

Youth Development Commission welcomes initiatives on youth development announced in "The Chief Executive's 2024 Policy Address"

The following is issued on behalf of the Youth Development Commission:

The Youth Development Commission (YDC) warmly welcomed the policy initiatives on supporting youth development in "The Chief Executive's 2024 Policy Address" delivered by the Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, today (October 16).

The Vice-Chairman of the YDC, Mr Kenneth Leung, said, "I strongly endorse the expansion of the Youth Hostel Scheme in the past two years mentioned in the Policy Address, which responds to our young people's aspiration to have their own living space. I also support the setting up of different youth facilities at the Kai Tak Community Isolation Facility, the Nam Cheong District Community Centre and Youth Square to provide more physical spaces for young people to engage in mutual exchange and develop individual potential. These initiatives demonstrate the Government's determination to support youth development in the long term. I am also pleased to note that the Policy Address has put forward measures of various areas that could benefit young people, in particular helping young people to overcome hurdles in education, employment, entrepreneurship and home ownership, and also assist them to realise their life planning and seize national development opportunities."

He expressed appreciation of the Government's acceptance of suggestions raised by members of the YDC, and said that the YDC would continue to work proactively and closely with the Government and different sectors of society to follow up on the implementation of relevant policy initiatives in the Policy Address and the Youth Development Blueprint to promote youth development on all fronts.

Chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Chan Kwok-ki, the YDC strives to enhance policy co-ordination within the Government for promoting youth development and enable a more holistic and effective examination of and discussion on issues of concern to young people. Since its establishment, the YDC has implemented a wide spectrum of programmes to promote youth exchanges, internship, entrepreneurship, life planning, positive thinking and more. It has also actively supported the Government in formulating and implementing the Youth Development Blueprint to promote the all-round development of young people and nurture a new generation of young people with an affection for the country and Hong Kong, and are equipped with a global perspective, an aspiring mindset and positive thinking.