

## Awardees of Reading Programme for Children and Youth and Voluntary Helpers Scheme commended

The Reading Programme for Children and Youth, organised by the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, continues to attract an overwhelming response with over 130,000 members this year. Twenty-four members received Star of the Month awards for their reading reports, in which seven outstanding pieces were awarded Reading Supernova. Nineteen participants in the programme attending the most sessions of the Monthly Meeting of Joyful Reading were awarded Elite of Joyful Reading medals.

The HKPL is committed to promoting reading on campus and hopes that schools can encourage students to register for the programme. The five schools that successfully nominated the largest number of members in the year, namely Yu Chun Keung Memorial College, W F Joseph Lee Primary School, Hong Kong Baptist Convention Primary School, San Wui Commercial Society School and SKH Yan Laap Primary School, were presented with Most Active School in Promoting Participation awards.

Five schools with the highest total number of books read by their nominated members won the Most Active School in Promoting Reading awards. The winning schools are W F Joseph Lee Primary School, Hong Kong Baptist Convention Primary School, HKMLC Ming Tao Primary School, SKH Yan Laap Primary School and SKH Tin Wan Chi Nam Primary School.

As for the Voluntary Helpers Scheme, members of the public can assist in providing library services on a voluntary basis while at the same time learn more about resources and facilities of public libraries. Two volunteers providing services of more than 100 hours this year received Gold Award certificates in recognition of their contributions to society.

Since its launch in 1984, the Reading Programme has encouraged the participation of children and youths from kindergarten to Secondary Six. It aims at cultivating the reading habits of children and youth, and to share their reading tips and the joy of reading through various library activities. To promote paired reading, children from kindergarten to Primary Three can join the family category with their parents. People interested in participating in the Reading Programme may contact any public library or visit

[www.hkpl.gov.hk/en/extension-activities/event-category/23427/reading-programme-for-children-and-youth](http://www.hkpl.gov.hk/en/extension-activities/event-category/23427/reading-programme-for-children-and-youth).