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**JCI Hong Kong officially kicked-off
Ten Outstanding Young Persons Selection 2023**

Ko Wing-man: HK youth shining on the international stage during the pandemic
Grasp the new normal post-pandemic and Unleash youth creativity



[22 May 2023. Immediate release] Organised by Junior Chamber International Hong Kong (JCI Hong Kong), the "Ten Outstanding Young Persons Selection 2023" Kick-off Ceremony was held today. The committee announced that the nomination period for this year's Selection has officially begun and will run until 10th of July. Hong Kong people are encouraged to actively discover remarkable young individuals aged between 21 and 40 in their communities to participate in this year's awards.

Theme: Empowering Youth for a Brighter Future

The theme of this year is "Lead To Future", which refers to taking actions and making choices in the present moment to create a brighter future. The theme encourages Hong Kong youth to adopt a proactive attitude, promote the effective utilisation of time and resources in the present, and lay a solid foundation for a better future. The pursuit of a better society can begin now, paving the way for a brighter path in the future.

Several officiating guests attended today's Kick-off Ceremony, including Dr Ko Wing-man, GBS, JP, Chief Judge of Judging Panel; Mr Edward Au, Deloitte China Southern Region Managing Partner; Dr Leung Tung Yeung (2002 Awardee), President of the Outstanding Young Persons' Association, etc.

Mr Kenneth Yu, National President of JCI Hong Kong, expressed that the Ten Outstanding Young Persons (TOYP) Selection has a long history and is well-known by the society. It has been held for 51 years since 1970, selecting a total of 397 outstanding young individuals. He sincerely appreciates these awardees for continuing to contribute to Hong Kong and the world after being awarded. This year's theme emphasises the present, urging everyone to take immediate action and encourage our young people to participate and create a better future through the selection process. He said, "We must live in the present, participate in the present, and create the future. I hope all young people and future leaders will join the youth world of the present and work together to create a better dream."

Mr Edward Au, Deloitte China Southern Region Managing Partner, stated that the TOYP Selection reflects society's support for young people, encouraging them to achieve more in their respective fields. Since 1970, the event has become one of the most influential and credible youth selection activities in Hong Kong. Through a rigorous selection process, it identifies representative and influential young individuals from a pool of outstanding candidates. It is believed that their stories will inspire other young people in Hong Kong to progress and contribute more actively to society.

Ko: Grasp the New Normal Post-Pandemic and Unleash Youth Creativity

The judging panel for this year's awards consists of representatives from various sectors of society. The Chief Judge is Dr. Ko Wing-man, GBS, JP, a member of the Executive Council of HKSAR.

Dr Ko Wing-man, in his speech at the Kick-off Ceremony, expressed that this year marks a new chapter for Hong Kong and the TOYP Selection. "After three years of the pandemic, in addition to the 'new normal' coexisting with the virus, both technology and the international situation are in their respective new normals. In this new normal, it is crucial for Hong Kong's future development to quickly emerge from the shadow of the pandemic and find its position in the new normal."

He continued, JCI Hong Kong has chosen "Future" as the theme for the TOYP Selection for two consecutive years, demonstrating the hopes of young entrepreneurs for Hong Kong's new chapter and the proactive attitude of young people in creating new opportunities. "Last year, our focus on the future was on 'observing' and 'building,' encouraging young people to observe the real needs of society and construct comprehensive ideas. This year's focus is on the 'present,' seizing existing resources and advantages, taking immediate action, and promoting Hong Kong towards a brighter future."

Dr Ko Wing-man pointed out that the power of youth is an important indicator of social development. Hong Kong's young people have achieved outstanding accomplishments on the international stage over the past three years, including the recognition of Dr Ricky

Chiu, TOYP Selection 2021 awardee, as a Ten Outstanding Young Persons of the World. This demonstrates that the brilliance of Hong Kong's young people cannot be concealed by the pandemic. "I look forward to seeing not only increasing consumption and outbound tourism from Hong Kong residents after the lifting of pandemic restrictions but also the creativity of Hong Kong's youth!"

Sharing the Experience from 2022 TOYP Awardees

Mr Steven Pun, TOYP awardee last year, shared that he started his own business and ventured into the field of innovative technology. He mentioned that in the initial stages, he might have to invest a lot of time and money without necessarily receiving immediate returns. However, as the company grows, it not only benefits his own company but also creates benefits for suppliers, customers, and society as a whole. He advised young people who aspire to become outstanding youths to be role models and exert influence within their respective fields. He emphasised that the most important aspect of entrepreneurship is understanding how to manage one's time effectively.

Another awardee from last year, Mr Calvin Tse, shared that besides creating wealth through his business, he also hopes to gain more social resources and networks to help more young people in society. He drew inspiration from past challenges, such as the SARS and COVID-19 epidemics, to encourage young people, stating that difficult situations often pass with time. He also shared an encounter where young people asked him about the best time to start a business, to which he responded that there is no perfect time but rather a suitable mindset. He emphasised that taking the first step is crucial, and with a positive mindset, success is possible in any endeavour.

Nomination and selection details

Eligibility of nominee: aged between 21-40 Hong Kong permanent residents

Nomination period: 22nd May, 2023 - 10th July, 2023

Nomination form:

Nomination form can be obtained from:

1. Junior Chamber International Hong Kong 21/F., Seaview Commercial Building, 21-24 Connaught Road West, Hong Kong
2. Deloitte, 35/F One Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong
3. Download from the official website (see the link below)

Submission methods:

Nomination forms (in hard copy) enclosed with soft copy saved to USB drive should be submitted to (by hand or by post):

Deloitte – Selection Consultant
“Ten Outstanding Young Persons Selection 2023”
35/F One Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong

Selection method:

Initial screening interview will be arranged from 11 July to 14 August 2023 by the Selection Consultant, “Deloitte”, to verify the data contained in the nomination form, to examine the eligibility of each nominee and to recommend a list of nominees for final judging interview. All information pertinent to the nominations will be treated confidentially and will not be published unless the nominee is selected. The result and information of awardees will not be released by the Organizer to the public and media until the official announcement at the Press Conference to be held on 8 October 2023.

For more details, please visit the website of the “Ten Outstanding Youth Awards 2023”:
<https://toyp1.jcihk.org/>

For photos of Kick-off Ceremony, please download here:

<https://bit.ly/3Osmfi9>

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About TOYP Selection

The Ten Outstanding Young Persons Selection (“TOYP Selection”) is a flagship project founded by Junior Chamber International Hong Kong (“JCI Hong Kong”) in 1970. As of today, a total of 397 outstanding young persons have been selected.

The program aims to give formal recognition to those young people who excel themselves in their professional endeavour and commitments to the community; to promote prominent roles played by aspiring young people in shaping a better future for society; and to provide an incentive to all promising young people who seek further advancement in personal achievements as well as public services.

About Junior Chamber International Hong Kong (JCIHK)

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 and more than 100 countries around the world.

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.

Image Captions:

01: JCI Hong Kong hosted the Kick-off Ceremony of the "Ten Outstanding Young Persons Selection 2023" today, with the theme "Lead to Future." It encourages Hong Kong's youth to maintain a proactive attitude and to make good use of current time and resources to lay a solid foundation for a better future. Officiating Guests were (from left to right): Ms Rosanna Wong, Chairperson of the TOYP Selection 2023 Organizing Committee; Dr Leung Tung Yeung (2002 Awardee), President of the Outstanding Young Persons' Association; Dr Ko Wing-man, GBS, JP, Chief Judge of Judging Panel; Mr Kenneth Yu, National President of JCI Hong Kong; Mr Edward Au, Deloitte China Southern Region Managing Partner; Ms. Karen Yeung, Former National President of JCI Hong Kong.

02: JCI Hong Kong hosted the kick off ceremony of the "Ten Outstanding Young Persons Selection 2023" today, with the theme "Lead to Future." It encourages Hong Kong's youth to maintain a proactive attitude and to make good use of current time and resources to lay a solid foundation for a better future.

03: Participants at the launching ceremony jointly chanted this year's theme "Lead To Future." The nomination period for the TOYP Selection has officially begun, welcoming nominations of outstanding young people from all walks of life.

04: Dr Ko Wing-man, Chief Judge, addressed the ceremony, expressing his hope to select representative young people through the TOYP Selection, serving as role models and guiding the direction for the new generation of youth. He emphasised the importance of personal development in shaping Hong Kong's future society.

05: Mr Edward Au, Deloitte China Southern Region Managing Partner, pointed out that the TOYP Selection has become one of the most influential and credible youth selection activities in Hong Kong society. He believes that the stories of TOYP will inspire other young people to progress and contribute more actively to society.

06: Mr Kenneth Yu, National President of JCI Hong Kong, stated that this year's theme "Lead to Future" hopes that everyone will take immediate action, engaging young people in the decision-making process to create a better future.

07: Ms Rosanna Wong, Chairperson of the TOYP Selection 2023 Organizing Committee, introduced the nomination and selection details. Hong Kong permanent residents aged between



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21-40 are eligible to participate, with the nomination period lasting until July 10th. The results will be announced in October.