

SCS exchanges views with university interns (with photo)

The Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Joshua Law, today (August 12) met with university students participating in the Administrative Service Summer Internship Programme to learn about their internship experience.

Mr Law said, "The Civil Service Bureau has organised the Administrative Service Summer Internship Programme for years. We have increased the number of internship places to more than 60 this year, offering more opportunities for students who are committed to serving the community to get some hands-on experience of working in the Government, thereby facilitating their future life planning.

"Administrative Officers (AOs) are regularly posted to different bureaux and departments, assisting in the formulation of government policies, as well as co-ordinating and monitoring the implementation of programmes. Under the changing social environment over the years, civil servants, in particular AOs, have always played a pivotal role in the Government and contributed to different areas of work in the Government.

"Every year we see keen competition in the A0 recruitment exercise. We received over 15 000 applications last year and finally appointed some 30 AOs. The new round of the A0 recruitment exercise will commence in September. I encourage students who are committed to serving the community to actively consider applying for government jobs, including the post of A0, to contribute with their knowledge, wisdom and ability."

This year, a total of 64 Hong Kong students studying in local and non-local universities have been posted to 21 government bureaux and departments, taking up duties similar in nature to those of AOs. The participants are generally of the view that the internship programme has enabled them to see for themselves the Government's operation and the variety of work of AOs, and allowed them to gain a more in-depth understanding of public administration.

