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“Ten Outstanding Young Persons Selection 2018” Nominations Open Today

Celebrate young people who shape the future of Hong Kong

TOYP awardees motivated young people to keep it up by sharing their TOYP story

(Hong Kong, 21 May 2018) The Junior Chamber International Hong Kong (JCIHK) announced at a special ceremony today that nominations for its Ten Outstanding Young Persons Selection 2018 (TOYP Selection) campaign will be open from today until 16 July. The annual trophies are awarded to Hong Kong youth aged between 21 and 40 who have excelled professionally and/or made notable contributions to the community. This year’s theme is “Empowerment” to symbolise that the future of Hong Kong is in the hands of our young people.

TOYP Selection 2018 Chairman Ms. Yoe LEUNG announced the Judging Panel of the TOYP Selection (Refer to Appendix 1) during the Kick Off Ceremony and Cocktail Reception. To endorse the opening of nominations, she invited Chief judge, Dr. PANG Yiu Kai, Deputy Managing Director of Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited and Judging member Professor K.C. Chan, former Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury to the stage.

Outlining the nomination and selection procedure, Chief Judge and 1999 TOYP Awardee Dr. PANG Yiu Kai said that initial screening interviews of nominees will be conducted by a Selection Consultant and all short-listed nominees would be notified and invited to attend the final judging interview before the the Panel of Judges.

“I will work with the other four esteemed judges from different sectors to recognise exceptional Hong Kong youths who have excelled in their professional endeavours and shown selfless commitment to the community. In this way we can encourage them to act as role models and motivate other young people to contribute to the future of our great city professionally and independently. Therefore, I would now like to call for nominations across all sectors of to join the selection, so that we can fittingly celebrate these outstanding young people and, in turn, help them in their missions to give back to society for a better Hong Kong,” he said.



JCIHK National President Mr. Ronald KAN said: “The TOYP Selection symbol depicts a pair of young hands reaching out to support, to provide to enable and to empower. We recognise that the future of Hong Kong is in the hands of our young people, and our mission is to honour the achievements of those truly remarkable youth who make our communities and our world a better place. Those who rise above the challenges to follow their dreams, give back to our community and inspire others to follow in their footsteps.”

The TOYP Selection Organising Committee invited Jane Lee a.k.a. Messy Desk, an up-and-coming illustrator and comic artist based in Hong Kong, to design the key visual and sketches depicting Hong Kong by day and by night through colourful illustrations (Refer to Appendix 2).

JCIHK is honoured to have also invited Mr TO, Chung, 2006 TOYP of the World Awardee, 2003 TOYP Awardee, Founder of Chi Heng Foundation (HK); Mr. WONG, Cho Lam, 2012 TOYP Awardee and Hong Kong artist; Ms. GENG, Xiao ling, 2017 TOYP awardee and Hong Kong Wushu Athlete; and her proposer Mr. CHENG, Ka Ho, 2009 TOYP Awardee and Former Captain of Hong Kong Wushu Team as guest speakers.

Ms. GENG said: “I think I should commit more to the community after being awarded as TOYP. Meanwhile, I am so grateful I could meet more young people with kindred spirits so that we may motivate each other. I hope I could inspire more young people to never give up, no matter how hard the challenges after experiencing my own ups and downs in life.”

Mr. CHENG Ka Ho said: “The spirit of athleticism and competition empowered me to persevere and embrace many challenges. Life is full of tests. Most important is overcoming psychological barriers when meeting difficulty, we can do anything we want as long as we persist and endure. My determination to devoting myself to community service is even stronger after being awarded as a TOYP. I now hope to contribute more to society through sharing the incredible spirit one can find through athletics and the positive impact I can have on many of our youngsters.”

The TOYP Selection Organizing Committee conducted an online survey from 19 March to 24 April to collect feedback from 410 public opinion and 35 TOYP awardees. More than sixty percent of the public respondents believe that they possess traits of TOYP awardees such as leadership skill, can embrace criticism, accept responsibility, be helpful and embrace teamwork, etc. Among these traits, most respondents think TOYP awardees should possess traits including “accept responsibility” and “be helpful”. More than 80 percent of interviewed TOYP awardees suffered serious difficulty in life. Among those, near 80 percent suffered serious difficulty before they reached the age of 29.

TOYP Selection Chairman Ms. LEUNG said: “We collected the feedback and found many people actually have the traits of TOYP awardees. Hong Kong young people have the potential to shape the future of Hong Kong as long as they make good use of their time, strive to effect positive change and persevere when meeting obstacles. The Organizing Committee newly launched promotion video is designed to motivate and cheer young people with inspirational TOYP stories from different generations of awardees.”

About TOYP Selection

The TOYP Selection is a flagship project founded by JCIHK in 1970 and this year marks the 46th Selection under the theme of empowerment. This nomination categories can be in the following fields: “Civil and Social Services”, “Commerce and Industry”, “Education”, “Performing Arts / Sports / Culture and Arts” and “Professionals”. As of today, more than 350 outstanding young persons have been selected from different sectors. Past awardees are elites from different industries including Mr. LAU Tak-Wah, Andy who active in charity work (1999 TOYP Awardee), Ms. PANG Sau-Wai, Kearen who won the Best New Director for directing “29+1 (2014 TOYP Awardee) and Mr. Matthew LUI Yue-Chun who is “Zero to hero” and passionate on education, etc.

The TOYP Selection opens for nominations today until 16 July. Post mark no later than 16 July 2018 if submitted by post. Nomination forms can be obtained from the offices of JCIHK and Ernst & Young or the forms can be downloaded from the official “TOYP Selection 2018” website.



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Ten Outstanding Young Persons Selection



For more information about “TOYP Selection 2018”, please visit our website <http://www.jcihk.org/toyp/>.

About Junior Chamber International Hong Kong

Junior Chamber International Hong Kong (JCIHK) (formerly named as “Hong Kong Junior Chamber”), inaugurated in 1950, is affiliated with the worldwide leadership development organisation, The Junior Chamber International (JCI). JCI has a worldwide membership of over 200,000 from more than 100 countries.

In Hong Kong, we have about 2,000 members representing a network of highly motivated and forward looking young men and women who are mostly entrepreneurs or executives from a wide range of trades and businesses. Members are between the ages of 18-40 and make up 21 local chapters and make full use of their leisure hours to work for the betterment of the community and themselves.

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Appendix 1 “TOYP Selection 2018” Judging Panel

The panel of Judges consisted of

Chief Judge	Dr. PANG Yiu-Kai, GBS, JP, Deputy Managing Director of Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited
Panel members	Professor K.C. Chan, GBS, JP Dr. KO Wing Man, GBS, JP Ms. MOK Fung Yee, Emily, MH, JP Mr. Francis NGAI Wah Sing

Appendix 2 “TOYP Selection 2018” Key Visual



The TOYP Selection symbol depicts a pair of young hands reaching out to support, to provide to enable and to empower. Jane Lee a.k.a. Messy Desk, an up-and-coming illustrator and comic artist based in Hong Kong, designs the key visual and sketches of Hong Kong by day and night by colourful illustration.

Appendix 3 “TOYP Selection 2018” Kick Off Ceremony and Cocktail Reception Photo



(From left)

Ms. Yoe LEUNG, Chairman of TOYP Selection 2018;

Mr. Ringo CHOI, Managing Partner, China South Asia-Pacific IPO Leader of Ernst & Young, Selection Consultant;

Dr. Yiu-Kai PANG, GBS, JP, Chief Judge of “TOYP Selection 2018”, 1999 TOYP Awardee, Deputy Managing Director of Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited

Mr. Ronald KAN, National President of JCIHK;

Mr. Kin-man YEUNG, Founder of The Biel Crystal (HK) Manufactory Limited, TOYP Selection 2018 Main Sponsor;

Ms. Mary YU, Chairman of The Outstanding Young Persons’ Association, and

Ms. Teresa POON, National Immediate Past President of JCIHK, officially kicked-off the opening of TOYP Selection 2018.



(Second row, from the left)

Mr. Ka-ho CHENG, 2009 TOYP Awardee, Former Captain of Hong Kong Wushu Team

Mr. Chung TO, 2006 TOYP of the World Awardee, 2003 TOYP Awardee, Founder of Chi Heng Foundation (HK)

Ms. Xiaoling GENG, MH, 2017 TOYP Awardee, Wushu Athlete

(First row, from the left)

Ms. Yoe LEUNG, Chairman of TOYP Selection 2018;

Prof. Ceajer CHAN Ka-Keung, GBS, JP, Member of “Ten Outstanding Young Persons Selection 2018” Judging Panel, Former Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury of HKSAR

Mr. Ringo CHOI, Managing Partner, China South Asia-Pacific IPO Leader of Ernst & Young, Selection Consultant;

Dr. Yiu-Kai PANG, GBS, JP, Chief Judge of “TOYP Selection 2018”, 1999 TOYP Awardee, Deputy Managing Director of Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited

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	<p>Ms. Mary YU, Chairman of The Outstanding Young Persons' Association, and</p> <p>Ms. Teresa POON, National Immediate Past President of JCIHK, attended the opening ceremony of TOYP Selection 2018 at Asia Society Hong Kong.</p>
	<p>Ms. Xiaoling GENG, MH, 2017 TOYP Awardee and Hong Kong Wushu Athlete; and her proposer Mr. Ka-ho CHENG, 2009 TOYP Awardee and Former Captain of Hong Kong Wushu Team shared the stories of their success and how they overcame challenges.</p>