

SCS encourages young interns of Administrative Service (with photos)

As the 2022 Administrative Service Summer Internship Programme is drawing to a close, the Secretary for the Civil Service, Mrs Ingrid Yeung, today (August 12) met with participating university students, encouraging them to apply for civil service posts such as the Administrative Officer (A0) post upon graduation to serve society and contribute to the country.

The Civil Service Bureau (CSB) received around 230 applications for the programme this year, and among them selected 59 students studying in local, Mainland and overseas tertiary institutions as interns. They were assigned to 24 bureaux and departments to handle duties comparable to those of an A0.

During the gathering, Mrs Yeung listened to interns talk about their experiences in the internship, and encouraged them to strive to equip themselves and better plan for the future, making reference to her experience serving in different positions. Mrs Yeung said, "Young people are the future and pillars of Hong Kong. This internship programme, as part of the CSB's training opportunities for young people, allows participants to gain first-hand understanding of the Government's operation and the work of an A0. Through working with serving AOs, interns are able to learn more about the roles and missions of AOs and obtain real work experience.

"The Government will continue to select and draw widely into government service, on the basis of both integrity and competence, outstanding individuals who are firm in their love for both the country and Hong Kong, have a broad perspective and are eager to serve the public. I very much welcome all students who are dedicated to serving society and earnestly addressing people's concerns and difficulties in daily life to join the Administrative Service upon graduation so as to join efforts in faithfully implementing 'one country, two systems' and building a better Hong Kong."

AOs are professional public administrators who play a pivotal role in the civil service system. They are responsible for the formulation and implementation of policies and resource allocation, as well as duties such as the promotion of Hong Kong's interests in the Mainland and overseas. They are posted to different bureaux and departments at regular intervals with the opportunities to undertake different areas of public policy work, accumulate experience and broaden horizons. The Government will launch a new round of the A0 Recruitment Exercise in September 2022 and the details will be separately announced in September.

