<u>Government and 25 large corporates</u> jointly launch new round of Scheme on <u>Corporate Summer Internship on</u> <u>Mainland and Overseas</u>

â€<The Government today (February 22) announced the launch of the Scheme on Corporate Summer Internship on the Mainland and Overseas 2024 in collaboration with 25 large corporates, providing young people of Hong Kong with quality internship placements on the Mainland and overseas.

In his 2023 Policy Address, the Chief Executive emphasised that the Government would sustain its efforts in promoting youth development. This includes continuing to implement various youth exchange and internship programmes on the Mainland and overseas to provide suitable opportunities for young people of different development stages and backgrounds, so that they can gain first-hand understanding and experience of the latest developments of the country and the world. In this regard, the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau forges partnerships with large corporates to launch the Scheme on Corporate Summer Internship on the Mainland and Overseas to provide internship placements at their Mainland and overseas operations, with the aim of cultivating a cohort of young talent with a good understanding of the country's development and a global perspective. The Scheme provides young people with exposure to the work culture in large corporates in different parts of the world and an opportunity to establish interpersonal networks, which will benefit their future career development.

The number of companies participating in the new round of the Scheme has increased to 25, and internship placements are offered in multiple Mainland provinces and cities including various Mainland cities in the Greater Bay Area, Beijing, Shanghai, Chengdu, Chongging, etc, as well as overseas countries including Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam and Australia/the United Kingdom. The internship placements cover different industries, such as financial services, innovation and technology, logistics, property development, construction, retail, hospitality and utilities (please refer to Annex for details of the internship placements). The applicants should be post-secondary students (including sub-degree, undergraduate or postgraduate programmes) holding a valid Hong Kong identity card. The internship will take place between June and September this year and last for no less than six weeks. Participating companies will sponsor the interns for major expenses including transportation and accommodation costs, and assign dedicated personnel to provide training and support to the interns.

Details of the Scheme are available on the dedicated webpage (<u>www.ydc.gov.hk/scsi/en</u>). Interested young people should submit their applications through the centralised application platform on the dedicated

webpage on or before March 11. Each person can apply for up to three companies in one application. Upon receiving the applications, participating companies will contact suitable applicants directly for the assessment and selection process, and make placement arrangements for selected interns.