

Award Scheme for Learning Experiences under Qualifications Framework open for applications

The 2021-22 Award Scheme for Learning Experiences under the Qualifications Framework (QF) is open for applications from today (March 19) until May 27. Practitioners from 23 industries implementing the QF (see Annex) are welcome to apply.

A spokesman for the Education Bureau (EDB) said that the theme for this year's Award Scheme is "Learning Experiences: Gearing up for Future". The Award Scheme aims to encourage practitioners who have excelled themselves in continuous learning to engage in learning activities held locally or around the world with a view to broadening their horizons, enabling them to keep abreast of the latest developments of the industry, and extending their exposure and networks. Through participating in the Award Scheme, practitioners can achieve their personal and career goals.

Since it was launched in 2013-14, the Award Scheme has attracted more than 1 700 applicants from different industries in these eight years, of whom over 490 were awarded. More than 60 per cent of the awardees participated in overseas learning activities, while some 30 per cent were engaged in local learning activities. The Award Scheme subsidises practitioners to participate in learning activities and helps reinforce their conviction in lifelong learning. Through continuous learning, they are able to upgrade their knowledge and skills, become lifelong learning role models for their respective industries, and help promote the QF.

The spokesman added that the learning activities in which practitioners can participate under the Award Scheme include competitions, seminars, sharing sessions, exhibitions, and study tours. Awardees engaging in local learning activities will receive an award of \$10,000 while those engaging in learning activities outside Hong Kong will receive an award of \$30,000.

To further promote the Award Scheme, the EDB invited some awardees to share their stories and produced short videos on their experiences and insights gained from learning activities held both locally and outside Hong Kong. Members of the public are welcome to watch the videos uploaded onto the QF website (www.hkqf.gov.hk/en/promotion/videos/index.html) and the Award Scheme Facebook page (www.facebook.com/QFAwardScheme). For more details of the Award Scheme, applicants may visit the website www.hkqf.gov.hk/AwardScheme.