

Recruitment for Young Astronaut Training Camp starts

The 11th Young Astronaut Training Camp is now seeking new recruits. From now until May 31, local secondary schools are invited to nominate students to join the camp. Selected participants will attend a series of astronaut training programmes in the Mainland free of charge this summer to learn about space science, astronomy and China's achievements in aerospace development.

The nine-day training camp will run from July 27 to August 4. Participants will visit major aerospace and astronomical facilities such as Beijing Aerospace City and the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre. This year, the participants could also visit the Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical Radio Telescope launched in 2016 in Guizhou to gain an in-depth understanding of its applications in astronomy and aerospace.

In addition to these visits, participants will be able to meet aerospace experts and astronauts, and attend lectures on space science and technology. They will also participate in astronaut training activities including the wearing of spacesuits, a "space kitchen", psychological training, escape and survival training, and blood-redistribution adaptability training. Upon completion of the courses they will sit for an assessment and be presented with certificates.

The quota for the training camp is 30. Candidates should be full-time students studying in Secondary 2 to Secondary 6 in the 2018/19 academic year, aged 12 or above, and be nominated by their respective schools. Each school can nominate no more than two students. There will be three rounds of selection including a quiz on astronomy and space science, a three-day pre-tour training camp and an interview. Candidates who achieve outstanding performance will be selected to join the camp.

The training camp is jointly presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, the China Astronaut Research and Training Center and the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center, in association with the Beijing-Hong Kong Academic Exchange Centre. The training camp is organised by the Hong Kong Space Museum and sponsored by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.

For details, please visit the Hong Kong Space Museum's website at yatc.hk.space.museum or call 2734 2711.