



Introduction

The Hong Kong Award for Young People (**AYP**), formerly known as The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, is one of the active members of The International Award Association. **AYP** was established in Hong Kong in 1961. To date, we have around 50,000 young people participating in the Award Scheme in more than 700 youth organizations, secondary schools, tertiary institutes, uniformed groups and government departments.

AYP is a programme about challenge, perseverance, enterprise and achievement. With five decades experience in youth development, **AYP** is the pioneer of Hong Kong non-formal education. It fills the gap left by formal education and encourages young people to achieve whole person development through a unique appreciation system recognized by the society. **AYP** provides young people (aged between 14 and 24) with chances of facing different challenges and opportunities to utilize their leisure time in a constructive way, to set and achieve personal goals, and to know more about themselves and their community through experiential learning either in groups or in person. There are three levels of the Award, which are Bronze, Silver and Gold. To gain an Award, the participants have to fulfil the requirements of the different sections of activities, namely **Service, Expeditions, Skills, Physical Recreation** and **Residential Project**. (Residential Project is an additional section for Gold Award.)

The Patron of **AYP** is The Hon Mrs Carrie LAM CHENG Yuet Ngor, GBM, GBS, the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. In Hong Kong, before the re-unification with the Mainland China, **AYP** was honored to have the Governors to present the Gold Award Certificates. Since 1997, we also have The Chief Executive of the HKSAR to officiate at our Gold Award Presentation Ceremonies. The governing body of **AYP** is the Award Council, with all its members appointed by the Chief Executive. Our present Chairman of Award Council is Mr. LO Yan Lai,, JP.

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