies and organisations for Hong Kong students annually. Regarding the progress of the “Support Scheme for Pursuing Development in the Mainland”, please refer to item (65).
28.	To attract young people to join the aviation industry, to respond to the long-term manpower needs of the aviation industry in Hong Kong and the Mainland, and to facilitate the development of a world-class airport cluster in the GBA, the Hong Kong International Aviation Academy collaborates with relevant aviation training institutions in the Mainland to launch the GBA Youth Aviation Industry Internship Programme (the Programme), under which young people are posted to Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) and other airports in the GBA and for internship. (TLB)	Being taking forward. The Programme was launched in May 2023. As of January 2025, about 520 interns from Hong Kong and the Mainland have participated in the Programme and been posted to Hong Kong International Airport and other airports in the GBA for internship.
29.	DoJ will work with the Hong Kong Bar Association, the Law Society of Hong Kong and other relevant organisations to enhance the understanding of the legal profession and the work of DoJ for those who have not yet joined the legal profession. This include organising open day in collaboration with legal and dispute resolution service related organisations and reach out to not less than 100 young people in 2023. (DoJ)	Being taking forward. DoJ has made reference to the experience of the “DoJ i-Day” open days for university students and primary school students respectively in the past two years, and is planning to hold another open day for university students in the second quarter of 2025. A group of young government counsel “DoJ Fellows” is actively working out the details of the event. DoJ will announce the registration method and other event details later.
30.	Encourage young people to make use of their intellect and creativity in their development, and guide and nurture them to pursue active exploration and	Being taking forward. Since the release of the Youth Development Blueprint, the Intellectual Property Department (IPD) has reached out to more than 110 000 students from over 410 schools



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	innovation and seize the career opportunities of commercialising their original works or research and development (R&D) results, so as to contribute to the development of I&T and creative industries and the economy of our country and the HKSAR. (CEDB)	from January 2023 to January 2025 through the School Visit Programme, Interactive Drama Programme and IP Ambassador Programme.
<b>Hope - Support Diversified Career Development</b>		
31.	The HKSAR Government recruits staff to fill vacancies arising from retirement, and departure regularly as and when necessary. The Government encourages young people to join the public service to ensure that there are sufficient manpower resources to serve the public and maintain a healthy turnover in the civil service. These positions can provide diversified, stable and long-term development opportunities for young people with different competencies and interests. (CSB)	Being taking forward. The Government has stepped up publicity works (e.g. organising large-scale Government Career Fair at local universities and conducting recruitment talks for Hong Kong students in the Mainland) to attract young people to join the Government.
32.	The HKSAR Government provides short-term internship opportunities for young people every year to enable students and youths to gain early exposure to the operation of different government departments and public organisations (including various types of professional, administrative, managerial, support and disciplined services work), helping young people to equip themselves and accumulate valuable social experience, and also cultivating their interest in serving the community and contributing to Hong	Being taking forward. In 2024-25, bureaux / departments (B/Ds) and public bodies offered over 4 000 internship places. In 2025-26, we plan to offer around 4 000 short term internship placements.  Individual B/Ds and public bodies organise various internship programmes for young people in different times having regard to their respective objectives and needs. Many of the internship placements have been offered during summer vacation.

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	Kong in their career and life planning. (CSB)	
33.	CSB will continue to co-ordinate various bureaux/departments and public organisations to provide short-term internship opportunities for young people so that participants can gain valuable work experience and knowledge, and broaden their horizons and experience to better prepare them for the job market. (CSB)	Being taking forward. Please refer to item (37) for details.
34.	LCSD museums will collaborate with the WKCD Authority to continue to implement the museum trainees programme and the summer internship programme to nurture young people's interest in museums and conservation work, thereby attracting those who aspire to pursue a career in the culture and museum industry. LCSD's "Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme" covers a variety of art forms, including jazz, street dance and multimedia arts which appeal to youngsters, as well as Chinese music, Cantonese opera and traditional puppetry which promote Chinese culture. In 2023, during the open call of the latest Community Cultural Ambassadors, LCSD is set to encourage more up-and-coming arts groups or artist ensembles to submit programme proposals so as to provide them with more performance opportunities. The number of such groups is targeted to occupy 50% of the total number of the selected groups, and the programmes	<p>Being taking forward. The museum trainees programme (conservation) of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority has already been commenced, and arrangements were made for the internship programme in 2024.</p> <p>LCSD continues to implement the museum trainees programme (conservation) and the summer internship programme.</p> <p>The programmes for the "Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme 2024" have been successfully completed. Among the 18 Community Cultural Ambassadors, nine are budding arts groups or ensembles of young artists, which form 50% of the selected groups. The programmes of these 18 Community Cultural Ambassadors have attracted over 70 000 attendees, with the programmes of the nine budding arts groups or ensembles of young artists attracting over 40 000 participants.</p>

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	they present are expected to attract more young audiences to participate. The WKCD also hosted virtual career events and talks to deepen the understanding about working at the Authority for young people who aspire to join the arts and cultural industry. (CSTB)	
35.	To support the application of arts technology (Arts Tech) in stage performances, LCSD has established the East Kowloon Cultural Centre Academy for Arts Tech to nurture specialists to adept in the industry. Starting from the 2nd quarter of 2022, the Academy has provided short-term courses and paid internship opportunities to students and graduates of tertiary institutions and young people who wish to pursue a career in the field, where they have deepened their knowledge on Arts Tech application and collaborated with artists and technology professionals when participating in Arts Tech productions. Through classroom learning and on-the-job training, it is anticipated that they will be equipped with the experiences and skills that are required to meet the strong workforce demand in the industry. To nurture the software essential for the sustainable development of Arts Tech, the Academy will also roll out a 24-month Arts Tech Trainee Programme in 2023-24, where structured trainings with internship opportunities will be offered to young people. (CSTB)	Being taken forward continuously. The first batch of Arts Tech Trainees have commenced the 24-month training since mid-February 2024, and are expected to join the workforce in early 2026.

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<p>36. The Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency, has all along through the CreateSmart Initiative (CSI) and the Film Development Fund (FDF), helped nurture talent and promote the development of start-up companies for the creative sectors. To allow more young people to understand the vision and opportunities for development in the GBA, relevant elements have also been injected into the subsidised projects / programmes. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Funded many projects under the FDF to support the development of young people, including the “First Feature Film Initiative” to identify new directors who have never made commercial feature films and fully subsidise the winning new directors as well as their production teams to make their first feature films on a commercial basis. Besides, the FDF also subsidises the “Neo Luma – Market Expansion into Mainland China Film Market” to provide training and internship to participants (especially young film practitioners) for promotion of exchanges and communication between the film and television industry in Hong Kong and the Mainland and for a better understanding of the film and television industry in the Mainland;</li> <li>● To provide one-year full-time employment and on-the-job training</li> </ul>	<p>Being taking forward. The 8<sup>th</sup> edition of “First Feature Film Initiative” has selected six winning film projects, with their pre-productions in progress. In addition, two exchange tours to the Mainland of “Neo Luma - Market Expansion into Mainland China Film Market” were held in March and September 2024. The internship for participants in the Mainland has also completed smoothly.</p> <p>The “6<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Digital Entertainment Industry Fresh Graduate Support Scheme” and “7<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Digital Advertising Industry Fresh Graduate Support Scheme” provide one-year full-time employment and on-the-job training for graduates recruited in 2024 and 2025 programme years. Moreover, “6<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Digital Entertainment Industry Fresh Graduate Support Scheme” arranges a GBA study tour for graduates who have participated in the scheme to visit companies in Shenzhen in December 2024.</p> <p>Sponsored Hong Kong Publishing Federation to organise the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of “The Next Writer Publication Funding Scheme”, which funds up to nine groups of emerging writers to publish and promote their new works. The project also presents the “Hong Kong Emerging Writer Gala Presentation in the GBA” for these emerging writers in 2025 in Macao, Zhuhai, Foshan, Guangzhou and Shenzhen.</p> <p>Sponsored Innovative Entrepreneur Association to launch the “Go! Illustrators – Hong Kong Picture Book Illustrators at International Book Fairs Promotion Scheme” (Go! Illustrators) in 2023 which supported eight selected Hong Kong</p>

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<p>through “Hong Kong Digital Entertainment Industry Fresh Graduate Support Scheme” and “Hong Kong Digital Advertising Industry Fresh Graduate Support Scheme”;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To fund the Hong Kong Publishing Federation to organise “The Next Writer Publication Funding Scheme”. Each edition subsidise nine groups of emerging writers to publish and promote their new books (subsidised works) to groom a new generation of young writers and encourage Hong Kong publishing companies to publish more Chinese books with creative and licensing export potential; and</li> <li>● Providing funding support to the Hong Kong Design Centre to implement the Design Incubation Programme and the Fashion Incubation Programme, which offers financial assistance and incubation services to design start-ups and up-and-coming fashion designers over a two-year incubation period to help them build up business network, publicise products and conduct market promotions. (CSTB)</li> </ul>	<p>emerging illustrators to take part in Bologna Children’s Book Fair in April 2024 and Beijing International Book Fair in June 2024 and relevant picture book / illustration competitions. The success of the programme led to the second edition (2<sup>nd</sup> Go! Illustrators) which was launched in 2024. Moreover, arising from the Go! Illustrators, the “Hong Kong Picture Book Publication Support Programme” will be launched in 2025 to publish an entry for competition created by each of the illustrators nurtured under the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Go! Illustrators, and the works of another six selected local and two selected Mainland picture book illustrators in Hong Kong, with a view to nurturing more local picture book illustrators and promoting collaboration between Hong Kong and the Mainland to foster the development of picture book market in Hong Kong.</p> <p>The Design Incubation Programme and the Fashion Incubation Programme have been in its phase IV and II respectively. As at end-January 2025, the two programmes has accumulatively admitted 383 incubatees, mainly consisting of design start-ups, young design talents and up-and-coming fashion designers. Participating companies created 1 799 job opportunities. The two incubation programmes are planning to launch its new phases with a view to creating more opportunities and prospects for design start-ups, young design talents and fashion designers’ brands.</p>
37.	<p>CSTB attaches great importance to the all-round development of elite athletes and is committed to supporting their dual career development in sports and</p> <p>Being taking forward. The Government will continue to support the development of elite sports, assist athletes in achieving good results in major international sports events, and will</p>

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<p>education, which would attract more junior athletes with sports potential to become full-time athletes, so as to provide sufficient new forces to elite sports in Hong Kong and encourage young people to win glory for the country and Hong Kong through sports. We have provided scholarships through the Hong Kong Athletes Fund and have been collaborating with local tertiary institutions in supporting athletes' continuing education. We have also expanded the Retired Athletes Transformation Programme to enable more retired athletes to work for schools and sports organisations to assist in promoting sports and identifying potential sports talents. (CSTB)</p>	<p>continue to implement various initiatives to support the diversified career development of elite athletes.</p> <p>The “Hong Kong Athletes Fund” aims to provide grants and subsidies to athletes to support their continuous education. More than 90% of the athletes who benefit from the Fund’s education grant and Youth Athletes Scholarship Awards are young athletes (12 to 39 years old). In addition, the “Retired Athletes Transformation Programme” aims to provide more opportunities for athletes to unleash their potential and to facilitate their career transformation, in which they will be employed by schools and sports organisations. The new phase of the programme (2024 to 2027) was launched on 1 September 2024. As of February 2025, the programme has provided funding support to a total of more than 140 young retired athletes.</p>
<p>38. Promote various “First-Hire-Then-Train” schemes to support on-the-job training for young people to enhance their skills and professional knowledge, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● making good use of the \$1 billion allocated for 2022-23 to enhance training, including supporting CIC to increase the number of places under its existing on-the-job training programmes to progressively upskill young trainees to become skilled workers (tradesman), and providing allowances for trainees of the three-year part-time professional diploma programme launched in 2022-23, so as to train them up for advancement</li> </ul>	<p>Being taking forward. CIC has utilised government funding and its own resources to increase from 6 000 places in the 2021/22 academic year, to at least about 12 000 places in each of the academic years between 2022/23 and 2027/28, including training for skilled labours. This policy measure has been included in the 2024 Policy Address as specified key performance indicator (KPI). CIC will have provided 13 670 training places for skilled construction workers for 2024/25 academic year, exceeding the KPI of at least about 12 000 places in each of the relevant academic years. CIC will continue to add innovative technology elements to its curriculum.</p> <p>DEVB has made use of the \$107 million funding allocated under the 2023-24 Budget to launch the</p>

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<p>as young technical personnel. They may also advance to the management level or start their own business and lead their construction teams after accumulating experience. At the same time, CIC will also enhance the technological elements of the programme to provide targeted training for young people to become well-rounded technical personnel; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● providing targeted training for young people to become technical personnel in the construction industry, study the feasibility of introducing “First-Hire-Then-Train” funding schemes and explore collaboration with post-secondary institutions and schools to provide on-the-job training subsidy for students pursuing part-time construction-related degree programmes and construction safety officer courses, so as to respond to the employers in the construction industry who value on-the-job training with both theoretical knowledge and practical site experience, and enhance the employment opportunities for young trainees. (DEVB)</li> </ul>	<p>two-year pilot schemes, under which on-the-job training allowances are provided for about 1 000 trainees who have enrolled in part-time construction-related degree programmes and about 300 trainees enrolled in construction safety officer courses. The pilot schemes will help the trainees seize the opportunities brought about by the future development of the construction industry for upward mobility, and at the same time help expand the source of manpower supply by training up construction industry talents.</p> <p>VTC and CIC respectively launched in September and November 2023 the on-the-job training subsidy scheme for trainees studying part-time degree programmes and the “First-Hire-Then-Train” scheme for construction safety officers. The PolyU SPEED has joined the scheme in 2024/25 academic year to provide on-the-job training subsidies for students enrolled in part-time construction-related degree programmes. Following the launch of the scheme, the numbers of students enrolling in the relevant part-time degree programmes has significantly increased, with an average rise of over 50%.</p> <p>DEVB proposed in the 2025-26 Budget to jointly allocate funding totaling about \$95 million with CIC to continue the provision of on-the-job training subsidies to trainees enrolling in part-time construction-related degree programmes in the next two academic years (i.e. 2025/26 academic year to 2026/27 academic year), to attract more young people to join the industry. It is anticipated to benefit about 1 000 trainees.</p>

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		With the support of the Government, CIC will allocate around \$150 million to subsidise the construction industry to provide on-the-job training for about 2 500 graduates of degree programmes in engineering, architecture, surveying, planning and landscape architecture to attain professional knowledge and experiences. This will assist more young people in obtaining professional qualifications and nurture talents for the industry.
39.	About 70% of the training places at the Hong Kong Construction Institute (HKCI), established by CIC, are enrolled by secondary school leavers or young people switching jobs. The Government has allocated another \$1 billion to CIC in 2022-23 to strengthen training, including subsidising a total of 27 000 training places in the next six years, and providing trainees with a comprehensive progression pathway in learning and employment with recognised qualifications. In addition, in line with the Government's promotion of the use of I&T in the industry, HKCI will incorporate I&T elements in most of its training programmes, with a view to training more young talents in construction technologies for the industry and expanding the development opportunities for young people. (DEVB)	Being taking forward. The target for 2023/24 academic year has been achieved, CIC will provide 13 670 training places for construction skilled workers in the 2024/25 academic year, exceeding the original target of at least 12 000 places for each relevant academic year (see item (43) for details).
40.	Partner with local young artists and groups to showcase their works at the harbourfront spaces in order to support	Being taking forward. In 2024, the Harbour Office of DEVB showcased winning entries of the "Victoria Harbourfront Photo and Short Video



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	and promote local artwork while revitalising and beautifying the harbourfront. (DEVB)	Competition”, including those submitted by student participants, through roving exhibition and open-air gallery at harbourfront sites. To enhance youth engagement, the champion work in the Student Group (Photo) category will be part of a special stamp set titled “Victoria Harbour Promenades” to be issued by Hongkong Post in May 2025. In addition, at the harbourfront sites managed by DEVB, there are events held from time to time involving youth performance or cultural and creative products by young people.
41.	The Geospatial Lab set up by DEVB introduces young people to spatial data and encourages them to explore the value and applications of spatial data, develop innovative applications that can bring benefits and convenience to people and create business opportunities. Through organising different activities, young people can interact with more spatial data-related industries / enterprises, thereby gaining a better understanding of the spatial data-related industries, giving play to their talents and exploring the relevant areas, and also integrating into the GBA and seizing the opportunities of the development of the spatial data-related industries. (DEVB)	Being taking forward. From December 2022 to end-February 2025, the Geospatial Lab organised more than 400 events/activities, including the Common Spatial Data Infrastructure (CSDI) Awards 2023, the CSDI Awards 2024, experience days, workshops, seminars, competitions and school visits, so as to enable members of the public, young entrepreneurs and students to grasp and master geospatial technologies and knowledge, thereby enhancing their skills in areas extending to various applicable aspects. Meanwhile, DEVB will continue to collaborate with different organisations and professional bodies in exploring the value and application of spatial data.
42.	The Planning Department (PlanD) formulates an outreach programme every year to introduce the work of town planning and related professions to post-secondary institutions and primary and secondary schools, and also recruits post-secondary students of different disciplines as summer interns	Being taking forward. In the 2024/25 academic year, PlanD has so far conducted outreach activities at 51 schools (including primary schools, secondary schools and tertiary institutions). In 2024, PlanD has organised mobile exhibitions/roving exhibitions at 81 public venues (including shopping malls, government offices, housing estates and parks), promoting

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	during the summer holidays. The Buildings Department (BD) could also offer short-term internship opportunities. (DEVB)	town planning in Hong Kong to the general public, including the younger generation. In 2024, PlanD has also actively participated in the Education and Careers Expo organised by HKTDC and 11 career fairs and talks held by various tertiary institutions and job-seeking platforms to introduce professions related to town planning to students and young people. In addition, PlanD plans to recruit about 20 summer interns from tertiary institutions and about 30 town planning graduates in 2025 to provide internship opportunities for young people. BD recruited a total of 24 Vacation Trainees in 2024, all of them had completed the eight-week training by the end of August of the same year.
43.	The Housing Department (HD) launches a mentoring scheme for young housing managers and a summer internship programme, and opens up vacancies for application by young professional trainees, including trainee engineers and architects. HD will also provide more development opportunities for young professionals by organising design competitions of different scales. (Housing Bureau (HB))	<p>Being taking forward. The 2024/25 Mentoring Scheme for Housing Manager Grade Staff was launched in early November 2024. This year, 38 mentors and 101 mentees (including 15 Assistant Housing Managers and 86 Housing Officers) took part in the Scheme.</p> <p>On training of young professionals, HD has been implementing the Graduate Training Schemes for related graduates and providing summer internship opportunity to university students. As at 28 February 2025, 78 graduates are undergoing training in different disciplines. Moreover, a number of graduate trainee recruitment exercises are in the pipeline for filling existing/ anticipated vacancies. Selected candidates are expected to report for duty in August 2025 onwards. Regarding the 2025 Summer Internship Programme, the relevant recruitment exercises have already been launched. Selected summer interns will report for duty by batches from June to July 2025.</p>

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44.	DoJ will promote and co-ordinate with the Hong Kong Bar Association, the Law Society of Hong Kong and relevant legal and dispute resolution professional associations, etc. to promote various training, exchange and capacity building activities to facilitate young people in seizing the significant opportunities brought about by national policies such as the 14 <sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan and the GBA development, and encourage young legal professionals to participate in programmes such as: the GBA Legal Professional Examination, Legal Talent Recruitment Scheme (Trainee Lawyers) and Secondment of Young Professionals from the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to International Law Organisations, etc. to help improve upward mobility for young people and more proactively integrate into the overall development of our country. (DoJ)	Being taking forward. DoJ will seek appropriate opportunities to lead young legal sector representatives to visit the GBA again, allowing more young lawyers to be exposed to opportunities in the GBA to expand their careers, horizons and connections, and more proactively integrate into the overall development of our country.
45.	Under the “Post-Secondary Student Summer Internship Programme” and the “Vacation Training Scheme for Post-Secondary Students”, EPD provides summer internships for post-secondary students to gain work experience and better equip themselves. (EEB)	Being taking forward. The recruitment process for the 2025 intake is currently underway, with students expected to assume duties in July 2025.
46.	To provide internship opportunities and professional training related to the financial services industry, especially the high-growth sectors, FSTB and the financial regulators have launched the Fintech Career Accelerator Scheme	Being taking forward.  The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) and its strategic partners have organised the FCAS since 2016 to expand the fintech talent pool in

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<p>(FCAS), Pilot Apprenticeship Programme for Private Wealth Management, Future Banking Bridging Programme, Industry Project Masters Network, Banking Graduate Trainee Programme, the Sustainable Finance Internship Initiative and the Pilot Green and Sustainable Finance Capacity Building Support Scheme, to encourage young people to continue to equip themselves and seize more job opportunities, as well as to nurture more talents for the financial services industry. (FSTB)</p>	<p>Hong Kong. Since its inception, FCAS has supported over 1 200 young talents.</p> <p>Co-organised by HKMA and the Private Wealth Management Association, the Apprenticeship Programme for Private Wealth Management has offered a total of more than 440 apprenticeship opportunities in private wealth management since its inception in 2017. The Recruitment Day for the 2025-26 intake was conducted in November 2024.</p> <p>The Future Banking Bridging Programme, organised by the HKMA and the Hong Kong Institute of Bankers, has provided practical banking knowledge and work experience to over 1 000 university students in the past four years. A new round of the programme will be conducted in Q4 2025.</p> <p>The Industry Project Masters Network scheme was officially launched in 2022 to groom fintech talent by giving postgraduate students the opportunities to work on real-life fintech projects and gain hands-on experience and skills. Over 250 postgraduate students have participated in and completed fintech industry projects since the scheme was launched.</p> <p>The Government launched in December 2022 a three-year Pilot Green and Sustainable Finance Capacity Building Support Scheme for application by market practitioners and related professionals as well as students and graduates of relevant disciplines. After completing eligible programmes or accomplishing relevant qualifications, applicants can apply for a subsidy</p>

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		<p>of up to \$10,000. As of mid-February 2025, around 5 750 reimbursement applications have been approved, involving a total reimbursement amount of around \$31.8 million. There were a total of 86 eligible programmes and qualifications provided by the professional and continuing education schools of local universities, professional institutions, international training providers, etc., and the list will continue to be updated. As mentioned in the 2025-2026 Budget, to continuously support local green-finance talent training, the scheme will be extended to 2028.</p> <p>In addition, in collaboration with the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Business School and Cyberport Hong Kong, the Investor and Financial Education Council (IFEC) is organising the “2025 Hong Kong Web3 Ideathon” (“Ideathon”) to nurture Web3.0 talents. The Ideathon received a total of 31 proposals from university students, demonstrating how to use decentralised technologies, blockchain and digital assets to tackle challenges across financial and social themes. 8 teams will be shortlisted for a final presentation on 26 March 2025.</p>
47.	<p>The Government has been actively training local healthcare professionals by increasing the number of local healthcare training places in UGC-funded institutions and self-financing institutions, as well as upgrading and increasing the healthcare training-related teaching facilities in UGC-funded universities, so as to increase the healthcare training capacity and provide more local young people aspiring to join</p>	<p>Being taking forward.</p> <p>Healthcare Manpower Projection (HMP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Government has reported the results of the new round of HMP 2023 to the LegCo Panel on Health Services in July 2024.</li> </ul> <p>Upgrading and increasing the healthcare training-related teaching facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Since the 2018/19 legislative year, the Government secured LegCo’ s approval of</li> </ul>

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<p>the healthcare sector with opportunities to receive relevant professional training. The Government will also subsidise students to study in healthcare-related taught postgraduate programmes offered by UGC-funded universities, self-financing post-secondary institutions or public healthcare organisations, so that graduates of non-healthcare-related undergraduate programmes can also become healthcare professionals upon completion of these programmes, thereby broadening the scope of development for young people in the healthcare sector. In addition, to enhance the professional standards of local healthcare professionals (including young professionals), the Government and the statutory boards and committees of various healthcare professions have been promoting specialist development and continuing professional education and/or continuous professional development for serving healthcare professionals. For example, serving doctors, nurses and dentists can receive specialist training to enhance their professional knowledge and skills, which will facilitate their further advancement and development in the profession. (Health Bureau (HHB))</p>	<p>around \$5.6 billion to take forward short-, medium- and long-term works projects for the Chinese University of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, and the University of Hong Kong.</p> <p>Subsidising students to study healthcare-related taught postgraduate programmes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has been subsidising relevant healthcare-related taught postgraduate programmes (such as physiotherapy and occupational therapy). The Government is also actively taking forward various initiatives announced in the 2022-23 Budget, including providing subsidies for students to enrol in healthcare-related taught postgraduate programmes offered by UGC-funded universities, self-financing post-secondary institutions or public medical institutions.</li> </ul> <p>Introducing mandatory continuing professional education/development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Nurses Registration (Amendment) Bill 2023 and the Dentists Registration (Amendment) Bill 2024 were passed by the LegCo in 2024 to introduce mandatory continuing nursing education/mandatory continuing professional development for relevant healthcare professions. In addition, the Government is also taking forward the legislative amendments to the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance at full steam to include mandatory continuing professional development requirements for five allied-health professions (namely physiotherapists,</li> </ul>

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		occupational therapists, optometrists, radiographers and medical laboratory technologists). A bill proposing relevant legislative amendments is expected to be introduced into the LegCo in the first half of this year.
48.	Currently, the ITF has various schemes to foster an I&T culture and encourage and assist the youths in developing their career in the area of I&T. The General Support Programme assists the community in promoting an I&T culture through providing funding support to non-R&D projects (such as conferences, exhibitions, seminars, workshops, pop-science activities etc.) that contribute to the upgrading and development of local industries as well as the fostering of an I&T culture in Hong Kong. To allow the youths who have joined the workforce to continue to enhance their technology competency, the Reindustrialisation and Technology Training Programme under ITF subsidises local companies on a 2 (Government): 1 (companies) matching basis for their staff to receive training in advanced technologies. (ITIB)	<p>Being taking forward. As at end-December 2024, the General Support Programme supported a total of 477 projects with funding amount of about \$910 million.</p> <p>Meanwhile, as at end-January 2025, the New Industrialisation and Technology Training Programme (formerly known as the Reindustrialisation and Technology Training programme) has approved about 17 930 training grant applications to subsidise local employees in receiving about 49 570 trainings in advanced technologies, involving a total funding amount of over \$670 million.</p>
49.	We will expand the STEM Internship Scheme to cover university students studying STEM-related programmes in the GBA campuses of UGC-funded universities to participate in I&T-related internship in Hong Kong. We will co-ordinate the efforts of the five government-funded research R&D centres and the Hong Kong Productivity	Being taking forward. The STEM Internship Scheme has been expanded since June 2023 to cover internship opportunities offered by the government-funded R&D centres and the Hong Kong Productivity Council to eligible students studying STEM programmes at local and non-local universities (including the GBA campuses established by designated local universities). As at end-February 2025, the Scheme has supported

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	Council in offering internship opportunities to STEM students of local and non-local universities, especially those Hong Kong students studying abroad, with a view to attracting them to join the I&T workforce after graduation. (ITIB)	over 16 000 internship opportunities, among which over 4 000 were supported in 2024-25.
50.	The Government will join the I&T industry in organising and promoting more I&T-related large-scale competitions, conferences and summits to support the youths in utilising technology to develop their career in new industries. At the same time, we will praise and promote top-notch local I&T discoveries and products to showcase the innovation achievements of Hong Kong, and assist the youths who have started their businesses and start-ups to explore business opportunities in the GBA and in the Mainland. (ITIB)	<p>Being taking forward. The Government has organised / co-organised a series of I&amp;T-related large-scale events over the past year, such as “InnoEX 2024”, “Hong Kong ICT Awards 2024” and “The Maker in China SME Innovation and Entrepreneurship Global Contest - Hong Kong Chapter 2024”. The Government also led ICT delegation to take part in the “Asia Pacific ICT Alliance Awards”, providing opportunities for local ICT industry (including start-ups and SMEs), NGOs and students to showcase their innovative ideas and technology solutions in the international arena.</p> <p>Furthermore, last year, the Second City I&amp;T Grand Challenge was held under the theme of “Hong Kong’s Got I&amp;T”. All sectors of the community were invited to put forward I&amp;T solutions focusing on two subjects, namely “I&amp;T for Nature (Yama)” and “I&amp;T for Community (Community Wellness)”. A series of workshops and other activities were organised. The Grand Pitch took place in August 2024. 23 winning I&amp;T solutions and some of the prototypes were displayed for trial at the Showcase in October 2024. Winning teams of the Open and University/ Tertiary Institute Groups will be given training and support to refine their solutions and develop prototypes for trials at designated venues</p>



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		such as government departments or public organisations.
51.	RTHK will collaborate with EDB to organise a seed education programme on media industry. Through seminars, workshops and shadowing internships, about 150 secondary school students will have first-hand experience of working in the media, covering various positions in radio and TV stations. It will enable students to explore their own interests and potential and develop a proper understanding on media's ethics and role, thereby providing comprehensive education to young people, fostering their positive thinking, and creating a healthy and positive social environment. (CEDB)	Being taking forward. In 2024-25, a total of 192 students from 37 secondary schools joined the programme. Upon participation of the seminar, in-depth workshops and selection interviews, the best eight teams eventually participated in practical learning and completed the final mock interview short film competition. The results of the short film competition will be announced at the sharing session cum awards presentation ceremony to be held in March 2025. RTHK will also produce a television show on the competition in due course, which will be broadcast on RTHK TV 31 and online platforms.
<b>Hope - Enhance Employability of Young People</b>		
52.	The Employees Retraining Board (ERB) has been providing eligible training courses that are market-driven and employment-oriented for eligible employees (including young people) to help them enter or re-enter the job market. ERB's youth training programmes are targeted at unengaged youths aged 15 to 24, offering full-time placement-tied courses in various industries to address the employment needs of young people and enhance their vocational skills. (Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB))	Being taking forward. In 2024-25 (as at January 2025), the number of intakes of different types of training courses of ERB in the age groups of 15 to 29 was around 8 600. ERB will continue to provide youth training programmes and other suitable courses that meet market demand, with a view to improving the employability of the youth.
<b>Hope - Support Continuing Education for Youth</b>		
53.	The Government has raised the subsidy ceiling of the Continuing Education Fund (CEF) from \$20,000 to \$25,000	Being taking forward. LWB will continue to explore enhancements to the CEF.

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	per person in August 2022. To support and encourage young people to pursue continuing education and equip themselves, we will consider enhancing the CEF to further raise the subsidy ceiling and expand the scope of recognised courses in the CEF. (LWB)	
<b>Hope - Support Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Youth</b>		
54.	Support the development of local small and medium enterprises (SMEs) (including start-ups) and continue to implement a number of measures, including various funding schemes and advisory services, to support young people who wish to start their own business. (CEDB)	Being taking forward. Related work continues.
55.	Provide entrepreneurial services to businesses through the four SME Centres. In particular, the Support and Consultation Centre for SMEs of the Trade and Industry Department provides a “Meet-the-Advisors” business advisory service for SMEs to make appointments with experts from various industries to answer questions on specific areas of business operation, and organises relevant activities from time to time, such as the “Introduction to the Young Start-up Support Scheme” webinar, to provide young people with information on starting a business. In addition, HKTDC’s SME Centre offers an entrepreneurial workshop series, the Hong Kong Productivity Council provides a platform for SMEs and start-ups to share their entrepreneurial stories through the “InnoPreneur Network”,	Being taking forward. Related work continues.

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	and the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTPC)'s "TecONE" provides information on business development for technology start-ups. (CEDB)	
56.	To foster the active investment by private capital in local I&T start-ups, we have provided \$2 billion to set up the Innovation and Technology Venture Fund (ITVF) which co-invests at a matching ratio of approximately 1 (Government): 2 (Co-investment Partners) to encourage venture capital (VC) funds to invest in local I&T start-ups. (ITIB)	<p>Being taking forward. As at end-February 2025, the ITVF has invested over \$420 million in 44 local I&amp;T start-ups and attracted about \$3.5 billion of private investment.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Chief Executive announced in the 2024 Policy Address to optimise the ITVF. Under the ITVF enhanced scheme, the Government will redeploy at most \$1.5 billion to set up funds jointly with the market, on a matching basis, to invest in start-ups of strategic industries through fund managers. The ITVF enhanced scheme was launched in end-2024, inviting applications as fund managers.</p> <p>[Note: It should be noted that the ITVF is a passive investor. Meanwhile, we envisage that some young entrepreneurs will benefit from the scheme because of the investments to be made by the ITVF].</p>
57.	HKSTPC and Cyberport have established the Corporate Venture Fund and Cyberport Macro Fund respectively to co-invest on a matching basis with angel investors or VC funds, etc., in start-ups, which are supported by the HKSTPC and Cyberport. The two funds have currently attracted over \$7.4 billion private investment, supporting around 50 technology start-ups. At the same time, Cyberport and the HKSTPC have also provided opportunities for exchange between the	<p>Being taking forward. As at end-December 2024, the Corporate Venture Fund of HKSTPC and the Cyberport Macro Fund has invested around \$639 million in 61 technology start-ups, attracting about \$14.4 billion private investment.</p> <p>Meanwhile, Cyberport and HKSTPC continues to organise various I&amp;T-related activities, for example, Cyberport organised the 2024 editions of the Digital Entertainment Leadership Forum and the Cyberport Venture Capital Forum in August and October 2024 respectively, and HKSTPC organised the Elevator Pitch</p>

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	industry, start-ups, local and overseas experts, and investors through various activities related to I&T, such as the Cyberport's Venture Capital Forum and the HKSTPC's Elevator Pitch Competition. (ITIB)	Competition 2024 in April 2024, and will organise the Elevator Pitch Competition 2025.
58.	The HKSTPC launched the IDEATION (formerly known as the Science and Technology Entrepreneur Programme) to provide \$100,000 seed funding, inter alia, to business starters in the early stage. In addition, the Incubation and Incu-Bio programmes of the HKSTPC provide maximum of \$1.29 million and \$4 million funding for each incubation company. The scope of funding includes rental subsidy, grant, and targeted funding for technology and business development. (ITIB)	Being taken forward continuously. As at end-December 2024, around 2 400 applications have been approved to participate in the Ideation Programme. Besides, about 1 000 incubatees have benefited from the two Incubation Programmes of HKSTPC, of which more than 500 incubatees have successfully graduated.
59.	Continue to provide funding through the "Technology Start-up Support Scheme for Universities" (TSSSU) to support teams of six designated local universities in starting technology start-ups and commercialising their R&D results. (ITIB)	Being taking forward. In 2024-25, more than \$94 million was approved under the TSSSU to 160 technology start-ups associated with the six designated universities. Since the inception of the TSSSU in 2014-15, around \$500 million had been approved to around 550 technology start-ups.
60.	Under the "Support Scheme for Pursuing Development in the Mainland", the Government will, through the network of 13 Mainland offices of the HKTDC, co-operate with relevant business and trade bodies of Hong Kong people in the Mainland to organise training, exchange and business visits in different provinces and cities to enhance support for Hong Kong businessmen and young Hong	Will be completed in end March 2025. By the end of February 2025, HKTDC has organised 61 events for 1 334 young Hong Kong entrepreneurs on the Mainland.

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	Kong entrepreneurs in the Mainland. In particular, the HKTDC will organise focused activities to enhance Hong Kong young entrepreneurs' understanding of the business environment and market in the Mainland, equipping them to expand into the Mainland market and seize the opportunities brought about by the National 14 <sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan and the dual circulation development for better integration into the overall development of our country. (CEDB)	
61.	The Design Incubation Programme and Fashion Incubation Programme of the Hong Kong Design Centre provide incubation support for start-ups in relevant industries. (CSTB)	Being taking forward. The Design Incubation Programme and the Fashion Incubation Programme have been in its phase IV and II respectively. As at end-April 2024, the two programmes have accumulatively admitted 383 incubatees, mainly consisting of design start-ups, young design talents and up-and-coming fashion designers. Participating companies created 1 798 job opportunities. The two incubation programmes will continue to be implemented with a view to creating more opportunities and prospects for design start-ups, young design talents and fashion designers' brands.
62.	The IPD will enhance its School Visit Programme, Interactive Drama Programme and IP Ambassador Programme, including proactively reaching out to a wide range of students in primary and secondary schools and post-secondary institutions and introducing more interactive elements to enhance young people's understanding of and respect for intellectual property rights, thereby	Being taking forward. Since the release of the Youth Development Blueprint, the IPD has reached out to more than 110 000 students from over 410 schools from January 2023 to January 2025 through the School Visit Programme, Interactive Drama Programme and IP Ambassador Programme.

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	encouraging young people to make use of their intellect and creativity in their development, and guiding and nurturing them to pursue active exploration and innovation and seizing the career opportunities of commercialising their original works or R&D results, so as to contribute to the development of the I&T and creative industries and the economic development of the country and the HKSAR. (CEDB)	
<b>Hope - Facilitate Young People's Integration into the Overall Development of Our Country</b>		
63.	Continue to strengthen exchange and co-operation mechanism on youth work with Mainland authorities at all levels, and help Hong Kong's young people to appreciate and capitalise on the Mainland's policy measures supporting Hong Kong's youth development, including the eight measures facilitating the development of Hong Kong's young people in Mainland China. (HYAB)	Being taking forward. The HYAB has met with Mainland government institutions from various provinces and cities at different levels to exchange views on youth work, so as to enhance collaboration on supporting Hong Kong youth to integrate into the overall development of our country and youth exchange between the Mainland and Hong Kong.
64.	The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office (GBA Office) has been disseminating more information about the GBA development to the community through various online and offline platforms. The dedicated website on the GBA development ( <a href="http://www.bayarea.gov.hk">www.bayarea.gov.hk</a> ) consolidates information of the GBA development in relation to major policy areas, development focus, youth innovation and entrepreneurship, and facilitation measures, etc. It also includes a hyperlink to the "Practical Guide for Hong Kong Residents Living	Being taking forward. GBA Office has been making use of diversified and multimedia means and channels to promote GBA development, including traditional media, the thematic website of the GBA, social media platforms popular amongst young people, such as Facebook and Instagram, GBA Office Newsletters, as well as setting up "Greater Bay Area Information Station" digital information platform in different districts of Hong Kong, to disseminate more comprehensive information about the development and living in the Mainland cities of the GBA to different sectors of the community including young people.

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	in the Mainland” compiled by the Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong, which provides practical information about living in the Mainland cities of the GBA. GBA Office is identifying suitable venues for setting up one-stop electronic “Greater Bay Area Information Station” in various districts of Hong Kong, with a view to enhancing public understanding about pursuing development and living in the Mainland cities of the GBA. (CMAB)	
65.	GBA Office has been participating in different expositions, including the “Education and Careers Expo” organised by HKTDC, and setting up booths to introduce various tailored support schemes and facilitation measures of different bureaux and departments of the HKSAR Government for young people in Hong Kong to provide the latest practical information to youths who are interested in pursuing further development in the Mainland cities of the GBA and helping them explore the many choices and opportunities for study, employment and entrepreneurship. (CMAB)	Being taking forward. GBA Office has been actively participating in and organising various exhibitions to enhance the understanding of different sectors of the community (including young people) about GBA development. For instance, GBA Office set up a booth at the Entrepreneur Day at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC) on 5 and 6 December 2024 to introduce the entrepreneurial opportunities brought about by the development of the GBA and the various support services available, as well as to encourage talents (including young people) aspiring to set up their businesses in the GBA to grasp the development opportunities in the GBA. Besides, GBA Office set up a booth at the Education & Careers Expo at the HKCEC from 16 to 19 January 2025 to introduce the choices and opportunities available for study, internships, employment and entrepreneurship in the GBA. GBA Office also staged a GBA roving exhibition from 11 January till the end of March 2025 at the campuses of eight local universities and at the Civic Education Resource Centre of Youth Square so as to deepen

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		young people's understanding of GBA development.
<b>Hope - Enhance Higher Education</b>		
66.	UGC has implemented the Targeted Taught Postgraduate Programmes Fellowships Scheme (TPGFS) on a pilot basis for five cohorts, currently providing 1 000 fellowships every year. The scheme provides scholarships to local students pursuing specified taught postgraduate programmes in the eight UGC-funded universities, with a view to attracting more outstanding local students to pursue further studies in priority areas conducive to the development of Hong Kong.(EDB)	Being taking forward. TPGFS has been implemented smoothly since 2020/21 academic year and UGC-funded universities have already conducted enrolment for the 115 eligible taught postgraduate programmes of the 5th TPGFS (i.e. 2024/25 admission). The Government will set up the Hong Kong Future Talents Scholarship Scheme for Advanced Studies, beginning in the 2025/26 academic year, offering scholarships each year to up to 1 200 local students enrolling in designated postgraduate programmes.
<b>Hope - Address Youth's Housing Needs</b>		
67.	Subsidise NGOs to rent suitable hotels and guesthouses for use as youth hostels, with a target of providing about 3 000 additional places within five years. Youth tenants will be charged rental of about 60% of the market rent; in return, they have to commit themselves to providing district or voluntary services to the community. (HYAB)	Being taking forward. Five projects with the provision of around 1 310 hostel places in total have been approved since the launch of the Subsidy Scheme in January 2023.
68.	Identify suitable land sale sites and require developers to set aside a certain number of flats to support the Youth Hostel Scheme on a pilot basis. (HYAB, DEVB)	Being taking forward. HYAB and DEVB have identified a suitable site in Tung Chung, and will propose the actual implementation time, subject to factors such as market conditions and the overall supply of land.
69.	The Government has been sparing no effort in identifying land for housing development to meet the housing needs of different people including the young people. We must overcome	Being taking forward. The Government has identified sufficient land for meeting the supply target of 308 000 public housing units over the next 10 years (i.e. from 2025/26 to 2034/35). Coupled with Light Public Housing, the total



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<p>constraints to create supply and address short-term public housing shortage, and ensure a steady private housing supply at the same time. We will enhance quantity, speed, efficiency, and quality in land production, staying on top of things and putting in place a long-term plan to steadily increase supply. On building the home ownership ladder, in addition to stabilising the supply of private housing, the Government will make available subsidised sale flats such as those under the Home Ownership Scheme, Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme and Starter Homes for Hong Kong Residents (SH) projects to meet the home ownership aspirations of the public. (HB)</p>	<p>public housing supply in the coming five years will reach 190 000 units, which is about 80% higher than that of the five-year period when the current-term Government took office.</p> <p>According to the forecast as at December 2024, the estimated total public housing production by the Housing Authority and the Hong Kong Housing Society in the five-year period from 2025/26 to 2029/30 is about 160 400 flats, comprising about 103 900 public rental housing/Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme (PRH/GSH) flats and about 56 500 other subsidised sale flats (SSF).</p> <p>Light Public Housing (LPH) has been progressing smoothly on various fronts, e.g. the construction of all 13 projects has started gradually, with some of them finishing construction soon. Under the leadership of HB, the operating organisations responsible for the operation and management of the LPH projects at Yau Pok Road, Yuen Long and Choi Hing Road, Ngau Tau Kok have been actively taking forward the pre-management works. The LPH project at Yau Pok Road is anticipated to be the first to start intake by batches within March.</p> <p>Moreover, the Government will continue to increase land and housing supply in an orderly manner, and make available subsidised sale flats such as those under Home Ownership Scheme (HOS), GSH and Starter Homes to meet the home ownership aspirations of the public (including the youth).</p>

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	<p>The Housing Authority provides HOS to help low- to middle- income families achieve home ownership, including young people. Around 7100 flats from five new developments were put for sale under “Sale of HOS 2024” (HOS 2024). Selling prices of the flats were determined based on the affordability benchmarks. The average selling prices are equivalent to a 30% discount comparing with their assessed market values. Application for HOS 2024 was invited starting from early October 2024. The Housing Authority received a total of around 106 000 applications during the application period. Balloting for HOS 2024 was held in December 2024 and flat selection is expected to commence from the second quarter of 2025.</p> <p>Besides, the Subsidised Housing Committee of the the Housing Authority approved enhancing the arrangement of SSF on 14 January 2025. For first-hand HOS, starting from the next HOS exercise, the Housing Authority will allocate an extra ballot number to young family applicants and one-person applicants aged below 40 with White Form status to increase their chances of successfully purchasing a SSF. Meanwhile, in the secondary market, starting from the White Form Secondary Market Scheme (WSM) 2024, the WSM quota has increased by 1 500 to 6 000, all of which will be allocated to young family applicants and one-person applicants aged below 40. These measures can increase the chance of young people in purchasing SSF and facilitate their planning for a better future.</p>

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<b>Empowerment - Enhance Youth Welfare Services</b>		
70.	Review the youth welfare services funded by SWD to ensure that the relevant services are in line with the objectives set out in the Blueprint. (HYAB, LWB)	Being taking forward. The HYAB will continue to cooperate with SWD to organise exhibitions with different themes at the Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres and Children and Youth Centres located in 18 districts of Hong Kong to enhance the sense of identity and belonging to our country and Hong Kong of young people. LWB will continue to cooperate with HYAB to review the youth welfare services subvented by SWD to ensure the related services can meet the goals set in the Blueprint.
<b>Empowerment - Promote Sports, Arts and Culture</b>		
71.	To organise library activities for young people to express their creative talents, and offer networking opportunities with scholars, writers and professional groups for them to broaden knowledge and interest in literary writing and performance, to enrich their understanding in the culture and history of China and Hong Kong and to cultivate positive values. (CSTB)	Being taking forward. The Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) organised various activities related to Chinese history and culture for students / young people as planned. By December 2024, the HKPL had organised over 21 000 library activities.
72.	LCSD museums will enhance the organisation of cultural and museum programmes targeting youth. An array of activities will be organised to complement thematic exhibitions. For example, they will collaborate with professional performing arts groups to adopt a relaxed and interesting approach integrated with the elements of history, drama and music to introduce the content of the exhibitions to young visitors. They will also organise outreach education programmes for schools, such as exhibitions, activities,	Being taking forward. LCSD museums continue to organise cultural and museum programmes targeting the youth. For instance, the Hong Kong Museum of Art invited 60 youngsters from multicultural backgrounds and with diverse abilities to collaborate with a group of multidisciplinary artists in co-creating an accessible and interactive exhibition “Small Small World Panorama”. The Hong Kong Science Museum regularly organises the SciPOP Science Demonstration Contest, aiming at cultivating students’ interest in Science. Awardees will have the opportunity to participate in the “Young Scientists Study Tour” in the Mainland or

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	<p>online programmes, etc., to deepen youth's interest in history, culture, art and science and encourage them to participate in cultural and museum programmes. (CSTB)</p>	<p>overseas. In the programme of last year, the awarded students had visited the geological sites in Inner Mongolia. The Hong Kong Space Museum organises the “Astronomical Training Programme for Secondary Students”, while its “Young Astronaut Training Camp” will select 30 secondary school students to take part in the astronaut training at aerospace facilities in the Mainland during the summer holidays. The Art Promotion Office organises an internship programme for the “Hong Kong House at Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennale”, inviting university students from Hong Kong to acquire hand-on experience and engage with the participating artists of the Hong Kong House. The Hong Kong Heritage Museum organises “The MuseTeens: Youth Leadership Scheme” for secondary school students during the summer holidays.</p> <p>In addition, CSTB appointed contemporary Chinese artist Xu Bing as the Ambassador for Cultural Promotion in March 2024 for a term of five years. During his tenure, he will facilitate local young creative talents to participate in internship or art exchange programmes in the Mainland or abroad to broaden their horizons in art and cultural development. In May 2024, during his residency and solo exhibition at the American Academy in Rome, Italy, Xu led four university students from Hong Kong as interns to participate in the production and installation of the exhibition.</p>
73.	<p>The Arts-in-School Partnership Scheme of the HKADC aims to promote collaborations between arts groups/artists and schools in Hong</p>	<p>Being taking forward.</p>

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	Kong and encourage school operators to lease their premises and facilities to arts groups/artists for artistic creations and various arts activities, with a view to bringing arts into the school campus. (CSTB)	
74.	For programmes of the nine major performing arts groups, as well as museums and performances in the WKCD, concessionary tickets are available to students. WKCD also organises learning and promotional activities for young people, such as Chinese opera promotional activities. (CSTB)	<p>Being taking forward. Student discount tickets are being offered by major performing arts groups.</p> <p>Apart from concessionary tickets for students of performing arts programmes, the two museums of WKCD offer half-priced tickets for full-time students. Children aged 6 and below do not need tickets. WKCD Authority also actively organises different learning and participation programmes to promote youth participation in arts and culture. These activities cover wide scope of area, including “Tea House Student Matinees Scheme”, HKPM workshop and talk series targeting primary and secondary school students, M+ Internship and others.</p>
75.	We will work with the sports sector, schools and other sectors to launch a new scheme to promote urban sports, such as 3-on-3 basketball, sport climbing and skateboarding. These sports are popular among young people and have been introduced in the Olympic Games or the Youth Olympic Games in recent years. On the basis of existing community programmes, LCSD will re-deploy resources to increase the “Urban Sports” and designated sports activities for youth for their priority enrolment. (CSTB)	<p>Being taking forward. CSTB has worked with the Schools Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China (HKSSF) with the Urban Sports Funding Scheme first laucned in November 2023. The Scheme provides subsidies to primary and secondary schools for organising training courses on urban sports in the 2023/24 school year.</p> <p>In the 2024/25 school year, in addition to continuing the Scheme in schools, CSTB has extended it to the community level by engaging the Sports for All Confederation of Hong Kong, China Limited, with a target of providing at least 10 000 students and youths with the opportunity to take part in urban sports.</p>

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		<p>As at end of January 2025, more than 250 schools have been approved of participating in the Scheme, providing the opportunity for no less than 9 000 students to take part in urban sports.</p> <p>In 2024-25, LCSD organised 130 “Urban Sports” activities particularly for the youth, including 3-on-3 basketball, sport climbing, skateboarding, breaking and futsal, with more than 2 200 youngsters participating.</p> <p>In 2025-26, LCSD will continue to organise about 130 “Urban Sports” activities particularly for the youth, expecting around 2 000 participants, including 3-on-3 basketball, sport climbing, skateboarding, breaking and futsal.</p> <p>For the recently concluded 9<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Games, LCSD continued to organise futsal competition and introduced demonstration competitions on urban sports popular among the youth, including sport climbing, breaking and skateboarding. A 3-on-3 basketball competition which is more popular among the youth, was held instead of the 5-on-5 format.</p> <p>The link to the themed page of urban sports has also been uploaded to the Youth Page of the Edutainment Channel.</p>
76.	To adjust the themed programmes of LCSD holiday camps by providing more popular sports for the young people, such as team sports, sport climbing, archery, rope course, etc., and increase the types and numbers of water sports activities offered by LCSD water sports centres for the youth	Being taking forward. In 2024-25, LCSD has completed ten themed activities specially designed for young people in its holiday camps, including Molky, sports climbing, pickleball, orienteering, uni-cycling and archery sports demonstrations, fun days and booth games, etc., attracting more than 1 300 young people to participate. In addition, LCSD has also provided

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	<p>an additional of 50 water sports activities specially designed for young people at its water sports centres, including windsurfing, sailing and canoeing training courses, with a total of 250 young people participating.</p> <p>Since 2022, LCSD has been considering, on a need basis, the provision of sports facilities that are popular among young people, including outdoor fitness equipment, climbing walls and skateboard grounds, etc. where appropriate, in the course of carrying out construction/conversion works at leisure venues. As at 31 January 2025, LCSD added novel fitness equipment to 17 venues, and the number of such equipment items will increase with the completion of new sports venues in the coming years.</p>
77.	<p>Through the Sports Subvention Scheme, subvented National Sports Associations (NSAs) can organise more sports activities for participation by youth, including the organisation of more Sports Exchange Programme with the Mainland/Guangdong-HongKong-Macao Greater Bay Area. Various sports coaches and referees training opportunities can also be provided for youngsters with the co-operated efforts of these subvented NSAs. (CSTB)</p> <p>Being taking forward. LCSD provides funding support to various national sports associations (NSAs) through the Sports Subvention Scheme to encourage them to organise more sports exchange activities for young people to visit the Mainland/overseas. In 2024-25, 26 NSAs organised 38 exchange programmes (of which 13 programmes were held in provinces and cities in the Mainland).</p> <p>In 2025-26, LCSD has approved funding applications from 30 NSAs for organising 42 programmes under the “Youth Sports Exchange Programme” in 2025-26, in which 15 programmes are planned to be held in provinces and cities in the Mainland. The remaining programmes will take place in various locations (such as Australia, Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Vietnam, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, the United Kingdom and the United States, etc.)</p>

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78.	Enhance the quality of sports facilities in public housing estates and incorporate sports into daily life. (HB)	Being taking forward. The Housing Authority dedicated team, led by the Secretary of Housing, completed and launched the “Well-being Design Guide” in September 2024 for the development of public space, facilities and estate environment of future public housing projects. The recommendations are gradually applied to new public housing projects, while similar concepts will also be introduced to existing public housing estates to improve related facilities. “Health and Vitality” is one of the well-being design concepts, aimed at creating an environment that promotes health and active living. Multifunctional sports fields would be provided to enhance the exercise experience. The Housing Authority dedicated team has also selected five existing public housing estates as pilot projects to carry out thematic improvements works, with a view to studying and implementing further enhancement of the estate environment and communal spaces, renovate playground and fitness facilities, ball courts and other public recreational facilities in phases over the next five years (i.e. 2023/24 to 2027/28). Consultation and design work has gradually commenced since May 2024, various improvement works will be implemented in phases from 2025 and are expected to be completed by 2027.
<b>Empowerment - Strengthen Mental Health Support for Youth</b>		
79.	HHB has funded the implementation of mental health programmes under the Mental Health Initiatives Funding Scheme (with an earmarked funding of \$300 million) to strengthen community support and raise public awareness of mental health. Priority areas under the first phase of the funding scheme	Being taking forward. All the projects under the first phase and 18 projects under the second phase have been completed. The remaining projects are currently being implemented.



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<p>include lay leaders in the community (including youth) to build support networks in the mental health community and carer support (including carers of school children in general and children with special learning needs); the approved projects have commenced progressively from February 2022. Priority areas under the second phase of the funding scheme include support for carers (including carers of school children in general and children with special learning needs), strengthening family relationships and support for children and youth with special educational needs. Approved projects were commenced progressively from March to May 2023. (HHB)</p>	
<p>80. HHB, in collaboration with the Hospital Authority, EDB and SWD, has launched the “Student Mental Health Support Scheme” (SMHSS) since the 2016/17 school year to provide support services for students with mental health needs in schools based on a medical-education-social collaborative model. The SMHSS expanded its coverage from 17 schools in the 2017/18 school year to 210 schools in the 2021/22 school year, with all five Hospital Authority clusters with child and adolescent psychiatric services participating in the Scheme. HHB will strengthen the multi-disciplinary SMHSS to identify students in need and make arrangements for them to receive professional support early. (HHB)</p>	<p>Being taking forward. HHB, EDB, the Hospital Authority and SWD will further enhance the “Student Mental Health Support Scheme” (SMHSS), which includes improving case management, clarifying the roles of professionals from the medical, educational and social sectors, strengthening intra-school coordination on mental health issues in participating schools, and enhancing the monitoring of SMHSS, involving looking into the situations of students’ refusal of services. In the 2023/24 school year, SMHSS has provided support to more than 3 700 students.</p>

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81.	The Government has earmarked a recurrent annual funding of \$50 million to implement the “Shall We Talk” mental health promotion and public education initiative to disseminate mental health information to parents, teachers, children, youths and students through collaboration with primary and secondary schools and post-secondary institutions, television, radio, newspapers, social media, etc. HHB will also strengthen collaboration with primary and secondary schools and postsecondary institutions to promote mental health and disseminate positive messages through various activities, thereby enhancing teachers’ and students’ knowledge on, awareness of and interest in mental health. (HHB)	Being taking forward. In the 2023/24 school year, “Shall We Talk” has produced a series of multimedia and physical resources, which were distributed to over 1 300 primary and secondary schools and tertiary institutions in Hong Kong. In order to deepen teachers’ and students’ understanding about mental health, “Shall We Talk” will organise a series of school tours in primary schools, secondary schools and tertiary institutions in Hong Kong in the 2024/25 school year, including the “Touring Puppet Shows for Primary School”, secondary school Athletes Talk – “Mind Gym”, secondary school tour – “Learn to Refresh School Tour” and tertiary institutions tour – “Talk with the Flow”.
82.	To strengthen the support towards child and youth mental health services, the Advisory Committee on Mental Health (ACMH) led the formation of the Expert Group on New Service Protocol for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (the Expert Group) to review the service model of mental health services tailored for children and adolescents. Under the recommendation of the Expert Group, the former Food and Health Bureau (currently HHB) launched the Pilot Scheme on New Service Protocol for Child and Adolescent with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Comorbidity (Pilot Scheme) in 2021, providing timely	Being taking forward. ACMH has been apprised of the preliminary performance evaluation results of the Pilot Scheme. The Pilot Scheme has been extended for an additional two years until the end of July 2026 for conducting a more comprehensive cost-effectiveness evaluation study.

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	assessment, support and intervention in the community for children and adolescents with ADHD and comorbidity through a new service model. HHB will continue to work with the Expert Group to consider whether the new service model can be adopted for treatment of other common mental health problems among the youth. (HHB)	
<b>Empowerment - Promote Positive Values</b>		
83.	Foster family values in youth and advocate for cherishing the family through organising different programmes and activities, and enhance our support in the role of family in advancing positive youth development. (HYAB)	Being taking forward. The Family Council will continue to promote a culture of loving families and family core values (i.e. “Love and Care”, “Respect and Responsibilities” and “Communication and Harmony”) to members of the public (including young people) through organising various types of publicity programmes and activities, including adopting the theme “Love Across Generations” for its 2025-26 publicity campaign to promote, on the foundation of stable family relationships, the passing down of good family culture and virtues to families (including the young generation); organising the Hong Kong Excellent Family Awards in the second quarter of this year to recognise excellent families that love, respect, care and support every member, thereby further promoting good family values to the public; and continuing with the implementation of the Funding Scheme on the Promotion of Family Education to subsidise non-profit-making community projects in promoting family education.

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<b>Empowerment - Promote Positive Thinking</b>		
84.	To strengthen cohesion among the youth, the Government will take the lead in staging the Hong Kong Youth Festival annually from 2023 by inviting different sectors of the community to jointly organise a wide spectrum of activities to nurture positive thinking, facilitate development of potential and enhancement of knowledge, and promote experience sharing, etc. (HYAB)	Being taking forward. HYAB has been organising the annual Youth Festival since 2023. Different sectors of the community are invited to jointly organise a wide spectrum of activities for strengthening cohesion among the youth and helping them to nurture positive thinking, develop potentials, enhance knowledge and share experience, etc. Under the tripartite collaboration among the Government, the business sector and the community, more than 400 activities were held under the 2023 and 2024 editions of Youth Festival, with a total youth participants of over 400 000. In particular, the 2024 Youth Festival commenced with the hosting of the inaugural Youth Development Summit. Activities included numerous highlight events and partner events organised by government departments, community bodies, youth or district organisations and non-governmental organisations, etc., which help nurture positive thinking among young people on all fronts.
85.	Launch a new funding scheme to provide subsidies for NGOs to organise projects to nurture the positive thinking of young people, particularly those that involve cross-sectoral collaboration or are youth-led and could promote community contribution. The objective is to promote awareness of young people's physical and mental well-being and instil positive thinking and values in them to become aspiring individuals who take responsibility and commit to the betterment of our country and Hong Kong. (HYAB)	Being taking forward. For the first round of Funding Scheme for Youth Positive Thinking Activities (2023-25) (FSYPTA), about \$27 million in total is granted to seven NGOs to organise projects promoting young people's positive thinking. It is estimated that the FSYPTA activities will benefit no less than 30 000 attendance, including about 6 000 attendance in the first round of the Scheme. Sponsored organisations have gradually rolled out their activities. HYAB has rolled out a new round (2025-27) of the funding scheme in January 2025, open for applications from eligible NGOs. It is expected that successful projects will roll out

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		related activities beginning in summer 2025 for a period of two years.
86.	Launch a new funding scheme to provide subsidies for NGOs in organising systematic and quality adventure training activities for young people, with the aim to promote youth's physical and mental well-being, resilience, sense of discipline and team spirit through overcoming various difficulties and challenges and gaining experience that is different from their daily lives. (HYAB)	Being taking forward. For the first round of the Funding Scheme for Youth Adventure Training Activities (2023-25) (FSYATA), about \$24 million in total is granted to four NGOs to organise projects promoting young people's positive thinking. It is estimated that the FSYATA activities will benefit no less than 50 000 attendance, including about 10 000 attendance in the first round of the Scheme. Sponsored organisations have gradually rolled out their activities. HYAB has rolled out a new round (2025-27) of the funding scheme in December 2024, open for applications from eligible NGOs. It is expected that successful projects will roll out related activities beginning in summer 2025 for a period of two years.
<b>Empowerment - Promote an Innovation and Technology Culture</b>		
87.	To continue to promote the "IT Innovation Lab in Secondary Schools" and "Knowing More About IT Programme" to publicly-funded secondary and primary schools, encouraging and assisting schools to organise extra-curricular activities relating to IT to enhance students' creative thinking, cultivate an interest in IT among students and enhance their digital skills, computational thinking and innovation abilities, thereby promoting an I&T culture and further strengthen the long-term supply of local IT talents and the overall I&T talent pool. (ITIB)	Being taking forward. As at end-February 2025, around 96% of eligible secondary and primary schools have participated in the "IT Innovation Lab in Secondary Schools" and the "Knowing More About IT" programmes.

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<b>Empowerment - Make Use of Life-wide Learning Grant/Activities</b>		
88.	To engage students in developing an active and healthy lifestyle through the “Active Students, Active People” (ASAP) Campaign. (EDB)	Being taking forward. The “MVPA60 Award Scheme” has been launched under the “ASAP” Campaign to engage students in developing an active and healthy lifestyle. More than 90 000 students have participated in the campaign.
<b>Empowerment - Enrich Diverse Experiences</b>		
89.	The PlanD organises the annual “Be a Town Planner” programme for primary and secondary schools through the City Gallery to foster primary and secondary school students’ understanding of and interest in town planning in Hong Kong. Every year, the City Gallery also collaborates with the University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups to provide opportunities for young students studying town planning programmes to participate in the City Gallery Student Ambassador Scheme to introduce Hong Kong’s urban development and town planning work to the public. (DEVB)	Being taking forward. The “Summer Planning School 2024 - Be a Little Planner” was held in July 2024 at the City Gallery, with participation of a total of some 150 primary school students from 17 primary schools. The “Summer Planning School 2025” will also be held in July this year. During the period from July to November 2024, “Be a Teen Town Planner - Planning for a New Era Community” Competition 2024 was jointly organised by PlanD and the Hong Kong Institute of Planners to promote the understanding of and interest in town planning and design for secondary students, with participation of a total of some 190 secondary school students from 28 secondary schools. The competition for 2025 will also be organised from March to July this year. In the 2024/25 academic year, 60 “Hong Kong Youth Ambassadors” and 15 “Student Ambassadors” so far provided guided tours for visitors at the City Gallery.
90.	The Geospatial Lab set up by DEVB organises activities to encourage and enhance young people’s use of different geospatial data for a comprehensive understanding of the community and characteristics of the city. Coupled with objective data analysis which facilitates positive communications and enhances the development of multiple	Being taking forward. From December 2022 to end-February 2025, the Geospatial Lab organised more than 400 events/activities, including the CSDI Awards 2023, the CSDI Awards 2024, experience days, workshops, seminars, competitions and school visits, so as to enable members of the public, young entrepreneurs and students to grasp and master geospatial technologies and knowledge, thereby enhancing

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	intelligences and talents of young people, this will enable young people to understand that spatial data can become one of the key capabilities for smart city development, and apply it to different industries/professions. (DEVB)	their skills in areas extending to various applicable aspects. Meanwhile, DEVB will continue to collaborate with different organisations and professional bodies in exploring the value and application of spatial data.
<b>Empowerment - Combat Youth Drug Abuse</b>		
91.	To prevent young people from taking drugs and committing drug-related offences, the Government will step up efforts to combat the drug abuse problem through a multi-pronged strategy, namely preventive education and publicity, drug treatment and rehabilitation, legislation and law enforcement, external co-operation and research. Detailed measures will be introduced in the light of the latest drug abuse situation. SB and relevant departments will work with various sectors to walk the extra mile in taking forward the initiatives, especially in publicity and education targeting young people, adopting ways that could better meet the needs of the young generation and going into schools to spread the message of “Let’s Stand Firm. Knock Drugs Out!” to encourage young people to live a healthy and positive life and stay away from drugs. (SB)	<p>Being taking forward.</p> <p><b><u>Review of the latest drug situation</u></b></p> <p>The Narcotics Division (ND) of SB has been closely monitoring the overall drug situation in Hong Kong. According to the Central Registry of Drug Abuse, the total number of reported drug abusers has been on a downward trend since 2009. In 2024, the total number of reported drug abusers decreased by 9% from 5 540 in 2023 to 5 068. However, the recent trend of abuse of “space oil drug” has led to a slight increase in the number of reported drug abusers aged under 21, rising from 664 in 2023 to 720 in 2024. To step up control of “space oil drug”, the Government has swiftly listed etomidate and its three analogues, the main active ingredients of “space oil drug” as dangerous drugs under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance (Cap. 134). Additionally, ND is currently conducting the “2023/24 Survey of Drug Use among Students” to better understand the latest drug use situation among young people.</p> <p><b><u>Preventive education and publicity work targeting young people</u></b></p> <p>The Government has been carrying out anti-drug work with the theme of “Let’s Stand Firm. Knock Drugs Out!” as well as through the anti-drug ambassadors Agent Don’t and Agent Hope in a</p>

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	<p>lively manner. In order to enhance the coverage of anti-drug messages among young people, ND has produced animations that are comprehensible and appealing to them, infographics as well as TV programmes and so forth, to remind them about harms brought about by drug abuse and criminal liability of committing drug offences (e.g. drug trafficking). The Government also stepped up the use of digital media (including ND's social media accounts "narcotics.divisionhk") for disseminating anti-drug messages. Advertisements are also launched on popular websites and social media platforms among the youth. In particular, ND has placed advertisements on large-scale billboards in shopping areas frequently visited by youngsters, and on large TV screens outside shopping malls (including those in Causeway Bay and Mong Kok). Advertisements and hanging banners are also mounted at specific locations at major events (e.g. outside the venue of music festivals). ND also conducts location-based advertisements for mobile phone users (e.g. at party rooms often visited by young people).</p> <p>To directly engage with young people, ND organised an interactive roving exhibition in education institutions and the community in 2024 and 2025 respectively. In view of the preferences of the young audience nowadays, the roving exhibition is divided into different game zones and photo booths. It features the elements of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and multimedia to disseminate correct anti-drug knowledge with visitors, and provide information about criminal liability for drug offences, ways of help-seeking and so on.</p>



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	<p>The roving exhibition was held in various shopping malls in different districts, tertiary institutes and the Hong Kong Book Fair. Primary and secondary school students as well as tertiary students also participated in anti-drug activities, such as a colouring and drawing competition and a competition for the design of the logo and souvenirs in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Action Committee Against Narcotics.</p> <p>As regards publicity work relating to particular types of drugs, ND published an animated video about the harms of cocaine in 2023 and launched a set of TV and radio Announcements in the Public Interest (APIs) titled “Cocaine drags you down” in 2024. In addition, ND launched a set of TV and radio APIs titled “Cannabis is a drug (No doubts, smoking weed hurts you)” in July 2024. The API aims to tell audiences through rap about the harmful effects caused by cannabis abuse. To combat “space oil drug” abuse among young people, ND launched an anti-“space oil drug” animated video in August 2024, and published a series of feature stories in December 2024. Moreover, two sets of TV and radio APIs titled “Vaping ‘space oil’ is same as taking drugs” and “Don’t fall into ‘space oil drug’ traps!” were launched in December 2024 and February 2025 respectively, with a view to reminding the public that vaping “space oil drug” is the same as taking drugs and bringing out the message that young people should firmly stay away from drugs.</p> <p>ND continues its efforts to collaborate with the Education Bureau (EDB) and relevant government departments to implement anti-drug</p>

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	<p>education among secondary and primary students. In the 2024/25 school year, a total of 305 secondary schools and 77 primary schools participated in various drug prevention education programmes and initiatives (including the Healthy School Program with a Drug Testing Component, the “Beat Drug with Sports” Programme, anti-drug education programmes for students, interactive anti-drug drama and professional trainings on drug prevention for teaching staff and school personnel). Different government departments have also enhanced drug preventive education targeting tertiary students, such as through relevant courses or dormitory activities.</p> <p>In addition, the legislative control by listing etomidate and its three analogues, the main active ingredients of “space oil drug” as dangerous drugs has also come into effect. In February, ND joined hands with EDB in organising the “Anti-‘Space Oil Drug’ Week” campaign in all schools in Hong Kong to enhance the correct understanding among students of the harm of the “space oil drug” and strengthen their resolve to stay away from drugs.</p> <p>As part of the ongoing efforts, ND will continue to launch appropriate initiatives in response to the latest drug situations to prevent drug abuse among young people.</p> <p><b><u>United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Youth Forum</u></b></p> <p>Apart from other anti-drug measures targeting young people in general, SB also seeks opportunities to broaden the horizons of young people and deepen their understanding of current</p>

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		<p>drug problems. Thanks to the support of our country, a member of the “Security Bureau Youth Uniform Group Leaders Forum” was nominated by the Central People's Government and selected by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to participate in the 2024 UNODC Youth Forum held in Vienna. He was the first youth from Hong Kong to deliver a speech on anti-drug prevention education and community anti-drug experience.</p>
<b>Empowerment - Address Indebtedness of Youth</b>		
92.	<p>The IFEC and the financial regulators will continue to provide resources on financial management and investor education to help the public make informed investment and financial decisions and manage their money wisely. We have amended the legislation to lower the statutory interest rate cap for lending from 60% to 48% per annum with effect from 30 December 2022 to reduce the debt burden. We will continue to promote prudent financial management and review with the Companies Registry on the regulatory arrangement of the “Buy Now Pay Later” platforms in a timely manner. (FSTB)</p>	<p>Being taking forward.</p> <p>FSTB rolled out a new round of public education activities in 2024-25, to continue promoting the message of prudent financial management to youngsters through online and offline channels. FSTB will also maintain communication with the Consumer Council regarding “Buy Now Pay Later” services.</p> <p>IFEC continues to collaborate with tertiary institutions to promote financial education through “Practical Personal Financial Management Programme” and “\$avvy Planner Workshop”. A total of 22 seminars and workshops on personal finance were conducted for over 850 tertiary students and working youth from January 2024 to January 2025.</p> <p>In May 2024, together with HYAB, IFEC launched the Youth Financial Education Programme on a pilot basis at the five youth hostels under the Youth Hostel Scheme to help young people in developing an effective financial management plan. Through financial management sharing sessions featuring guest</p>

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		<p>speakers and regular eNewsletters, the programme aims to enhance the financial literacy level of youth investors and to encourage them to form their own financial plans and goals, develop good habits for managing personal finances and investments. Close to 90% of the participants found the programme useful in helping them further explore information on financial management. IFEC will continue to collaborate with HYAB to extend the programme to new youth hostels in 2025. IFEC held the 8<sup>th</sup> “Personal Finance Ambassador Programme” in September 2024. 55 teams from 13 tertiary institutions enrolled to participate in the programme.</p> <p>IFEC first launched an online financial education campaign “Lost and Found” to promote the establishment of good financial habits among the younger generation in 2023. A sequel was launched in October 2024 to address key financial challenges they face. The campaign features videos which emphasise the importance of making informed decisions on virtual asset investment, effective budgeting, and responsible use of Buy Now, Pay Later products, while introducing the IFEC’s free digital financial management tools and resources. The videos recorded over 3.3 million views as of end-February 2025.</p>
<b>Contribution - Further Expand the Member Self-recommendation Scheme for Youth</b>		
93.	The target is to increase the number of participating advisory and statutory bodies under the Member Self recommendation Scheme for Youth (MSSY) from over 60 in 2022 to no less than 180 within the current term of the Government. (HYAB)	Being taking forward. As of Phase 8, the number of participating committees under MSSY has reached 141. Participating committees of MSSY Phases 7 and 8 are processing the appointments. HYAB is also preparing the recruitment of MSSY Phase 9.

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<b>Contribution - Establish Platform for Youth Engagement</b>		
94.	Encourage policy bureaux to set up informal and regular platforms for youth exchange to allow different bureaux to interact directly with young people in the sector and also identify suitable candidates for the formal advisory structure. (HYAB)	Being taking forward. Currently many of the bureaux have set up informal platforms to interact with young people. The HYAB will continue to encourage policy bureaux to establish similar youth exchange platforms.
95.	Support CIC in establishing “Construction Youth Network” to better connect with them, establish a regular communication channel, encourage them to participate in the discussion of various issues in CIC, listen to their views in drawing up measures to support the development of the industry including young practitioners, and reflect their views to the Government. (DEVB)	Being taking forward. CIC established the YAC in November 2022 and “Construction Industry Youth Alliance” in July 2023 for attracting more young people to join the construction industry and to participate in exchange programmes. Under YAC, four task groups were set up responsible for organising different activities for young people. We are currently planning to hold the third GBA exchange programme from July to August 2025 to attract young people to join the industry.
96.	SB established the Security Bureau Youth Uniformed Group Leaders Forum in October 2022, comprising outstanding members of various youth uniformed groups of disciplined and auxiliary services. The Forum will tender advice to SB on how to effectively enhance young people’s sense of national identity and national security awareness, encourage their participation in public affairs and help them understand world developments. It will also take forward or organise related youth education programmes. (SB)	<p>Being taking forward. SB had selected members for the new term of Leaders Forum and kick-started training activities for the new term in Q4 2024.</p> <p>To facilitate the development of the Leaders Forum, in Q4 2023, SB established the Leaders Forum Alumni Association to foster sharing of views and experience among former and current members, and also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Shenzhen University to arrange teaching and visit activities and more opportunities for exchange and interaction with young people in the Mainland for Leaders Forum members. In October 2024, SB collaborated with the Secretariat for Security of Macao and arranged for Macao youth leaders to participate in Leaders Forum activities, jointly promoting</p>

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		<p>exchanges among the youths of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao.</p> <p>SB will continue to hold diverse activities to enhance members' competence and broaden their horizons.</p>

## Part B: Policy Measures Related to Youth Development Introduced in 2023

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<b>Exploration</b>		
1.	Enrich the learning and teaching resources relating to national education for enhancing students' learning of national security, Chinese culture, Chinese history, national geography; and our country's development and achievements. (EDB)	Being taking forward. EDB continuously enriches the learning and teaching resources on the web-based resource platform "National Education One-stop Portal" to develop an accurate and comprehensive understanding of our country among students as well as foster their sense of national identity and awareness of safeguarding national security.
2.	EDB regularly conducts various types of inspections, including focus inspections on national education, followed by sharing of inspection findings with and promotion of good practices to the school sector to enhance the quality and effectiveness of national education. (EDB)	Being taking forward. Starting from the 2023/24 school year, EDB has further strengthened the inspection work on national education, conducting regular focus inspections on national education in at least 50 schools every year. In addition, EDB continues to monitor the implementation of national education in schools on different fronts through other forms of inspection and promote good practices through sharing of inspection findings, with a view to supporting schools in promoting national education through the adoption of a whole-school approach and enhancing the quality and effectiveness of national education.
3.	Strengthen the training of Constitution and Basic Law Student Ambassadors and Chinese history related learning experiences; organise more Chinese	Being taking forward. EDB continuously provides diversified life-wide training activities for student ambassadors to perform their leadership roles in promoting national education activities in

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	culture immersion activities, such as museums visits and students' competitions. (EDB)	<p>schools. In the 2024/25 school year, over 9 000 students from more than 450 schools are participating in the Constitution and Basic Law Student Ambassadors Training Scheme.</p> <p>EDB has been organising student activities on Chinese history and culture to provide more learning experiences for students. For example, since the 2020/21 school year, the “Inheritance &amp; Innovation: School of the Year Award for Promoting Chinese History and Culture” has been launched to recognise schools, teachers and students who actively participate in promoting Chinese history and culture. In the 2023/24 school year, more than 520 primary and secondary schools; and around 50 000 students participated.</p>
4.	Promote the setting up of a school-based student talent pool in schools; enhance collaboration with the Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education to arrange students with potential in STEAM to participate in systematic training and competitions of reasonable scale. (EDB)	Being taking forward. EDB continues to organise teacher professional training to assist schools in setting up a school-based student talent pool. Besides, EDB also keeps strengthening collaboration with the Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education to enhance provision of student training and opportunities for students to participate in competitions.
<b>Hope</b>		
5.	Launch the Pilot Scheme on the Use of School Venues by Arts Groups to further open up some school venues for rehearsals by arts groups after school hours on a pilot basis to foster the development of the arts and cultural industries, and to build audience through the provision of more opportunities for students to access art creations. (CSTB, EDB)	Being taking forward. The “Pilot Scheme on the Use of School Venues by Arts Groups” was launched in May 2024, which accepts booking applications twice a year from arts groups to hire the school venues for rehearsals during after-school hours. In the 2024/25 school year, a total of 278.5 hours of available timeslots in school facilities was successfully allocated to arts groups through the scheme. LCSD will accept applications for the first term of the 2025/26 school year from mid-April to May 2025.

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6.	Launch the GBA Fintech Two-way Internship Scheme for Post-secondary Students for post-secondary students in 2023-24 to facilitate their acquisition of practical work experience in Fintech companies in Hong Kong and in the Mainland cities of GBA. (FSTB)	Being taking forward. FSTB launched the 2024-25 winter programme on December 2024, providing around 30 internship positions.
7.	Use the \$107 million funding to implement two-year pilot schemes from 2023/24 academic year onwards for providing on-the-job training allowances to 1 300 trainees enrolled in degree and safety officer courses, and to enhance their career ladder. (DEVB)	<p>Being taking forward. DEVB has made use of the \$107 million funding allocated under the 2023-24 Budget to launch the two-year pilot schemes, under which on-the-job training allowances are provided for about 1 000 trainees who have enrolled in part-time construction-related degree programmes and about 300 trainees enrolled in construction safety officer courses. The pilot schemes will help the trainees seize the opportunities brought about by the future development of the construction industry for upward mobility, and at the same time help expand the source of manpower supply by training up construction industry talents.</p> <p>VTC and CIC respectively launched in September and November 2023 the on-the-job training subsidy scheme for trainees studying part-time degree programmes and the “First-Hire-Then-Train” scheme for construction safety officers. The PolyU SPEED has joined the scheme in 2024/25 AY to provide on-the-job training subsidies for students enrolled in part-time construction-related degree programmes. Following the launch of the scheme, the numbers of students enrolling in the relevant part-time degree programmes has significantly increased, with an average rise of over 50%.</p> <p>DEVB proposed in the 2025-26 Budget to jointly allocate funding totaling about \$95 million with</p>



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		CIC to continue the provision of on-the-job training subsidies to trainees enrolling in part-time construction-related degree programmes in the next two academic years (i.e. 2025/26 academic year to 2026/27 academic year), to attract more young people to join the industry. It is anticipated to benefit about 1 000 trainees.
8.	Collaborate with the industry to continue the implementation of the construction industry joint promotion campaign with a youth internship programme and a STEAM education platform planned to be rolled out in phases from early 2024. (DEVB)	<p>Being taking forward. 110 secondary and primary schools (accounting for 11% of the total number of secondary and primary schools in Hong Kong) and 1 000 students have already participated in the activities of the industry-wide promotion campaign, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical activities – large-scale outdoor advertisements display in Causeway Bay and Mong Kok, outdoor industry promotion booth for DSE, industry promotion truck, creative hoarding at 30 construction sites, advisement at 6 major MTR stations, etc., with a view to promoting the professionalism and career prospect of the industry;</li> <li>• TV and social media – over 30 newspaper articles, over 300 social media posts and videos, two TV promotional videos, 8 TV information programmes, over 10 industry seminars for primary and secondary schools in Hong Kong, volunteer activities, etc.;</li> <li>• The above two work reached out to over 1 million persons; and</li> <li>• The promotion campaign will cover development of a construction-themed STEAM education platform for primary and secondary school students, which will be used by 500 000 students in primary and secondary schools (about 1 000 schools) across Hong Kong during lecture time. In support for Government's STEAM education policy, it will also enhance</li> </ul>

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		students' understanding and interest in the construction industry, and help attract more new blood to join the industry.
9.	Provide a one-off cash allowance of \$20,000 as financial incentive for newborns for each baby born on or after 25 October 2023 in Hong Kong to a parent who is a Hong Kong permanent resident. The initiative will last for a period of three years, subject to review thereafter. (Deputy Chief Secretary for Administration's Office and relevant bureaux)	Being taking forward. As of 28 February 2025, a total of 40 867 eligible applications have been received, and the bonus has been distributed to 40 245 applicants, at a total amount of approximately \$805 million. The bonus has successfully sparked discussion about childbearing in the society. We plan to conduct a review two years after the bonus is launched.
10.	Starting from the next Home Ownership Scheme sale exercise to be launched in 2024, the Hong Kong Housing Authority will introduce the "Families with Newborns Flat Selection Priority Scheme", which will reserve a quota of flats for balloting and priority flat selection by family applicants with babies born on or after 25 October 2023 and are aged three or below on the closing day of the application of a particular sale exercise, until the children reach the age of three. (HB)	Being taking forward. The Housing Authority approved the implementation arrangements on 11 January 2024. The "Families with Newborns Flat Selection Priority Scheme" was launched in HOS 2024. A quota of about 40% of the new flats for sale (i.e. 2 900 flats) under HOS 2024 has been reserved for balloting and priority flat selection by eligible applicants under the "Families with Newborns Flat Selection Priority Scheme" and the "Priority Scheme for Families with Elderly Members".
11.	Starting from April 2024, the Hong Kong Housing Authority will introduce the "Families with Newborns Allocation Priority Scheme" under which public rental housing (PRH) family applications with babies born on or after 25 October 2023 and aged one or below will be credited with a waiting time of one year. (HB)	Being taking forward. The "Families with Newborns Allocation Priority Scheme" took effect on 1 April 2024. As at end-December 2024, about 3 300 PRH applications had their waiting time reduced by one year under the scheme, of which about 210 families have already been successfully housed to PRH.
12.	HB adjusted the application requirements for Category A tenants of	Being taking forward. Relevant measure has been implemented since 1 December 2023.

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	Transitional Housing. With effect from 1 December 2023, the PRH waiting time requirement is shortened by one year for families with newborns on or after October 25, 2023, i.e. those who have been waiting for traditional PRH for two years will be eligible as Category A tenant. (HB)	
13.	The Hospital Authority will gradually increase the assisted reproductive service quota for in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) treatment from 1 100 to 1 800 treatment cycles per year over the five years starting from 2024-25, and enhance training of professionals. (HHB)	Being taking forward. The Hospital Authority has increased the subsidised service quotas for IVF treatment from 1 100 to 1 200 per year in 2024-25. Taking into account various factors such as doctor manpower and specialist training, etc., the Hospital Authority plans to increase the subsidised service quotas by 300 to 1 500 in 2025-26. Training of relevant professionals is also underway.
14.	Over the next three years starting from 2024, set up 10 more aided standalone child care centres in phases over three years to provide nearly 900 additional places for day child care service; and starting from April 2024, increase the maximum level of Child Care Centre Parent Subsidy to \$1,000 per month. (LWB)	Being taking forward. Aided standalone child care centres at Queen's Hill Estate (100 places) and Wah Ming Estate (56 places) in Fanling, Treasury Building (100 places) in Sham Shui Po, and Shun Lee Estate (88 places) in Kwun Tong have commenced service in 2024; and the measure to increase the Child Care Centre Parent Subsidy has been implemented in April 2024.
15.	Over the next three years starting from 2024, extend the After School Care Programme for Pre-primary Children to all districts in Hong Kong in phases over three years, with the number of participating centres to be increased from 16 to 28 and the number of service places from about 670 to nearly 1 200. (LWB)	Being taking forward. The first phase of service extension covers the Eastern District, Kowloon City, Sha Tin and Tai Po districts. The four centres have commenced service in February 2025.
16.	In the 2024/25 school year, launch a school-based after school care service in	Being taking forward. In the 2023/24 school year, 59 primary schools participated in the School-based After School Care Service Scheme providing

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	designated primary schools for one year. (LWB, EDB)	some 3 000 service places. In the 2024/25 school year, the Scheme expanded to more than 120 primary schools covering 18 districts across the territory providing about 6 000 places. Subject to actual utilisation and outcome of the Scheme, the Government plans to encourage more schools to participate in the Scheme, without capping the number of places, in the 2025/26 school year.
17.	University Grants Committee-funded universities will continue to take forward a number of hostel projects, in order to increase hostel places by about 13 500 in total. (EDB)	Being taking forward. Under the Hostel Development Fund, UGC-funded universities have completed 5 student hostel projects up till now, and provided 5 682 funded student hostel places in total. The remaining ten projects are under different stages of work or detailed design.
18.	Launch a new round of the Land Grant Scheme and Start-up Loan Scheme within 2024 to support self-financing post-secondary institutions to develop and improve campuses in support of more teaching activities. (EDB)	Being taking forward. The new round of Land Grant Scheme and Start-up Loan Scheme was launched on 30 December 2024. Eligible self-financing post-secondary institutions may submit applications on or before 31 March 2025.
19.	Proactively take forward the development of the Northern Metropolis University Town by encouraging post-secondary institutions to strengthen co-operation with renowned Mainland and overseas institutions, and achieve greater synergy through resources sharing and complementary industry development within the region. (EDB)	Being taking forward. The Government has earmarked at least 80 hectares of land in the Northern Metropolis for the Northern Metropolis University Town, and will encourage local post-secondary institutions to introduce more branded programmes, research collaboration and exchange projects with renowned Mainland and overseas institutions in a flexible and innovative manner. We will retain flexibility in the planning process to facilitate development of student hostels. We plan to publish the Northern Metropolis University Town Development Conceptual Framework in the first half of 2026.
20.	Collaborate with the relevant Mainland authorities to take forward the mutual recognition of sub-degree level qualifications, including the Higher	Being taking forward. We will actively follow up with the relevant Mainland authorities regarding the mutual recognition of sub-degree qualifications.

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	Diploma qualification, and will continue to follow up on the matter with relevant Mainland authorities. (EDB)	
21.	Majority of buyers of subsidised sale flats (SSFs) are youth aged 40 or below. The Housing Authority will relax the arrangements on mortgage default guarantee for SSFs, including extending the current maximum mortgage default guarantee period of the second-hand market from 30 years to 50 years, and allowing purchasers (including youth purchasers) to have mortgage loans of longer tenor, to help the circulation of second-hand flats. (HB)	Being taking forward. HD has issued letters to participating financial institutions notifying them the amendment of the terms of the relevant Deed of Guarantees. HD has also finalised the details with the HKMC Insurance Limited (HKMCI) allowing SSFs purchasers in the secondary market to apply for a mortgage loan under Mortgage Insurance Programme (MIP). The relevant relaxation arrangements have been implemented since 1 March 2024 and SSFs purchasers can also apply for a mortgage loan under the MIP of the HKMCI starting from the same date.
<b>Empowerment</b>		
22.	Invite sponsored organisations under the first round of “Funding Scheme for Youth Adventure Training Activities” to reserve a certain quota for the participation of EM youths. (HYAB)	Being taking forward. Sponsored organisations have gradually rolled out their activities.
23.	In the internship programme for non-ethnic Chinese (NEC) students, basic workplace Chinese trainings are provided to the interns to help them understand the Chinese language applied in their daily work and the required level of Chinese language proficiency. So far, 180 NEC students have taken part in the internship programme since its launch in 2019. (CSB)	Being taking forward. In 2025, we expect that around 40 students will join the NEC internship programme. NEC interns are also encouraged to continue to strengthen their competency in Chinese through other community resources after the internship period so as to be better equipped for their future career development.
24.	Launch the Primary Dental Co-Care Pilot Scheme for Adolescents to promote preventive dental care services for adolescents. (HHB)	Being taking forward. The Department of Health will launched the Pilot Scheme on 20 March 2025, which is expected to benefit approximately 370 000 adolescents each year.
25.	Launch “Mental Health Literacy” resource packages suitable for upper	Being taking forward. The Mental Health Literacy Resource Packages for upper primary and

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	primary and junior secondary levels in the 2023/24 school year, and will develop those for lower primary and senior secondary levels, with a view to proactively enhancing students' awareness and assisting schools in promoting mental health. (EDB)	junior secondary levels were launched and uploaded onto Mental@School website in the 2023/24 school year. The resource packages for lower primary and senior secondary levels will be launched in the 2024/25 school year.
<b>Contribution</b>		
26.	Leverage online media and channels to bring young people together and tell good stories of Hong Kong. (HYAB)	<p>Being taking forward. Hong Kong youth have been active on social media platforms in Hong Kong and the Mainland in recent years. To expand the online communication channels with local youth, the HYAB and YDC launched an official social media account “香港朋友仔” on four major Chinese social media platforms: Xiaohongshu, Weibo, Douyin and TouTiao since July 2023, so that Mainland youth can understand Hong Kong and Hong Kong youth from different perspectives, thereby promoting mutual exchange.</p> <p>Furthermore, the HYAB has been training and nurturing the Youth Ambassadors Cadets under the “YDC Youth Ambassador Programme” to tell the good stories of Hong Kong. They will engage in social media content creation for dissemination on the social media platforms of HYAB and YDC, and share the good stories of Hong Kong with young people from the youth perspective.</p>