

Preface



It is our honor to be selected as the youth delegates of Hong Kong visiting Singapore under the International Youth Exchange Programme 2001-2002. This programme contains a variety of activities. Apart from sightseeing, we had the opportunity to explore the community services development, culture, and educational systems of Singapore.

We hope all the readers of this report could share our happy, meaningful and unforgettable moments in Singapore. We believe this report could also represent the long-lasting friendship between the youths in Hong Kong and Singapore.

We sincerely present this report to you and hope you enjoy it.

International Youth Exchange Programme

The International Youth Exchange Programme (the Programme) is jointly organized by the Home Affairs Bureau and the Commission on Youth (the Commission). 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 in Hong Kong to broaden their horizons and international perspective, as well as to exchange ideas and experiences with their counterparts in other places of the world.

The Programme is operated on a bilateral and reciprocal interactive basis in order to build up the relationship. The Commission is the host for the overseas delegates when they visit Hong Kong, and the organizations concerned in



the overseas countries will undertake to act as the host for a group of Hong Kong delegates.

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 volunteer and community service experience; and
- Have a valid travel document.

20 candidates have been selected to represent Hong Kong and visit Singapore for 7 days in the January of 2002, under this International Youth Exchange Programme 2001-2002. And before our trip to Singapore, 20 Singapore youth delegates had already visited Hong Kong for 7 days in December of 2001.

