

Fourteen young talents awarded Hong Kong Jockey Club Music and Dance Fund Scholarships (with photo)

The following is issued on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Music and Dance Fund:

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Music and Dance Fund (the Fund) held a ceremony today (July 30) to award scholarships, totalling \$6.31 million, to 14 young talents in music and dance to support them in continuing their studies in Hong Kong or abroad.

The 14 awardees are Miss Christiana de Blank, Mr Giuseppe Fu, Miss Fung Kai-sze, Miss Kwong Lai-ping, Miss Lai Pui-ki, Mr Lau Shing-ho, Mr Dominic Law, Miss Fifi Lee, Mr Luk Wai-chun, Miss Ma Cheuk-lam, Mr Tam Chun-him, Miss Meilina Tsui, Mr Wong Sum-ho and Miss Cherry Yeung. Thirteen of the awardees or their representatives attended the scholarship awarding ceremony, where they thanked the Fund for its support, shared their thoughts and committed themselves to making the best use of their opportunity to pursue further studies in Hong Kong or abroad. Some of the awardees gave short performances at the ceremony.

Attending the ceremony were the Board Chairman of the Fund, Mr Douglas So; the Executive Manager of Charities (Projects) of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Ms Winnie Yip; the Principal Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs, Ms Sandy Cheung; Board members of the Fund, Mr Philip Kan, Dr Qin Rong, Mr So Hon-wah, Ms Selina Tsang and Professor Adrian Walter; and music audition panel member, Ms Rao Lan.

The Fund was set up in 1980 with a \$10 million donation from the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust for the promotion and development of music and dance education and training in Hong Kong. In 1994, a further capital injection of \$22 million was provided by the Trust to meet an increasing demand for financial support. In 2014, the Trust approved an additional funding amount of more than \$16 million for the Fund to implement a six-year pilot project. The project included the launching of a local postgraduate music and dance scholarship scheme in addition to the established non-local studies music and dance scholarship scheme, as well as the setting up of an awardees association for scholarship recipients of the Fund. To date the Fund has awarded 341 scholarships amounting to about \$71 million.

