International Youth Exchange Programme

I. AIMS

The International Youth Exchange Programme aims providing opportunities for youths to broaden their horizons and international perspectives. It also renders them chances to exchange ideas and experiences with their counterparts in other countries.

II. BACKGROUND

The programme started in 1979 under the name of Commonwealth Exchange Programme with the exchange of youth between Hong Kong and Britain. In 1996, the scope of the programme was extended to cover other countries and has been renamed as International Youth Exchange Programme since then.

III. QUALITIES OF A YOUTH DELEGATE

To become a Hong Kong Youth Delegate, one should:

(a) be aged between 18 - 24;
(b) be proficient in English;
(c) have common sense and good academic background;
(d) have good knowledge of Chinese culture;
(e) be knowledgeable about Hong Kong;
(f) have voluntary/community service experience; and
(g) have a valid travel document.

IV. NOMINATIONS

All the Universities, Post-secondary Institutes, District Offices, Education Department and Social Welfare Department are invited to submit their nominations in around early April each year. Selected candidates are invited to attend an interview conducted by the selection board arranged by the Home Affairs Bureau. The membership of the selection board includes a member of the Commission on Youth as the Chairman. In addition, the representatives from the Home Affairs Bureau were being the members of the selection board. Successful candidates will be arranged to visit a country as assigned by the Home Affairs Bureau.