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"Ten Outstanding Young Persons Selection 2020" Nomination Opens Today. Ms Lee Wai-sze , Mr. Yip Wai-cheong & Mr Jeffrey ANDREWS encourage Hong Kong youngsters to uphold their beliefs

(Hong Kong, 11 May 2020) **"Ten Outstanding Young Persons Selection 2020 (TOYP) Selections" nomination opens today, till 6 July 2020, 5pm.** This is the first time for this campaign to host a kick-off ceremony online, which invited different guests to share their story, including **Ms Lee Wai-sze**, a professional racing cyclist who earned the third Olympics medal for Hong Kong, **Mr Yip Wai-cheong**, former programme manager at the International Committee of the Red Cross and **Mr Jeffrey ANDREWS**, the first registered Hong Kong born Indian social worker. The Organizing Committee showed the thematic animation of TOYP Selection 2020 (<u>https://youtu.be/GKSR3im18pc</u>) which created by famous illustrator "ahtsui", to officially kick start the campaign.

Ms. Karen Yeung, the Chairperson of the Organizing Committee of TOYP Selection 2020, announced, TOYP Selection 2020 themed with " In faith, I can" (相信<sup>,</sup>我可以) aims to give recognition to young Hong Kong Citizens who uphold their believes, while keeping the community inspired and making positive changes to our society.

## Mr Jeffrey ANDREWS hopes minorities could join HKSAR government to serve our society

**Mr Jeffrey ANDREWS, 2019 TOYP Awardee** said it was glad to have more Hong Kong citizens know about minorities in Hong Kong because of his story. He said, there are more minorities become famous in Hong Kong, for example, Mr Vivek Mahbubani, Mr Gill Mohinderpaul Singh, Mr Nabela Qoser. He believes that the label of "minorities" will disappear soon, and hopes there are minorities join HKSAR government, or Legco election to serve our society in the future.

# Ms Lee Wai-sze encourages youngers to be the world champion, everyone can shine on the stage

**Ms Lee Wai-sze, 2018 TOYP Awardee** said there are too many uncertainties when we are facing the epidemic. Postpone of Olympic Games was the uncertainty to



athletes too. Thinking in positive way, every athlete is getting one more year to prepare and think of some new strategies to win the game. This makes her look forward to meet her competitors in the upcoming Olympic games. As a part time coach, she encourages youngsters that everyone can shine on the stage, and become a world champion,

### Mr. Yip Wai-cheong hopes to promote more positive two-way communication between different parties in the society

**Mr Yip Wai-cheong, 2018 TOYP Awardee** said he was injured by a car bomb in Afghanistan, which makes him suffered Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Thanks to his family and his company's encouragement and support, he can start his new life and learn how to provide more opportunities for young people. Although Mr Yip is doing many humanitarian reliefs around the world, he is still caring about Hong Kong, such as producing the online program 「傾」城..He hopes to promote more positive two-way communication between different parties in the society.

The TOYP Selection is organized by JCI Hong Kong, and this year marks its 48th edition. As of today, 375 Outstanding Young Persons from different sectors have been selected. The honorary patron of this edition is **the Hon Cheung Kin-chung**, **GBM**, **GBS**, **JP**, **the Chief Secretary for Administration of Hong Kong**. Ms Karen Yeung, the chairperson of the Organizing Committee of TOYP Selection 2020 announced the Judging Panel of the TOYP Selection during the ceremony.. The independent Judging Panel, includes **the Chief Judge Dr Pang Yiu-kai GBS**, **JP**, **and other members namely Prof Chan Ka-keung**, **GBS**, **JP**, **Dr Ko Wing-man GBS**, **JP**, **Ms Mok Fung-yee**, **MH**, **JP**, **and Mr Francis Ngai**. The Selection Consultant is **Ernest & Young**.

The nomination of TOYP Selection 2020 opens today until 6 July. (For submission by post, the post-mark date will be regarded as the date of submission.) TOYP Selection accepts nominations under five categories: "Civil and Social Services", "Commerce and Industry", "Education", "Performing Arts/Sports/Culture and Arts" and "Professionals. All nominations are first screened by the Selection Consultant. Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by the Judging Panel. Nomination forms are available at the offices of JCI Hong Kong and Ernst & Young, also can be downloaded from the official website of TOYP Selection 2020 (http://www.jcihk.org/toyp/).



#### About TOYP Selection

The TOYP Selection is a flagship project founded by JCIHK in 1970, and this year marks the 48th edition. The programme accepts nominations under five categories: "Civil and Social Services", Commerce and Industry", "Education", "Performing Arts/Sports/Culture and Arts" and "Professionals". As of today, more than 375 outstanding young persons from different sectors have been selected. Past awardees are elites from different industries, which includes Ms Lee Lai Shan 李麗珊, a former World Champion and Olympic Gold Medal-winning Windsurfer (1996 TOYP Awardee), Mr Cheung Hok Yau 張學友, an artist who is active in charity work (1998 TOYP Awardee), and Mr Matthew Lui, 呂宇俊, who scored zero in the HKCEE, and is now a passionate educator helping the youth at risk (2006 TOYP Awardee), Ms Lee Wai-sze 李慧詩, a professional racing cyclist who earned the third Olympics medal for Hong Kong (2018 TOYP Awardee), Mr Chan Ho Yuen, the first Wheelchair-Badminton Representative in Hong Kong (2019 Awardee); Mr Ng Kwai Lun, Dissecting Laboratory Manager (Senior Embalmer) of School of Biomedical Sciences of CUHK (2019 Awardee).

#### About JCI 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 organization – The Junior Chamber International (JCI). 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. The active members are between the ages of 18-40 from 21 local chapters, who make full use of their leisure hours to work for the betterment of the community and themselves. The purpose of Junior Chamber is to provide development opportunities that empower young people to create positive change.

#### Media Inquiry

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