

It is our honour to be selected as the youth delegates of Hong Kong to visit Australia under the International Youth Exchange Programme 2000-2001. The programme was jointly organized by the Commission on Youth ("the Commission") and the Home Affairs Bureau. The Commission is an advisory body to advise the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR Government on matters pertaining to youth. The Programme aims to provide opportunities for the youth to broaden their horizons and international perspectives and exchange ideas and experiences with their counterparts in other countries.

To represent Hong Kong, the candidates should:

- ✓ **Be aged between 18 and 24;**
- ✓ **Be proficient in English;**
- ✓ **Have common sense and good academic background;**
- ✓ **Have good knowledge of the Chinese culture;**
- ✓ **Be knowledgeable about Hong Kong;**
- ✓ **Have voluntary and community service experience; and**
- ✓ **Have a valid travel document.**

The International Youth Exchange Programme was held during the Chinese Lunar New Year holiday. It was the second year for the Hong Kong delegates to visit Australia. Our trip in Canberra and Sydney gave us an unforgettable experience and memory. The programme was fruitfully designed in such a way that we could understand more about the government, society as well as the people in Australia. We had the chance to explore its community services development, culture, welfare and educational system. Besides, having the opportunity to attend a 3-day outward bound course in Canberra and stay with the local families were unique experiences as well.

### **Leaders**

Before sharing our experiences, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to our leaders who have given lots of effort and support to us to make our trip even more successful.

**Mr. CHENG Yan-kee, JP   our Tour Consultant**

He is a member of the Commission on Youth



**Mr. Michael MAN - our Tour Director**

He is the Executive Officer of the Home Affairs Bureau

Here comes our report, a valuable gift that we sincerely present to all of you and hope you can share our joyfulness and wonderful experience. Enjoy it.