On behalf of the Sir Edward Youde Memorial (SEYM) Fund Council, I would like to congratulate all our award recipients this year on your outstanding achievements. The SEYM awards have been widely regarded one of the most sought-after awards in Hong Kong, which are awarded only to young people and working adults who excelled in their respective studies or disciplines. Over the years, under the eight scholarship schemes, over 26,900 scholarships and awards have been granted.

The competition for the awards this year has been keen as ever. Taking the SEYM Fellowships and Scholarships for Overseas Studies as an example, a total of 260 applications were received to compete for one award each for general students and disabled students. The awards have spoken volume of the excellent academic performance of the awardees. I sincerely hope the awards would help them to realise their aspirations to pursue academic excellence both locally and abroad, and to contribute their knowledge and expertise to the future developments of Hong Kong after their graduation. While the award presentation ceremony this year has to be cancelled due to the epidemic, I look forward to presenting the awards to you at the Presentation Ceremony next year, and sharing the happy moment with you.

Taking this opportunity, I wish to extend my wholehearted gratitude to Lady Youde for her unfailing support to the Fund over the years. I would also like to thank the Council and the Board of Trustees of the Fund for their devotion and unabated fervour, and express my gratitude to schools, universities and institutions for their invaluable advice and contributions.

May I wish each and every awardee a rewarding and fruitful study and career in the years to come.

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My warmest congratulations to this year’s award recipients of the Sir Edward Youde Memorial (SEYM) Fund Awards!

Since its establishment in 1987, the SEYM Fund has been aiming to provide for and encourage the education of and research by the people of Hong Kong. Over the years, the Fund has evolved into a prestigious scholarship fund that encourages people from different levels of academic attainment to pursue continuous self-development, as well as grants awards to the disabled, working adults, and apprentices to reward their perseverance, determination and diligence in self-development. To date, the Fund has disbursed over 255 million dollars to more than 808 000 students who have received our awards or participated in our sponsored activities.

This year, a total of 848 students have been awarded with scholarships, fellowships and prizes under the SEYM Fund. The awards amidst the strong competition are not only testimonials to their outstanding academic achievements but also recognition of their enthusiasm for self-development. As they embark on their new study journeys, I sincerely hope that the scholarships and fellowships will enable them to fulfill their dreams in their quest for academic excellence and professional developments.

Taking this opportunity, I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to the Chairpersons and Members of the Council and the Board of Trustees, and to members of our Selection Boards for their invaluable advice and contributions. Their steadfast support is vital to the continuous success of the Fund. I should also like to warmly congratulate the Chairman and Executive Committee and all members of the Sir Edward Youde Scholars Association on the success of their activities during the past year.

May I wish our awardees every success in your studies and in contributing your talents to the continuous developments and success of Hong Kong.

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