

## SCS encourages student interns of Shine Skills Centre to unleash their potential (with photos)

The Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Joshua Law, today (January 22) presented certificates to students of the Shine Skills Centre of the Vocational Training Council who participated in a government internship scheme in recognition of their performance and efforts. Mr Law also encouraged them to unleash their potential at workplaces after graduation.

Meeting with students of the Shine Skills Centre who have completed the internship, Mr Law said, "The students' attendance, conduct and performance have been very satisfactory during the internship period. The positive work attitude and dedication in learning of student interns have been highly praised by colleagues and mentors of participating departments.

"It was the third year that the Civil Service Bureau (CSB) arranged placements in government departments for students of the Shine Skills Centre. The Shine Skills Centre (Kwun Tong) and the Civil Service College will become neighbours after the completion of the Kwun Tong comprehensive development project. This goes further to show how closely knit we have become."

The CSB launched the internship scheme for students with disabilities in 2016 and doubled the number of placements from an average of 50 a year in the past two years to 100, so as to allow more young persons with disabilities to gain work experience in the Government, thereby strengthening their competitiveness before entering the workforce.

With the expansion of the internship scheme, students of the Shine Skills Centre were also given opportunities to take up more diversified jobs, including event co-ordination and support, simple auditing tasks and topical searches.

A total of 33 students, who were assigned to 21 government bureaux and departments for an eight-week internship in late 2018, received certificates today.

Miss Helen Tang was an intern who assisted in checking and inputting traffic data at the Police. She said that with the guidance of her mentor and colleagues, she was soon able to discharge her duties independently, which has boosted her confidence. She added that the department's barrier-free access facilities helped her adapt to the working environment within a short period of time. She said she was grateful that the internship better equipped her to join the labour market in the future, and gave her an opportunity to learn to communicate and get along with others.

Another intern, Mr Ken Poon, was attached to the CSB where he assisted in clerical work. Being a student of a design and desktop publishing

programme at the Shine Skills Centre, he was also given an opportunity to design a Christmas card, on which he could apply what he had learnt in the Shine Skills Centre. He said that this precious internship experience enabled him to better understand his interest and career path.

Many mentors praised the interns for their positive and responsible work attitude, as well as their initiative to learn new knowledge from their daily work.

