

## **CEDB to create 200 internship jobs in collaboration with international chambers and HKFYG**

The Commerce and Economic Development Bureau will launch two internship programmes, namely the Future International Talent (FIT) programme and the Telecommunications Opportunities Programme (TOP) in collaboration with six international chambers of commerce in Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (HKFYG) respectively. The programmes will create some 200 full-time entry-level job opportunities for young people in the creative industries and telecommunications sectors.

"I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the six participating international chambers and the HKFYG. Their partnership in these two meaningful programmes fully demonstrates their commitment towards the nurturing of talents in Hong Kong. I am confident that with their respective comprehensive networks and knowledge of the trade and young people, the two programmes will be launched successfully," the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau, said today (January 24).

"The two programmes will also provide much-needed job opportunities for our young people at this difficult time. FIT will offer global perspectives and wider exposure to young people through work, in particular those who aspire to pursue careers in the creative industries. For TOP, working and training opportunities in the promising telecommunications sector in the 5G era will also broaden the horizons of young people and equip them with lifelong skill sets for career development," Mr Yau added.

Under FIT, the six participating chambers will help recruit their member companies to offer over 100 internship or job opportunities to young people. Priority will be accorded to creative industries, which are popular among young people and a new economic driver of Hong Kong, and creative roles in other industries.

The six chambers are the British Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong; the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong; the French Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Hong Kong; the German Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong; the Hong Kong Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry; and the Swedish Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong.

As for TOP, it will provide about 100 internship placements offered by various telecommunications-related companies to young people through the HKFYG's strong networks. Vacancies include positions for software programmers, assistant engineers, and sales and marketing trainees.

For the two internship programmes, the Government will provide monthly salary subsidies under the Job Creation Scheme funded by the Anti-epidemic

Fund at \$5,610 per fresh graduate or to-be graduate with no work experience and \$10,000 for one with no more than five years of work experience, for a maximum of 12 months. Candidates must be a Hong Kong identity card holder over 18 years old and a holder of an accredited certificate, diploma or degree obtained in a programme of a post-secondary or tertiary institute with no more than five years of work experience or a to-be graduate.

The intern recruitment exercises will commence within the first quarter of 2021. Details will be announced in due course.