

## **International Youth Exchange Programme**

**International Youth Exchange Programme is jointly organized by the Home Affairs Bureau and the Commission on Youth to widen the horizon of the youth whose age ranges from 18 to 24. There are altogether four different destinations for the whole programme and the programme to Kagoshima in Japan is the third one to be carried out this year.**

**Hong Kong delegates are selected on a number of basis, they are:**

- (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.**

**After receiving nominations from Universities, Post-secondary Institutes, District Offices, Education Department and Social Welfare Department, selected candidates will be required to attend an interview. This year, 25 youth delegates were selected to join this wonderful 8-day cultural exchange programme to Kagoshima in Japan.**

**The programme was the third time to be run. This year's programme continues to be a success of its kind. With the help from the Kagoshima Prefectural Government, youth delegates were given the chances to visit various community centres and schools. We had a glimpse of the traditional Japanese culture and yet pertained a good understanding of it in such a short trip. Though the time to stay in Kagoshima is short, we will never forget the hospitality that we have received and the friendship established will definitely remain in our hearts.**

