

“Career Let’s Go” to help secondary school leavers plan their future

The Labour Department (LD) will launch a special programme, "Career Let's Go", from May to August for secondary school leavers who intend to enter the employment market. Through an array of diversified pre-employment training and employment services, the programme aims to help school leavers obtain the latest employment information, plan for their careers and enhance their employability. The programme is expected to draw about 7 000 participants.

An LD spokesperson said, "We have identified various job vacancies suitable for secondary school leavers, which they can browse at the dedicated webpage of 'Career Let's Go' and make applications for according to their personal aspirations."

The dedicated webpage also provides details on different types of job fairs organised by the LD, including:

- * Job fairs under the Youth Employment and Training Programme (YETP): The programme targets young school leavers aged 15 to 24 with educational attainment at sub-degree level or below. Some positions provide tailor-made pre-employment training, after which trainees will undergo salaried on-the-job training for six to 12 months;
- * Recruitment days held at the LD's job centres in different districts and industry-based recruitment centres: Job seekers can have on-the-spot job interviews with employers of various industries and thus save time; and
- * Large-scale job fairs: A diversified range of job vacancies, many of which are suitable for secondary school leavers, are provided.

"We encourage secondary school leavers opting to enter the employment market to join our YETP, which provides one-stop comprehensive pre-employment and on-the-job training. With no pre-set quota, the programme is free of charge, with allowances payable to trainees," the spokesman said.

The spokesman added, "To enhance the job interview skills of school leavers, help them unleash their potential at work and instil proper values in work ethics, the LD's two youth employment resource centres, namely Youth Employment Start in Mong Kok and Kwai Fong, will also provide a series of practical training courses through the 'Happy@Work' programme."

The latest information of "Career Let's Go" has been uploaded to its dedicated webpage (www.jobs.gov.hk/careerletsgo). Details of various events are also enclosed in the appendix. Enquiries can be made at the LD's 24-hour hotline 2717 1771, which is operated by 1823.