

SCS commends 100 civil servants

The Secretary for the Civil Service (SCS), Mr Joshua Law, today (October 23) presented certificates to 100 civil servants with outstanding work performance and commended them for their dedication in providing quality services to the community.

The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, extended his congratulations to the award recipients and shared their joy at the cocktail reception held after the ceremony. He also gave full recognition to the civil service colleagues for their hard work and contributions, and encouraged them to continue to serve the public with dedication in different posts.

Addressing the SCS's Commendation Award Presentation Ceremony 2018, Mr Law said outstanding civil servants in the civil service are not confined to the 100 awardees each year. He said that during his visits to various departments and meetings with many colleagues in the past year, he deeply appreciated colleagues' dedication and devotion to work.

Mr Law said that the civil service related initiatives in the Policy Address this year range from family-friendly initiatives, medical benefits and pay policy to the development of the civil service college. On the initiative to extend maternity leave for all female employees of the Government to 14 weeks, Mr Law said that, as far as he could remember, it was the first time for the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to launch a welfare initiative for civil servants with immediate effect following the announcement in the Policy Address.

Mr Law took the opportunity to thank colleagues of all bureaux and departments for their proactive follow-up work after the release of the Policy Address, which included immediately notifying female colleagues who are on or about to begin maternity leave, as well as arranging for staff to take over their duties during the four extra weeks of maternity leave.

On the big day of the commissioning of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge today, Mr Law thanked colleagues of relevant departments, including the Transport Department, the Highways Department and various disciplined services, for their efforts in the preparation work for the commissioning of the bridge.

The SCS's Commendation Award Scheme was introduced in 2004 to commend colleagues who have achieved outstanding work performance continuously for at least five years. The Scheme has a meticulous selection process which requires nominations from Permanent Secretaries, departmental heads or heads of grades, and is adjudicated by a committee appointed by the SCS.

The 100 awardees under the SCS's Commendation Award Scheme this year come from 34 bureaux and departments and 52 grades.

The Regional Manager of the Airport Services Sub-division under the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, Mr Leung Tak-man, is one of the civil servants commended this year. He is responsible for the provision of operation and maintenance services for facilities including the airfield lighting system and general pumping facilities. With the advent of Super Typhoon Mangkhut last month, Mr Leung and his team inspected various facilities, drew up a contingency plan in advance and constantly monitored the operation of the relevant systems, and eventually all facilities came through the storm unscathed.

Another awardee, Senior Specialist of the Education Bureau Miss Doris Lee, believes that every child has his or her own potential and those with special educational needs are no exception. She and her team are devoted to providing early identification and support services for autistic students. Miss Lee said, "Seeing students with special educational needs making progress bit by bit has been the most rewarding part of my work over the years. With proper guidance and nurturing, they can also unleash their potential and shine."

Having served the Correctional Services Department in different positions during his 30 years of service, Assistant Officer I Mr Cheuk Man-chung is committed to helping persons in custody and rehabilitated offenders turn over a new leaf and become law-abiding citizens. Mr Cheuk said, "We are law enforcement officers as well as rehabilitation facilitators. When I see rehabilitated offenders break free from the cycle of recidivism and re-imprisonment, and develop positive interaction with their families and the people around them, I feel happy for them and proud of my job."