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**Innovation and Technology Scholarship Award Scheme
Awards Twenty-Five Outstanding Hong Kong Undergraduates**

*Synergy among Government, Business Corporation and Youth Services Organisation to
Nurture Next-Generation Talent in Science and Technology in Hong Kong*

The Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC) of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), The Hongkong Bank Foundation and the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (HKFYG) jointly announced that 25 outstanding undergraduates from local universities have been nominated as awardees of the pioneering Innovation and Technology Scholarship Award Scheme today (28 April).

Officiating at the Award Presentation Ceremony, held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Miss Elizabeth Tse Man-ye, JP, Permanent Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Communications and Technology) said that the Government firmly believed “innovation and technology” was an essential component in any economy’s long-term development. The Government would continue to provide the best hardware and software to facilitate the growth of this new industry and support initiatives that would sustain its long term development. Miss Tse encouraged the awardees to make good use of the valuable opportunities provided by the Scheme and pursue science and technology as a lifelong career.

The newly established Scheme is jointly sponsored and supported by ITC and The Hongkong Bank Foundation, while HKFYG is the organiser. It aims to give recognition to high-achieving science undergraduates from local universities and encourage them to pursue science and technology as a lifelong career. The awardees, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor / President of respective university and selected by an Awardee Selection Committee with members from various sectors, will each be awarded a scholarship of HKD100,000 to participate in a comprehensive series of programmes, including Overseas Attachment Programme, Local Internship Programme, Mentorship Programme and Service Project

Programme. Through these programmes, awardees will be able to widen their international exposure and gain industry experience.

Presenting the awards at the ceremony, Mr. Mark McCombe, OBE, CEO Hong Kong, HSBC remarked, "Hong Kong remains a land of opportunity with its changing economy characterised by its transformation into a buoyant financial centre. Riding on China's economic boom, we must continue to stay at the forefront of new opportunities. Human capital is our most valuable asset and grooming the young generation with a good understanding of innovation and science will further enhance the competitiveness of Hong Kong." And this year, the Hongkong Bank Foundation is celebrating its 30th Anniversary, so it is a remarkable milestone to launch this new scholarship together with the Government and the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups.

Dr. Rosanna Wong, DBE, JP, Executive Director, The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups said, "With the 21st Century being marked out as a new era in innovation and technology, young people, in order to succeed, need to be creative, competitive and willing to challenge long held conventions ."

At the Award Presentation Ceremony, Dr. David Ho, Scientific Director & CEO, Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center, Prof. Roland Chin, JP, Chairman of Research Grants Council, Ms Teresa Au, Head of Corporate Sustainability, Asia Pacific Region, HSBC and Miss Janet Wong, JP, Commissioner for Innovation and Technology, HKSAR Government, also shared their invaluable insights and experiences in science and technology.

The Innovation and Technology Scholarship Award Scheme is open to full-time undergraduates majoring in science, technology and medical related disciplines in universities in Hong Kong. Applicants are expected to demonstrate their strong passion for innovation and technology. Scholarships totalling HKD2,500,000 will be awarded to the 25 winning students, allowing them to complete a series of programmes by early 2012.

Chaired by the Hon. Andrew Li Kwok-nang, GBM, JP, Former Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal of HKSAR, the Awardee Selection Committee is composed of members from various sectors, including the government, business and education sectors, as well as youth services and charitable organisations. Mr Li said that "The Selection Committee was much impressed by the quality of the awardees. They come from the whole range of scientific disciplines. They display great passion in pursuing their interests in innovation and technology and are determined to pursue a career in this area, whether in industry or academia. They are able to demonstrate

commitment to Hong Kong." He also added that life's journey was a long, arduous and challenging one and the awardees were only at the beginning of this journey. They must face challenges with great vigor and courage.

For more details about the Scheme, please visit

<http://www.innotechscholarship.hk/>.

Note to Editor:

For the list of awardees, the Awardee Selection Committee and Administration Committee of the Scheme, please refer to Appendix I, II and III respectively.

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About the Innovation and Technology Commission

The Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC) aims to spearhead Hong Kong's drive to become a world-class, knowledge-based economy. It promotes and supports applied research and development, and technology transfer and application; fosters an innovation and technology culture in the community, and promotes technological entrepreneurship; facilitates the provision of infrastructure and development of human resources to support innovation and technology; formulates, develops and implements the Government's policies, programmes and measures to promote innovation and technology; promotes internationally accepted standards and conformity assessment services to underpin technological development and international trade; and develops high calibre and motivated staff to contribute to Hong Kong's technological advancement.

About the Hongkong Bank Foundation

The Hongkong Bank Foundation was established in 1981 to co-ordinate the many charitable donations of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited and since its inception has committed over HK\$1 billion to charitable causes. The Foundation concentrates its funding in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and areas of mainland China where the Bank operates. The Foundation supports a wide range of community projects but its principal areas of interest are education, environmental protection, community welfare and charitable projects enhancing links between the HKSAR and the Mainland.

About the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups

The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (HKFYG) was founded in 1960 and has been committed to serving the youth of Hong Kong. Our care for the young is

provided through a variety of services, activities and programmes, which have an annual attendance of five million. We encourage youth to reach their fullest potential and with community support, we now have over 60 service units. We also have 12 core services, which include the Youth S.P.O.Ts, Youth Employment, Services for Youth at Risk, Counselling, Parent-child Mediation, e-Services, Leadership Training, Volunteer Services, Education Services, Creativity Education and Youth Exchange, Leisure, Cultural and Sports Services, and Research and Publications. We encourage young people to grow into responsible and dutiful citizens and we now have over 120,000 registered volunteers and 300,000 enrolled members of our u21 youthnet. We believe that our motto **Caring for Youth • Caring for the Community** reaffirms our commitment and dedication to the young people of Hong Kong.

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Appendix I

Innovation and Technology Scholarship Award Scheme List of 25 Awardees

No.	Name	University	Discipline of Study
1	Miss CHAN Lo-yu	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Bachelor of Engineering in Electronic Engineering (Year 2)
2	Miss CHAN Mei-lin	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Physiotherapy (Year 2)
3	Mr CHAU Sze-yiu	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Information Technology (Year 2)
4	Mr CHIU Sin-wang	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	Dual Degree: Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Engineering and Bachelor of Business Administration in General Business Management (Year 2)
5	Miss Emily FUNG Kwok-yi	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	Dual Degree: Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering and Bachelor of Business Administration in General Business Management (Year 2)
6	Mr IP Yiu-chung	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Physiotherapy (Year 2)
7	Miss Shirley KOT Ching-ching	The University of Hong Kong	Bachelor of Dental Surgery (Year 4)
8	Miss LAI Chi-wing	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Physiotherapy (Year 2)
9	Miss LAU Shun-yi	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical and Automation Engineering (Year 2)
10	Mr LEE Wai-tong	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (Year 2)
11	Mr LEUNG Ka-ho	The University of Hong Kong	Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering (Year 2)

No.	Name	University	Discipline of Study
12	Mr LEUNG Tsz-him	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Bachelor of Science in Physics (Year 2)
13	Mr LI Yan-lin	The University of Hong Kong	Bachelors of Medicine and Bachelors of Surgery (Year 3)
14	Mr LIU Kin-sum	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	Dual Degree: Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science and Bachelor of Business Administration in General Business Management (Year 3)
15	Miss LO Chi-wai	The University of Hong Kong	Bachelor of Dental Surgery (Year 3)
16	Miss Donna NG Wing-yu	Hong Kong Baptist University	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computing Studies (Year 2)
17	Miss PANG Lai-ling	The University of Hong Kong	Bachelor of Science in Information Management (Year 2)
18	Mr PUK Shu-wing	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	Dual Degree: Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Engineering and Bachelor of Business Administration in General Business Management (Year 2)
19	Mr SAM King-fung	The University of Hong Kong	Bachelor of Nursing Studies (Year 3)
20	Mr TAM Ho-kan	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	Dual Degree: Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science and Bachelor of Business Administration in General Business Management (Year 2)
21	Miss TAM Sui-man	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	Dual Degree: Bachelor of Engineering in Logistics Engineering and Bachelor of Business Administration in General Business Management (Year 2)
22	Mr TSUI Ka-ming	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Bachelor of Science in Physics (Year 2)

No.	Name	University	Discipline of Study
23	Mr WONG Sze-wai	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Bachelor of Science in Mathematics (Year 2)
24	Mr YAU Kwong-wing	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	Dual Degree: Bachelor of Engineering in Civil and Structural Engineering and Bachelor of Business Administration in General Business Management (Year 2)
25	Miss YOUNG Mei-yee	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Applied Biology with Biotechnology (Year 2)

Appendix II

Innovation and Technology Scholarship Award Scheme Membership of Awardee Selection Committee

Chairman	
The Hon Andrew LI, GBM, JP	Former Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal of HKSAR
Members	
Ms Teresa AU	Head of Corporate Sustainability, Asia Pacific Region The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
Dr Hubert CHAN	Council Member The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
Ms Michelle LI, JP	Deputy Secretary for Education HKSAR Government
Dr York LIAO, SBS, JP	Member, Board of Directors Nano and Advanced Materials Institute Limited
Mr Victor LO, GBS, JP	Chairman and Chief Executive Gold Peak Group Industries (Holdings) Limited
Mr Douglas SO	Executive Director, Charities The Hong Kong Jockey Club
Mr WAI Chi-sing, JP	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) HKSAR Government
Dr Allan WONG, GBS, JP	Chairman & Group CEO VTech Holdings Limited
Miss Janet WONG, JP	Commissioner for Innovation and Technology HKSAR Government
Ms Kathy WONG	Secretary, Advisory Committee The Hongkong Bank Foundation
Professor Rosie YOUNG, GBS, JP	Chairperson Make-A-Wish® Hong Kong

Appendix III

Innovation and Technology Scholarship Award Scheme Membership of Award Scheme Administration Committee

Chairman	
Professor Roland CHIN, JP	Chairman Research Grants Council
Members	
Mr Clement CHEN, BBS, JP	Chairman The Hong Kong Productivity Council
Dr CHEUNG Nim-kwan	Chief Executive Officer Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute Company Limited
Ms Yolanda CHIU	Deputy Executive Director The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
Mr Herman LAM	Chief Executive Officer Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited
Ms Dora LI	Senior Corporate Sustainability Manager Asia Pacific Region, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
Mr Michael STONE, JP	Secretary-General The University Grants Committee
Mr E. Anthony TAN, MH	Chief Executive Officer Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation
Dr Frank TONG	Vice President SAE Magnetics (HK) Limited
Miss Janet WONG, JP	Commissioner for Innovation and Technology HKSAR Government